



Via Zoom

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Tom Oliver, Budget Chair Richard Borden, Member Tammy Schilling, Member Nichole Piland, Member William Barish, Member Roger Maurer, Alternate Member	<u>EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:</u> Bo Yates, Superintendent via zoom William Lewis, Business Director
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The meeting minutes were recorded by Executive Secretary Jessica Woody.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Budget Committee Chair Tom Oliver called the meeting to order via zoom at 6:09 PM.

2. BUDGET QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

William Lewis states that he received some questions submitted by the budget committee members. Question 1 asks, "Are there any plans to adjust budget since the bond did not pass and are there things that need to be done right away that were in the bond?" The answer that Will states to question 1 is that we received notice from ODE that grant funds had been redistributed to other school districts. The 4.3 million dollars will no longer be for Lebanon Community School District. This was a hard pill to swallow as we had a lot of opportunity for those funds. We do have day to day maintenance, staff salaries to run our district, capital project funds; there is money there if we need to do a roof. We do have a few buildings that are at a high priority for needing a roof, those would be Lacombe School, Lebanon High School, and Seven Oak Middle School. There may be some opportunity for ESSR funds for some HVAC systems for some schools as well. Will addresses the question is regards to how we are going to work it work with 1.5 million dollars, when we have 60 million of differed maintenance, we have some decisions to make going forward. Will states that he wants to look at it through a positive lens, but we do not want to sugar coat it, and we want to be real. We have some challenges up ahead with inflation and economic changes, these things will play into our budgeting. We will take it one step at a time and prioritize, and get the biggest bang for our buck as we can. We hope to see our economy slow down, and when we are able to get a better deal we will do it. For a second question, it is asked, "Why are summer school programs, phycological services, interpretation translation, and supplementary retirement programs at zero?" Will states, great question, summer school is funded by grants, psychological issues were highly impacted by the COVID mandates. What this means is that we had to change our motto as to how we manage the psychological budgets... we could not find a psychologist available to hire. We are

currently able to hire one though, from the LBL ESD. As for supplemental retirement, it comes from a 999 PERS account. PERS is a huge expense, the top expense outside of our employees, we are seeing flat rates for PERS for the next few years which is a big relief. About 30% approximately on every dollar that we spend on salary goes to PERS. Nurses were another area where we have had some challenges this year. We went out and got contracted services for that area because we could not find employees, as well as transportation for McKinney Vento students from other districts. We do not have enough bus drivers so we are hiring contractors for this. The leadership team within the district has been working through transportation and how to help, assist, and improve that program with where we are at now. We realize it has been a very difficult year for them. Fuel, and transporting has increased transportation costs, we had budgeted for 22 employees in transportation and currently have 13. We are trying to work through and get a game plan for that. For question three, "Why is fund 289 still going?". Will states that this is the high school excess 1.2 million dollars funding from the state to help high school outcomes. This helps to expand the programs and student ag funds, CTE, counseling, and to keep them in school and engaged. The final question, question four asks just about the ups and downs here and there. Will states that any ups and downs just have to do with budgeting for more then what we actually have, ex- our transportation department. We are trying to do our best to think of what we will actually get, but need the budget to make that happen when the time comes. Tom Oliver then asks if anyone has any further questions, or if Bo would like to add anything. Bo reiterates what Will shared, that we are trying to be thoughtful in the maintenance we had performed and trying to keep money aside in case we have something happen. Being preventive and being reactionary. It is not uncharted territory for us and we will do the best that we can says Bo. There were no further questions or discussion.

3. BUDGET APPROVAL

It is stated by Tom Oliver that Mike Martin, board chair, was hoping to be able to meet again next week, unless the group approves tonight. A motion to approve was announced and was seconded. The official language required was read in regards to the approval of the proposed 2022-2023 budget and tax levy. The budget committee approved of the proposed budget and proposed tax levy. None apposed.

4. MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the Budget Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM by Tom Oliver, budget committee chair.



Tom Oliver, Budget Committee Chair



Bo Yates, Superintendent