

BUDGET HEARING

A Budget Hearing of the Lane County School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on June 11, 2018.

1. CALL BUDGET HEARING TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

The hearing was called to order in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 6:30 pm by Board Chair Zach Bessett and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present included Chair Zach Bessett, Dr. Emilio Hernandez and Tony Jobanek. Laurie Adams was excused from the meeting.

Others in attendance included Superintendent Sue Rieke-Smith, Brett Yancey, David Collins, Kevin Ricker, Suzy Price, Tom Lindly, Judy Bowden, Jenna McCulley, Brian Megert, Bruce Smolnisky, Anne Goff, Joan Bolls, Brenda Holt, Melissa Stadler, Whitney McKinley, Kim Donaghe, Jeff Michna, Brad McEntire and Linda Henry.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one wished to make comments.

3. CLOSING OF HEARING

The Budget Hearing was concluded at 6:35 pm.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

15/A Regular Meeting of the Lane County School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on June 11, 2018.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Zach Bessett called the Springfield Board of Education meeting to order in the Board Room of the District Administration Building at 6:35 pm.

Chair Bessett asked if there were any changes to the agenda. The Brain Bowl Recognition was moved to later in the meeting.

Attendance

Board Members present included Chair Zach Bessett, Laurie Adams, Dr. Emilio Hernandez and Tony Jobanek.

District staff, students and community members identified included Superintendent Sue Rieke-Smith, Tom Lindly, Jenna McCulley, Brian Megert, Kevin Ricker, David Collins, Suzy Price, Bruce Smolnisky, Brett Yancey, Judy Bowden, Anne Goff, Kim Donaghe, Michelle Bassi, José da Silva, Michelle Webber, Bruce Webber, Mike Eyster, Colleen Hunter, Jeff Michna, Brad McEntire, Sally Storm, Jen Brown, Chad Towe, Whitney McKinley, Brenda Hansen, Becky Willis, Richard Willis, Vonnie Mikkelsen, Chris Reiersgaard, Naomi Raven, Peter Raven and Linda Henry.

3. SPRINGFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

Sally Storm, Executive Director of the Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) introduced Jennifer Brown,

Associate Director of Development of SEF. They provided the SEF's annual report to the Springfield Public Schools (SPS) Board of Education and Cabinet. Dr. Storm thanked SPS for the help and support she had received from SPS. SEF had a new mission and a new vision. The Mission was: To empower student success through community engagement. The Vision was: To see the exceptional become the expected – in the ways students learn, teachers innovate, and our community unites around them. She added SEF's overarching purpose was to help improve graduation rates of SPS students by giving SPS great programs to help keep students engaged and to inspire a love of learning.

Dr. Storm offered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Springfield Education Foundation*. She shared information about Ridgeview Elementary School's chicken hatching program that had been supported with a SEF grant. She added SEF raised \$359,559 last year, with 50% directed to SPS initiatives; 38% directed to donor designated gifts; 11% directed to innovative educator grants; and 1% directed to scholarships.

Dr. Storm introduced SEF Board Chair Brenda Hansen.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bessett read the following statement:

This is the portion of our agenda for public comment. I want to remind those members of the public who have indicated a desire to make comments that our policy provides for a limitation of three (3) minutes per person.

Those wishing to make public comments must complete a "request to speak" form and speakers will be called upon in the order in which they are received. Audience members who wish to make public comments must state their name and address for the record.

We encourage groups with a common purpose to designate a spokesperson. If your comments will be covered by a group spokesperson, please indicate so when your name is called.

The Board will not hear personal complaints concerning school personnel or against any person connected with the school system. Any complaints regarding a particular employee must be processed through the procedure set forth in policy, which requires that complaints be submitted in writing to the Superintendent. This procedure must be followed before there is any Board involvement with such issues.

