

MINUTES

A meeting of the Springfield Public Schools (SPS) District No. 19 Budget Committee was held May 6, 2021 via the online platform Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Budget Committee members in attendance were Todd Mann, Lisa Barrager, Nancy Cameron, Emilio Hernandez, Ken Kohl, Steve Irvin, Zach Bessett, Naomi Raven and John Svoboda.

Others in attendance included District staff, students and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, Brett Yancey, Joan Bolls, Brenda Holt, David Collins, Don Lamb, Judy Bowden, Gary Cole, Melissa Stalder, Jenna McCulley, Brian Megert, Dustin Reese, Whitney McKinley, Jeff Michna, Mindy LeRoux, Terry Rutledge, Kim Donaghe, Marilyn Williams, Sherry Moore, Jonathan Gault, Steve Schmunk, Jon Bridges, Jonathan Light, Nicole Nakayama, Moriah Shanahan, Demian Laudati, Brenna Cochran, Ryan Booth, Lyndia Dysart and Sheryl Cramer.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

Chair Zach Bessett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Ken Kohl nominated John Svoboda for Budget Committee Chair. Steve Irvin seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.
- John Svoboda nominated Ken Kohl for Budget Committee Vice Chair. Steve Irvin seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.
- Ken Kohl nominated Nancy Cameron for Budget Committee Secretary. Steve Irvin seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.
- John Svoboda assumed the role of Chair for the rest of the Budget Committee meeting.

3. 2020-2021 BUDGET MESSAGE

Superintendent Hamilton shared his budget message:

- Every Student Every Day continued to guide their work.
 - The budget backed that message up.
- School Success fund and State funds allowed them to continue to serve the community at the same level.
- Student Investment Account (SIA) approved in 2020 allowed for more opportunities.
 - Heard a lot from the community.
- 2020-21 school year had many challenges (wildfires, pandemic).
 - Made sure their students were fed and learning through it all.
 - Local and State funds greatly helped with that.
 - 2021-22 budget reflects some of State and Federal funds and lessons learned over the year.
- 2021-22 budget might change as the legislature moved through their schedule.

- Proposed budget has flexibility and sustainability.
- Thanked Budget Committee members and staff for their hard work and dedication.

4. BUDGET DOCUMENT OVERVIEW & PRESENTATION – Brett Yancey

a. Document Overview & Highlights

Superintendent Hamilton shared:

- The District's values and how they made them into goals.
 - Values:
 - Every student can and will learn.
 - Eliminating inequities in student achievement.
 - Fostering safe, healthy, and engaging environments.
 - Promoting an inclusive culture that drew on the assets of students, staff, and community.
 - Goals 1: promote growth and success for every student.
 - Goal 2: support families so that every student was prepared to learn.
 - Goal 3: provide personalized learning opportunities for every student.
 - Goal 4: create safe and future ready facilities.
 - Goal 5: advocate for funding and policies that support education.
- Throughout the pandemic they created more supports for families.

b. 2021-2022 Revenue Assumptions

Brett Yancey shared their guiding assumptions for the 2021-22 budget.

- 2021-2023 biennial funding set at \$9,300,000.
 - 2021-22 budget 49% of that.
- Adjustments in staffing and enrollment.
- A 10% increase in software costs.
- \$1,000,000 reduction for property purchase made in 2020-21.
 - The Committee asked if the District had a timeline for when that would property would be used.
 - Mr. Yancey replied that the purchase was a proactive move in 2020 but they had to have more discussions before moving forward.
- Eliminate Instructional Materials Fund and Technology Fund transfers.
- Budgets across the State and in similar sized districts were similar.
- The 2020-2021 adopted budget versus the 2021-2022 proposed budget.
 - Most numbers were consistent with the past except for the State School Fund.
 - SPS would receive \$5,674,587 less.
 - This was something staff had anticipated and were prepared.
 - Offsetting with \$4,150,000 more in their beginning fund balance.
 - Totals were almost exactly the same with an increase of \$328,460.

c. 2021-2022 Expenditure Assumptions

Mr. Yancey shared the 2021-22 General Fund expenditure assumptions:

- Only an increase of 0.26%.
- The Committee asked if they had to apply for the Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) or if those funds were given out.

- Mr. Yancey replied that capital costs for ESSER had to be applied for but everything else was not.

d. Summary of Proposed adjustments

Mr. Yancey shared:

- Proposed General Fund adjustments:
 - Added 2.64 FTE to staffing allocation.
 - Projecting to recovery some students from enrollment projected in the Fall.
 - \$2,740,000 collective bargaining agreements.
 - \$115,721: 5% increase in utilities.
 - \$103,589: 11% increase in software costs.
 - \$143,892: 14.5% increase in property, casualty, and auto insurance.
 - Everything else that was proposed for the General Fund was the same.
 - The Committee asked how much flexibility ODE was giving school districts.
 - Mr. Yancey replied that these changes were made through discussions between staff and the Superintendent.
- Proposed General Fund reductions:
 - -0.45 FTE Administrative staff.
 - Voluntary Early Retirement contribution \$50,000
 - Charter school payment \$200,000
 - Land acquisition (Marcola Meadows) \$1,000,000
 - Nutrition service debt assistance \$200,000
 - Instructional Materials transfer (ESSER offset) \$1,000,000
 - Technology Fund transfer (ESSER offset) \$700,000

e. Student Investment Funds

Mr. Yancey shared:

