

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
ST. HELENS SCHOOL DISTRICT #502
ST. HELENS, OREGON**

The Budget Committee of St. Helens School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened in the Board Room of the District Office, County and State on May 18, 2016.

Present:

William Amos, School Board Member
Traci Brumbles, Budget Committee Member
Mike Herron, Budget Committee Member
Jeff Howell, School Board Member
Melody Killens, School Board Member
Trinity Monahan, Budget Committee Member, Budget Committee Vice Chair
Amanda Normine, Budget Committee Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member, Budget Committee Chair
Erik Tolleshaug, Budget Committee Member
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent
Jessica Pickett, Business Manager

Call to Order & Flag Salute

Budget Committee Chair, Kellie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and led the flag salute.

Superintendent Stockwell acknowledged the students that were present in support of a former staff member and reminded those in attendance that only items pertaining to the budget could be discussed during the Budget Committee meeting.

Budget Committee- 2016-2017 Budget Review Questions

Superintendent Stockwell and Business Manager, Jessica Pickett, read the Budget Committee Questions and Responses aloud. Copies of the questions and responses were provided to the committee members. The information was also displayed on the screen so that others in attendance could follow along.

Strategic Planning Initiatives

Kellie Smith invited school administrators to share their Strategic Planning Initiatives.

Administrators from Lewis & Clark Elementary, McBride Elementary, St. Helens Middle School, and St. Helens High School shared their initiatives.

Public Comment

Kellie Smith opened the floor for public comment on budget items.

John, a student at St. Helens High School, asked if the budget is made public during the Budget Committee process.

Derrick Hawkins, a student at Columbia County Education Campus, wanted to know what happens with any remaining funds at the end of the school year.

Traci Brumbles, Budget Committee Member, asked where the Strategic Initiatives for CRYC and CCEC were included.

Terry Trainer, parent of a high school student, asked if there is a meeting in which the students present would be permitted to speak. The students were invited to attend the next School Board meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

Public comment was closed.

Budget Committee Discussion of Proposed Budget

Kellie Smith opened Budget Committee discussion of the proposed budget.

Bill Amos suggested increasing the funds being set aside for the future opening of Columbia City School.

Amanda Normine asked a clarifying question about the funds for the opening of Columbia City School.

Traci Brumbles asked if the expenses in the administrators' Strategic Initiatives were already included in the proposed budget.

Derrick Hawkins, CCEC student, asked what the process is for the Budget Committee and what happens if the budget is not approved.

Kellie Smith called for a vote from the members in favor of increasing the 2016-2017 funds set aside for the opening of Columbia City School by \$50,000.00. Voting in favor; Traci Brumbles, Jeff Howell, Trinity Monahan, Melody Killens, Bill Amos, Amanda Normine, Kellie Smith and Erik Tolleshaug. Not in favor; Mike Herron.

Trinity Monahan asked how the proposed budget aligns with the goals created by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Derrick Hawkins, student from CCEC, asked how often the budget needs to be created and how the public influences the decisions made by the Budget Committee.

Kellie Smith asked a clarifying question about the Middle School staffing.

Trinity Monahan asked a clarifying question about an increase in expense connected to PERS.

Kellie Smith closed the discussion.

Upcoming Meetings

June 1- 6:30 pm District Office


District Budget Committee Meeting: Budget Committee deliberation and possible recommendation of 2016-2017 budget for School Board adoption

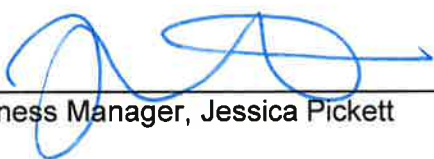
June 22- 6:30 pm District Office

District Budget Hearing: Public hearing and School Board adoption of 2016-2017 budget

Adjournment

The Budget Committee meeting was adjourned by Kellie Smith at 7:33PM


Budget Committee Chair, Kellie Smith


Business Manager, Jessica Pickett