Speakers are reminded that their public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Mike Eyster commended the Board and Dr. Rieke-Smith on recent improvements in the graduation rate and development of a new strategic plan. This was a pivotal time for SPS with a vacancy on the board and the upcoming departure of Dr. Rieke-Smith. He encouraged the Board to set a bold goal for the future, and suggested that the Board set a goal of 10 in 10---being one of the top 10 school districts in the State of Oregon within 10 years. He thanked the Board for the service it provided to SPS and the community.

Bonnie Mikkelsen, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, echoed Mr. Eyster's comments about the importance of the Chamber's partnership with SPS and the City of Springfield. The obligations and responsibilities of the partnership were broad and could be overwhelming, as it continued to build the community. The partnership had full confidence in the appointment of Bruce Smolnisky as SPS's Interim Superintendent. It had been critical for the business community to have this partnership. She thanked the Board for its support and encouraged it to be bold as it looked for a new leader for SPS.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. May 14, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Financial Statement

C. Personnel Action, Resolution #17-18.054

Bruce Smolnisky recommended that the Board of Directors approve the personnel action for licensed employees as reflected below:

New Hires

Jarek Bartels
Amethyst Beard
Tiffany Brown
Sierra Chochrane
Haley Damian
Amber Dyemartin
Robyn Eicks
Laura Farrelly
Christine Grose
Jeremy Hugo
Brenda Joseph
David King
Amy Lehm
Kendra Litalien
Tina McClellan
Chelsea McKinnon
Melissa Nixon

Kevin O’Dea
Agnes Picard
Leah Price
Katelyn Schroeder
Wendy Shara
Jennifer Shelton
Johanna Solares
Sarah Sperry
Sarah Steele
Katherine Waugh
Steven Twomey
Annie Jo Wilson
Francesca Wilson
Hope Zima
Hope Koen
Lisa Marxer
Kathryn Tiernan
Megan Girod

Resignations

Kevin Cave
Colin Farnsworth
Timothy Moore
Kristin Page
Nastalia Raines
Susan Rieke-Smith
Rebekah Whittaker
Zachary Scotton
Hannah Miller

Leaves of Absence

Joanna Mari Guhit
Amberly Trano

Change of Contract Status

McCall Habermehl
Kelli Ngariki
Julie Steyding

D. Board Policy Approval, Resolution #17-18.055

Jenna McCulley recommended the Board of Directors approve the following policy:

- IGBJ Magnet Schools and Magnet Programs

MOTION: Dr. Hernandez moved, Mr. Jobanek seconded, for approval of the Consent Agenda. Carried 3-0.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2018-2019 Budget Adoption, Resolution #17-18.057

The District began holding work sessions with the Budget Committee in December 2017 to discuss parameters and estimates for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Additionally, the Superintendent, Chief Operations Officer and Community Engagement Officer visited with every site to share information and solicit feedback. All of this information was used to construct the proposed operating budget for the Springfield School District. Following months of preparation, the 2018-2019 proposed budget was delivered to the Budget Committee on May 10, 2018.

During its second Budget Committee meeting on May 17, 2018, the Springfield School District Budget Committee approved the proposed budget for 2018-2019 without modification. Following the approval of the document, the District closed on a financing agreement for the purchase of seven (7) new school buses and new equipment for Print Services. While this financing has no impact on the General Fund, there is an anticipated increase in the beginning fund balances in the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Print Services Fund. While the district will receive the funding during the current fiscal year (June 2018). This is the only modification being proposed.

Brett Yancey recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the 2018-2019 Budget Resolution as presented on the attached sheet.

MOTION: Mr. Jobanek moved, Dr. Hernandez seconded, for approval of the 2018-2019 Budget Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Agnes Stewart Middle School Siding Replacement Project, Resolution #17-18.058

This Invitation to Bid (ITB) was advertised in the Daily Journal of Commerce and on the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN). Three (3) potential general contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid conference and job walk held on May 15, 2018. Two (2) responses were received to this ITB.

