



ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Roseburg, Oregon

No. 1

Budget Committee Meeting

April 20, 2022

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

DISTRICT STAFF:

Brandon Bishop	Bayley Adams	Jared Cordon, Superintendent
Rodney Cotton	Keith Cubic	Michelle Knee, Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Shirtcliff	Bernis Wagner	Cheryl Northam, Director of Finance & Operations
Rev. Howard Johnson	John Markovich	Robert Freeman, Director of Human Resources
Rebecca Larson	Tom Nelson	Melissa Roberts, Director of Student Services
Charles Lee	Open Position	Venice Anderson, Budget & Accounting Manager
Ann Krimetz	Open Position	Tiffany Farrington, Administrative Assistant

NOTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING

TIME, PLACE: The first meeting of the Budget Committee of Douglas County School District No. 4 to approve the Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year was held via Zoom and in person in the Boardroom of the District Office at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members present: Rodney Cotton, Keith Cubic, Rev. Howard Johnson, Charles Lee, Tom Nelson, Ann Krimetz, and Bernis Wagner.

District Staff present: Cheryl Northam, Robert Freeman, Melissa Roberts, Venice Anderson, and Tiffany Farrington.

Additional Staff present: Jill Weber (principal – RHS) and Chelsea Duncan (Communications Coordinator)

Guests present via Zoom: Sasha Aumock (teacher – RHS)

CALL TO ORDER: Budget Committee Chair for 2021-22, Keith Cubic, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Bernis Wagner led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE: Cheryl Northam introduced the committee members and staff present.

SELECTION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

Selection of Budget Committee Chair: Tom Nelson nominated Keith Cubic as Chair, Bernis Wagner seconded and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Selection of Vice-Chair: Bernis Wagner nominated Tom Nelson as Vice Chair, Charles Lee seconded and the vote was unanimously in favor.

BUDGET MESSAGE:

Cheryl Northam presented the Budget Message for 2022-23 in Superintendent Cordon's absence. The message was read to the group and for the benefit of those online. Mr. Cubic then opened the discussion for comments or questions about the Budget Message.

Mr. Cubic was particularly impressed with the accomplishment summary on page VI of the message and feels it would be beneficial to include in our public record (please see attached) and to go over at our next meeting.

Ms. Northam informed the committee that a more in-depth discussion of the accomplishments and the accompanying grants would take place at the next meeting. She also let the committee know that Michelle Knee would present the successes we've had with the Student Investment Act and Jill Weber has been asked to speak on the successes she's had with the High School Success Grant during the May 4th meeting.

Reverend Johnson commended the Board and those involved in the classified and licensed contract negotiations. That puts this budget committee meeting under very positive footing because we know what our expected increases will be for this year, next year and the year after. In previous years, we have met with contract negotiations still pending and at best an "iffy guess". This year we have a firm number and Rev. Johnson would like it to show on record that this will allow this budget to be much better forecast with more predictability. Rev. Johnson expressed his thanks for their hard work.

Mr. Cubic thanked Reverend Johnson for his labor negotiations comment. He praised the report and reiterated that it does provide for a lot of stability to the budget process.

Mr. Nelson commented on the PERS bond that our district took advantage of inquiring if this could be a predication that the worst of our PERS increases are possibly behind us? This has been a thorn in the budget for so many cities, counties, and school districts. Ms. Northam responded that the last bond that the district passed in the early 2000's has been very successful over time saving the district millions. It is her firm hope, this will do the same. Having a 2.47% interest rate is a very good indicator that it will save the district money over time. Whether this solves our PERS problems, especially considering the current state of our economy, is difficult to predict as PERS gets a lot of their funding from their investments; so when the market does not do well, the PERS fund does not do as well.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:

NEXT MEETING – TIME AND SITE:

The committee will reconvene on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person in the Boardroom of the District Office. Mr. Cubic expressed that this will give the committee the opportunity to look through the budget document and develop comments/questions. He encouraged the attendees to email questions to the Business Office staff as those questions would be beneficial for all. The Business Office staff will respond to all of the questions at the next meeting.

Ms. Northam officially confirmed that the proposed next day and time works for the majority of the committee.

CLOSING QUESTIONS OR REMARKS:

Mr. Cubic inquired if there was any other business for the good of the order and asked each committee and staff member if they had any closing questions or remarks. Mr. Nelson asked Jill Weber her impressions on how

school is going now that we are making progression toward some sense of normalcy. Dr. Weber shared that it definitely feels like they are getting back to normal. The RHS Prom takes place this coming Saturday, lots of activities are happening at school, students are signing up for next year's classes, and they have been preparing for next year's freshmen by holding visits for current 8th graders. They are ramping up to finish out the year and at the same time are working hard getting ready for next year. So, yes, normalcy is occurring and it's so good to have it back.

Mr. Cubic asked Dr. Weber to remind us all about the upcoming bond tour. Dr. Weber explained that it is basically a bond information meeting that will be happening on Tuesday, April 26th in the RHS Student Center. There will be a tour of the new Main, the old Main, and the CTE buildings. She expressed that this would be an opportunity for community members to see what the facilities they've been hearing about at the high school look like. There will be a lot of materials about the projects at the elementary and middle schools as well. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the bond. Tours will take place every 15 minutes from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Both Mr. Cubic and Dr. Weber emphasized that the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

RECESS:

Hearing no other questions or requests, Mr. Cubic recessed the meeting until May 4th at 7:01 p.m. (motion by Tom Nelson and seconded by Charles Lee).

Prepared by Tiffany Farrington, Budget Committee Secretary