

BUDGET HEARING

A Budget Hearing of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on June 8, 2020. In order to comply with the Governor's executive orders, the Board conducted this meeting by video conference only. The public was invited to watch or listen to the Budget Hearing via Zoom Webinar or Zoom Phone. Information for participating was shared with the public on the district website.

1. CALL BUDGET HEARING TO ORDER

Board Chair Zach Bessett called the virtual Budget Hearing to order at 6:47 pm.

Board members present included Chair Zach Bessett, Vice Chair Naomi Raven, Lisa Barrager, Dr. Emilio Hernandez and Todd Mann.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Brett Yancey, Judy Bowden, Jeff Michna, Jen McCulley, Joan Bolls, Brenda Holt, Mindy LeRoux, Heather Murray, Brian Megert, Whitney McKinley, Anne Goff, José da Silva, Suzanne Price, Dustin Reese, Melissa Stalder, Sheryl Cramer, Don Lamb, Sherry Moore, Jonathan Gault, Colleen Hunter, Charlie Clark, Paige Sharpe, Lydia Dysart, minutes recorder and Jordyn Brown from the *Register Guard*. There were also community members who attended using Zoom Phone, so their names were not available.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bessett explained that members of the public were asked to electronically share their ideas and opinions with the Board by noon on the day of this Budget Hearing. As of the noon deadline, no written comments were submitted for the Budget Hearing.

3. CLOSING OF HEARING

The Budget Hearing was concluded at 6:48 pm. Chair Bessett said there would be a short recess until 7:00pm at which time he would call the Business meeting to order.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on June 8, 2020. In order to comply with the Governor's executive orders, the Board conducted this meeting by video conference only. The public was invited to watch or listen to the board meeting via Zoom Webinar or Zoom Phone. Information for participating was shared with the public on the district website.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Zach Bessett called the Springfield Board of Education virtual meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members attending the Zoom webinar included Board Chair Zach Bessett, Board Vice Chair Naomi Raven, Lisa Barrager, Dr. Emilio Hernandez and Todd Mann.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Brett Yancey, Judy Bowden, Jeff Michna, Jen McCulley, Joan Bolls, Brenda Holt, Mindy LeRoux,

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1. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

- 1. May 7, 2020 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 2. May 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**
- 3. May 18, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Financial Statement**
- 5. Personnel Action, Resolution #19-20.045**
- 6. Board Policy Section I, First Read**

MOTION: Ms. Barrager moved, Vice Chair Raven seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chair Bessett called for discussion; there was no discussion.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. He asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Ms. Raven – aye, Ms. Barrager – aye, Dr. Hernandez – aye, Mr. Mann – aye and Mr. Bessett – aye.

Motion passed, 5:0.

B. Approve 2020-2021 Budget Adoption, Resolution #19-20.046

The District began holding work sessions with the Budget Committee in January 2020 to discuss parameters and estimates for the 2020-21 fiscal year. This budget development process was significantly disrupted with the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic requirements. Additionally, this global pandemic has caused significant strain on local, state and federal budgets. The full impact of this economic downturn is not fully known, however recent economic forecasts indicate that the economy will likely be affected for multiple biennia.

All available information was used to construct the proposed operating budget for the Springfield School District, however District administration will be presenting additional information when it becomes available from Oregon Department of Education. Following months of preparation, the 2020-2021 proposed budget was delivered to the Budget Committee on May 7, 2020.

During its first Budget Committee meeting on May 7, 2020, the Springfield School District Budget Committee approved the proposed budget for 2020-2021 without modification. At the time of this recommended budget adoption, the State of Oregon has yet to finalize the State budget for the 2021-23 biennium. It is anticipated that a special legislative session will be call by the Governor in late June/early July, however final decisions are not expected until after the June 30th requirement to adopt next fiscal year's operating budget for the School District.

Following the approval of the document, the District finalized a financial loan process for the anticipated purchase of property, which generated \$1,000,000 in additional General Fund resources. The receipt of these loan proceeds increased the District 2019-20 ending fund balance, which is reflected in the attached documents. The District's recommendation to the Board is to allocate these funds in the following area:

General Fund (100):

- \$1,000,000 Site Acquisition and Development (Fund 100, Function 4120)

Additionally, the following revisions have been made to the Nutrition Services Fund, due to the District providing ongoing meal service during the 2019-20 school year and the District's participation in the Seamless Summer feeding program (2020-21).

Nutrition Services Fund (291):

- Decreased Beginning Fund Balance by \$280,000 due to additional meals during pandemic (Function 3120).
- Added additional revenue for summer program meals reimbursement \$355,310 (Function 4505).
- Added \$140,954 additional summer worker wages and benefits.
- Net Ending Fund Balance change decrease of \$65,644

These are the only modifications being proposed at this time.