This project consists of removal of the existing EIFS siding system and replacement with a new metal siding system with related flashing, sealant joints, repointing of masonry joints, and application of a new anti-graffiti finish at the existing Agnes Stewart Middle School. Work may begin on this project on June 18, 2018. Phase 1 work will be substantially completed by August 31, 2018 in time for the 2018-19 school Year. Phase 2 work will continue in areas not disruptive to school being in session and will be substantially completed on September 28, 2018. Work will be provided under a single standard general construction contract.

The original solicitation documents and specifications were developed by Robertson Sherwood Architects PC, in cooperation with District staff. Board Member Dr. Emilio Hernandez reviewed the procurement files. Funding for this project will be provided through bond proceeds.

Brett Yancey recommended the Board of Directors approve the award of the Agnes Stewart Middle School Siding Replacement Project to Bineham Construction Inc. of Eugene, Oregon for the Base Bid plus alternates #1, #2 and #3 amount of \$803,103.00.

MOTION: Mr. Jobanek moved, Dr. Hernandez seconded, for approval of the award of the Agnes Stewart Middle School Siding Replacement Project to Bineham Construction Inc. of Eugene, Oregon for the Base Bid plus alternates #1, #2 and #3 amount of \$803,103.00. Motion carried 3-0.

2. RECOGNITION

• **Brain Bowl**

Kathy McCumsey, Briggs Middle School (BMS) teacher, introduced BMS 8th graders Brain Bowl winners: Aidan Boals, Shyann Kephart, Madelyn Nover, Trevor Patterson and Corben Short.

7. Reports and Discussion

A. Technology Bond Update

Tom Lindly and Brad McEntire provided a Technology and Bond Update and offered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Bond Projections—2018 (05/31/2018)*. Mr. McEntire reviewed the spreadsheet.

Bond Projections--2018 (05/31/2018)

	Original	Current	Staffing	Actual			Total	Projected		Forecasted
	Bond	Bond	Cost	Staffing	%	%	Projected	Cost At	5%	Ending
	Budget	Budget	Estimates	Expenditures	Complete	Spent	Revenue	Completion	Contingency	Balance
Core Network	\$1,572,216	\$2,070,390	\$98,605	\$94,322	90%	138%	\$632,963	\$2,370,875	\$78,611	(\$194,307)
Central Server Infrastructure	\$653,068	\$346,286	\$40,959	\$39,179	59%	59%		\$653,068	\$0	\$0
Enterprise Wireless	\$205,627	\$461,177	\$12,896	\$12,336	85%	230%	\$220,889	\$543,120	\$10,281	(\$126,885)
Unified Communications	\$923,200	\$559,711	\$57,901	\$55,385	100%	67%		\$615,096	\$0	\$308,104
Classroom Equipment	\$2,523,484	\$2,128,603	\$158,267	\$151,391	95%	90%	\$5,133	\$2,393,994	\$0	\$134,623
Staff Computer Equipment	\$1,352,760	\$865,833	\$84,842	\$81,156	61%	70%		\$1,315,583	\$67,638	(\$30,461)
Student Computer Devices	\$6,069,645	\$3,169,922	\$380,673	\$364,135	74%	58%		\$4,439,517	\$303,482	\$1,326,646
Professional Technical	\$300,000	\$302,919	\$18,815	\$17,998	100%	107%	\$2,000	\$318,815	\$0	(\$16,815)
	\$13,600,000	\$9,904,841	\$852,958	\$815,903			\$860,985	\$12,650,067	\$460,012	\$1,400,905

Notes:

1. The initial estimates for Enterprise Wireless were based on adding 583 new wireless access points. With new higher capacity devices, we elected to replace all existing access points as part of the bond. The result is the need to install a total of 1,000 access points.
2. The scope of the Central Server Infrastructure and Professional Technical projects will be determined by the project budgets.
3. Total technology bond \$13,600,000
4. Generally contingency dollars will be released when the projects are 95% or more complete.

