

MINUTES

A meeting of the Lane County School District No. 19 Budget Committee was held virtually on March 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Attendance

Budget Committee members in attendance were Emilio Hernandez, Ken Kohl, Steve Irvin, Todd Mann, Zach Bessett, Keina Wolf, Naomi Raven, Lisa Barrager, Nancy Cameron and John Svoboda. District staff, students and community members identified included: Superintendent Todd Hamilton, Brett Yancey, Brenda Holt, Laura Pavlat, David Collins, Don Lamb, Judy Bowden, Whitney McKinley, Brian Megert, Jenna McCulley, Gary Cole, Jeff Michna, Heather Murray, Mindy LeRoux, Sheryl Cramer, Dustin Reese, Jonathan Gault, Joan Bolts, Chris Reiersgaard, Kim Donaghe, Marilyn Williams, Amber Mitchel, Charlie Jett and Lydia Dysart

1. Welcome – Zach Bessett

Chair Bessett called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. 2021-22 Budget Projections

Mr. Yancey shared the 2021-2022 budget projections for the general fund.

- The adopted budget in February of 2020 was \$84,182,892.
 - Projected 2020-2021 ADMw was 12,740.
- ADMw numbers stayed the same until the Fall.
- November 2020, they started to count the 2019-2020 ADMw (which was 12,509).
 - The fund had been decreased to \$84,086,238.
- The Committee asked if:
 - The numbers were similar across the State.
 - Mr. Yancey replied that it was the same in similar areas.
 - Rural areas were not seeing as drastic of a decrease.
 - There was a Statewide reduction in students if they would adjust the ADMw.
 - Mr. Yancey responded that it depended on where students went.
 - If they attended a charter school that ADMw would follow them.
 - They should not expect a reconciliation in 2021.
 - Mr. Yancey said that the reconciliation would happen in 2022.
- By early March 2021, the 2020-2021 ADMw was 11,635.
 - General fund was \$82,478,382.
- The Committee asked what happened if a student went into a correctional program and if the money still followed them.
 - Mr. Yancey said that the money still followed them.
- For 2021-2022 they were projecting 12,020 ADMw.
 - This number would be used for their next budget since it was higher than the 2020 ADMw.
 - Drop from 12,740 to 12,020 would result in budget changes.
- The Committee asked:

- What time of year the ADMw was based on.
 - Mr. Yancey replied that it was updated throughout the year.
- If the number of students on poverty identification was still around 350.
 - Mr. Yancey responded that it used to be calculated through the census, but it was now done through the Small Area Income and Poverty Experience (SAIPE).
 - Focuses on school aged children.
 - Focused on Geographical area.
- If \$6,000/per student was a good estimate and if they used that number a lot.
 - Mr. Yancey said that it was closer to \$8,000 but it fluctuated.
 - The number was always included on the ODE document.
- They estimated that the 2021-2022 State school fund was \$76,842,305.
 - That number was based off the Governor's current budget.
 - Mr. Yancey did not think it would be their final number.

Mr. Yancey wanted to share some of the budget assumptions for that year:

- Collective bargaining provisions had been met.
- 2020-2021 staffing carried forward even though enrollment was adjusted.
- 1.3% reduction in PERS rate based on actuarial.
- 0.2% increase in unemployment insurance.
- Six months Family Leave Act assessment.
 - Effective January 2022.
- \$1,000,000 transfer to technology fund and instruction materials fund.
- \$1,000,000 contingency.
- 4% unappropriated ending fund balance.
- 20% increased property, casualty, and auto insurance.
- 10% increase to software licenses.
- 5% increase to utilities and fuel.
- 0% increase in discretionary budgets.
- \$100,000 reduction in VER assessment.
- The Committee asked if:
 - It was a million transfer in total or for technology and instruction separately.
 - Mr. Yancey replied that it was a million in both technology and instruction materials.
 - They had more students stay in online learning if they still had to transfer so much into transportation.
 - Mr. Yancey said that they would not have enough buses to transport all their students in a COVID-19 safe way.
 - Asked families to transport their students if possible.

Mr. Yancey said that the total revenue for 2020-21 was \$128,404,555.

- For 2021-2022 they were estimating revenue around \$122,246,342.
 - Difference of a little over six million dollars.
- For 2021-2022 they were estimating their total expenditures to be \$130,601,036.
 - This would mean spending \$8,354,695 more than they had.

3. Student Investment Account

Mr. Collins went through the Student Investment Account (SIA):

- Were told they would receive \$8,170,000.
 - First goal was to support the health and safety of students.
 - Hiring more staff to reach those needs at every level.
 - In 2020-2021 they hired middle school licensed mental health supports and campus security and facility improvements.
 - Second goal was to increase the number of adults in their system.
 - In 2020-2021 they targeted elementary and middle school class size reductions.
- Based on adjusted enrollment they would receive \$6,970,000.
 - They would go back and reevaluate their goals.
 - Mr. Yancey said this was outside of the general funds.

4. Federal Financial Support

i. ESSER I, ESSER II, ESSER III

Mr. Yancey explained the Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER):

- Outside of general fund.
- Available since late Summer.
- ESSER I was a total of \$2,791,846.
 - \$1,901,754 for salary and benefits.
 - Temporary teachers, certified extra duty, classified extra duty, and childcare.
 - \$47,909 for services.
 - Telephone and communication.
 - \$762,278 for supplies, materials, technology.
 - \$79,905 for transfers to Charter schools.
 - The Committee asked if the salary and benefits section was in addition to what they already provided.
 - Mr. Yancey said that was correct and included additional staffing from COVID-19.
- ESSER II they were expecting a total of \$13,043,872.
 - The spend timeline was March 2021 through September 2022.
- ESSER III
 - Amount had yet to be determined.
 - Just passed in the House and Senate.

5. Questions/Clarifications/Requests

The Committee asked if there was a risk of the State lowering their budget once they saw how much Federal funding they were getting.

- Mr. Yancey replied that they were originally worried about that but thought it would not affect their budget.

6. Adjournment

Chair Bessett adjourned the meeting at 7:09