Brett Yancey recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the 2020-2021 Budget Resolution as presented.

The Board participated in a discussion which addressed their concerns about the current budget situation for the state of Oregon that had been impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic and how this would affect the District's budget. Some of these concerns included:

- Potential cuts to Special Programs;
- Reduction in the State School fund allocation;
- Funding for Nutrition Services which would continue to provide meals for families throughout the summer vacation;
- Reduction in Measure 98 funds; and
- Allocation of funding for the Student Investment Account (SIA).

Mr. Yancey concluded the discussion by assuring the Board that the District would continue to share updates as the information became available.

MOTION: Ms. Barrager moved, Vice Chair Raven seconded the motion that the Board of Directors adopt the 2020-2021 Budget Resolution as presented.

Chair Bessett called for discussion. There was no further discussion.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. He asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule as presented: Ms. Raven – aye, Ms. Barrager – aye, Dr. Hernandez – aye, Mr. Mann – aye and Mr. Bessett – aye.

Motion passed, 5:0.

C. Approve Student Device Technology Purchase, Resolution #19-20.047

This purchase of student devices will be used to purchase replacement Chromebooks that were originally purchased as part of the 2014 Bond. Under the Bond, each school worked with the administrator, school

technology team and teachers to develop a technology plan on how technology was to be used in the classrooms. Student device proposals were fulfilled at a 2:1 classroom ratio to meeting their technology plans.

Student devices that we purchased to fulfill the first round of proposals will reach the end of their device life cycle soon and will no longer be supported by the manufacturers for updates that guarantee they will be able to run all instructional applications. District Technology Services staff led by Pat Best has selected 1600 replacement Chromebook devices to help maintain the school's defined technology plans.

Board Member Naomi Raven reviewed the procurement file.

Jeff Michna recommended that the Board of Directors approve the award of the Student Device Technology purchase to Dell USA of Chicago, Illinois for the amount of \$366,720.00 that will be paid from Bond proceeds.

Board members had questions about the following:

- Would this purchase allow for all students to have their own device?
- If the District needed to move back to a distance learning model, would the District be able to accommodate all requested from our families for devices?

Mr. Michna shared that these devices would be placed in classrooms for student use. He continued by saying that should the district move to a distance learning model, they were prepared to assign devices to all students who requested them for use at home.

MOTION: Mr. Mann moved, Vice Chair Raven seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the award of Student Device Technology purchase to Dell USA of Chicago, Illinois for the amount of \$366,720.00 that will be paid from bond proceeds.

Chair Bessett called for discussion. There was no further discussion.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. He asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the resolution, to award of Student Device Technology purchase to Dell USA of Chicago, IL for \$366,720.00 that will be paid from Bond proceeds.: Ms. Raven – aye, Ms. Barrager – aye, Dr. Hernandez – aye, Mr. Mann – aye and Mr. Bessett – aye.

Motion passed, 5:0.

2. Discussion Items

A. Diane Efseaff Memorial Scholarship Program

Chair Bessett and Vice Chair Raven shared a request for the Board to consider submitting an application for the Diane Efseaff Memorial Scholarship Program through Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). He said that this would allow the Board to have an opportunity for growth by engaging in additional professional development. If the Board's application is accepted, there would be additional work sessions to attend for this training. Upon completion of all four parts of the training, the District would be eligible to receive either \$2,500 or \$5,000 in scholarship money for our students. Chair Bessett wanted to know what the Board thought about this opportunity. The following are their thoughts:

- Ensure that the professional development offered through this program would be relevant to the current Board's work;
- This would be challenging work and all Board members would need to commit to the process;
- Board and Superintendent evaluations were included in this training;

- The Board's budget would be able to cover the cost of the training without allocating additional funding; and
- It is good practice for the Board to push their growth and development together to be better equipped to do their work.

Chair Bessett asked if there was a motion to move forward with the application for the Diane Efseaff Memorial Scholarship Program for 2020.

MOTION: Vice Chair Raven moved, Ms. Barrager seconded the motion for the Board to apply for the Diane Efseaff Memorial Scholarship Program for 2020 through OSBA.

Chair Bessett called for discussion. There was no further discussion.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. He asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to apply for the Diane Efseaff Memorial Scholarship Program for 2021 through OSBA.: Ms. Raven – aye, Ms. Barrager – aye, Dr. Hernandez – aye, Mr. Mann – aye and Mr. Bessett – aye.

Motion passed, 5:0.

Superintendent Hamilton said that he would work with Chair Bessett and Vice Chair Raven on the application which was due on July 1, 2020. They would receive a response on August 1, 2020 from OSBA if the application was approved.

3. NEXT MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2020. The location and format will be determined at a later time.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Bessett adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Lydia Dysart)