- 2021-2022 SIA
 - These funds were outside the General Fund.
 - Student Health & Safety \$3,272,000
 - 21.5 certified FTE
 - 7.5 classified FTE
 - 6.0 administrative FTE
 - Increased # of adults in system \$2,772,000
 - 20.0 certified FTE
 - 11.0 classified FTE
 - \$165,000 non-staff additions
 - Expand direct services to families \$928,000
 - 11.25 classified FTE
 - 1.0 administrative FTE
 - \$15,000 non-staff additions
 - Total \$6,972,000
 - 41.5 certified FTE
 - 29.75 classified FTE
 - 7.0 administrative FTE
 - \$180,000 non-staff additions

f. ESSER Funds

Mr. Yancey shared:

- ESSER I \$2,791,846
- ESSER II \$13,043,872
- ESSER III \$29,294,401
- Total \$45,130,401
- The ESSER allocations included what both the District and their charter schools received.
- The Committee asked:
 - Why there were three different ESSER allocations.
 - Mr. Yancey told them that they were each allocated at different times by the Federal Administration.
 - If the allocations came with any requirements they had to make.
 - Mr. Yancey replied that the one of the only requirements were when they had to be spent by. ESSER I had to be spent by September 30, 2022, ESSER II had to be spent by September 30, 2023, and ESSER III had to be spent by September 30, 2024.
- 95% of ESSER I was expended during the 2020-21 school year.
 - It went towards temporary teaching staff and payroll costs, additional certified and classified staff extra duty pay, childcare staffing and payroll costs, back-to-school supplies for families, air purification solutions, personal protection equipment and safety supplies, and computer equipment and software.
- ESSER II and III had Federal expectations that included addressing unfinished learning, preparing school for reopening, and testing as well as repairing and upgrading infrastructure to improve air quality and facilities.
 - They would support the District goals of student success, family support, personalized learning, and safe and inspiring facilities.
 - The District did not see a reason to immediately expend these funds since there was still potential challenges that could pop up.
- The Committee asked:
 - If they waited until the Fall to see what they were dealing with, how they would be able to communicate the purpose of the funds to the community.
 - Mr. Yancey responded that they would continue to talk about the programs and uses for these funds, like technology, so there was no confusion. They would continue to discuss how to communicate better moving forward.
 - Mr. Collins said they were still in the process of assessing the model the 2020-2021 school year and targeting where they still had need.
 - Superintendent Hamilton added that they had to be mindful of the potential of using these funds up until the Summer of 2024.
 - If these were annual allocations.
 - Mr. Yancey replied that they were technically reimbursements. They wanted to fully understand the use of these funds before they allocated them further.
 - If the Budget Committee could be more involved in the ESSER allocation.
 - Mr. Yancey thought that would be a good idea.

- Ms. Raven supported that idea.
- Chair Svoboda asked Mr. Kohl to draft a motion that would include the Budget Committee in the allocation of the funds.
 - Mr. Yancey mentioned that the direction would need to come from the Board to the Superintendent.
 - Board Chair Bessett asked for there to be direction given to them at their next Board meeting related to that motion.
- What their focus was concerning locations to help with the type of work and staff that would be hired to help.
 - Mr. Yancey said that SIA would be used for part of that. They would continue looking at how to support welding, auto work, and all types of jobs.
 - Mr. Collins added that they were always trying to make updates to their facilities, equipment, and programing to support all industry positions.
- If there was a Committee investigating the vocational needs in the area.
 - Mr. Collins replied that they worked with Lane ESD and got studies from external organizations.

g. Staffing Review

Mr. Yancey shared:

- Certified staff General Fund dollars was about the same as in 2020-21 school year.
 - Other funding made it higher.
- Classified staff General Fund dollars was about the same.
 - Other funds gave them some help but did not push it above the 2020-21 school year.
- Administrative staff was down.
- The Committee asked why they were seeing a reduction in Title I funding.
 - Mr. Yancey said that those came through ODE and a reduction had been expected.
 - All Districts were seeing that.
 - Superintendent Hamilton shared that the Federal Government was hopeful that in the next budget cycle there would be additional Title I funding.
- Overall staff had only decreased a little over the year.
 - The trend of total staffing showed that the District was doing a good job on their goal of having more adults in their system

7. Approval of Document

- The Committee wanted them to wait to approve the document since they only received it that morning.
 - They wanted the public to have an opportunity to look at it and respond.

8. Budget Committee Meetings

a. May 13, 2021, 6:00 pm

b. May 18, 2021, 6:00 pm

9. Adjourn Meeting

Chair Svoboda adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Lydia Dysart)