Mr. Yancey said the bond was passed four years ago. He had the opportunity to be part of the most visible project supported by the bond, the Hamlin Middle School project. He, Mr. Lindly and Mr. McEntire had co-managed the bond. He commended Mr. McEntire, who would retire this week after working in the District for 23 years, and Mr. Lindly who had worked 20 years in the District. He asserted the District owed both of them an enormous amount of gratitude. In response to Mr. Jobanek, Mr. Yancey said the District would continue to invest in technology with any unspent bond funds, and the District would continue to invest in the changing technology in the future.

B. Superintendent Communication

Dr. Rieke-Smith said:

“Your education is a basket that you make...some people make baskets that are small...some people make baskets that are really big. Just make sure you fill that basket with good things to share with your people.” These are the words of Shirod Younker, shared with our Native graduates on June 2 during the bestowing of graduation blankets. Mr. Younker is a citizen of the Coquille/Miluk Coos, a Native artist and a program manager for the “Journeys in Creativity” program at the Oregon College of Art and Craft, a pre-college art program for Native American teens in the United States. Basket weaving is a practical, as well as religious act in the life of First nation tribal communities. As the basket maker weaves, the basket forms an inner wall interlaced with an outer wall. It is the tension between the inner wall interlaced with the outer wall that gives strength to the basket. For the basket maker, this strength from the tension between the two walls also gives the basket its integrity – for a strong basket is a useful basket. Yet, the art form is not without its challenges. When the basket weaver comes to a place where they are having difficulty, they call upon the elders to help them get through that challenge. In so doing, they acknowledge those who taught them the art of basket making as critical to the weaver’s ultimate success. Mr. Younker’s basket weaving imagery beautifully captures the complexities, interrelatedness and frankly, the challenges of our district’s work, that it truly takes the entire village to ensure each and every student grows towards becoming a strong basket filled with knowledge and skill for use in our community.

And so tonight I highlight this year’s successes with thanks to those who made it possible. First to you, board, for keeping all students at the heart of your decisions and actions, specifically calling out through the district strategic plan a vision that student academic growth, support for families and personalization of educational pathways is our primary mission. Second, the tireless work of all central office, school and department staff throughout the year. Last, to our community at large: SEF, city, chamber and business leaders and partners, too numerous to mention this evening. As a result of this year’s communal work, we realized:

1. An increase in the graduation rate for the first time in ten years, putting us well on our way to meeting the goal of 85% or better by 2021. This past week 699 students participated in graduation ceremonies with many more students expected to complete graduation requirements this summer.
2. An increase in the 2017-18 percentage of Freshman On Track for graduation, up from 78.7% to 83%, an increase of 4.3%.
3. Continued expansion of CTE personalized pathway options across our secondary system

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thanks to the board strategic plan, Chamber business and civic supports to work force development, as well as strategic district deployment of state Measure 98 funding. For the first time in SPS history, 95 Springfield High School graduating seniors earned their National Career Readiness Certificate. The NCRC is sought by employers as it measures and certifies a student possesses essential work skills, critical to success in careers across industries and occupations nationally.

4. 70 K-12 English Language Development students celebrated English language proficiency promotion and/or program exit while maintaining proficiency in their first language. These students and their families were celebrated June 5 in a first ever ELD Promotion Ceremony.

5. Successful completion and inauguration of the new Hamlin Middle School in support of STEAM project based instruction.

6. Continued progress in the expansion of mental health and health care provider partnerships, providing services directly to students and families through our schools.

And so, I leave you with a basket that is strong and filled to the brim with good gifts for all in our village, thanks to its weavers and elders. I have no doubt that in the coming years this village will ensure the weave of the basket remains strong and continues to be filled with good things to share with the people of Springfield.

C. Board Communications

Tony Jobanek said it had been a humbling experience to attend the graduations this week. As he shook the hands of the students and gave them their diplomas, he saw the future of the community in their eyes. The teachers, administrators, Superintendent and Board worked hard to support the students. The District was about working toward getting those students to a position where, if they were destined to go to college, they would go to college and work towards their degrees. Other students would go directly into the work force. Regardless of what their path was, they had day to day contact and mentorship, which made SPS special. He thanked everyone for all they did.

Dr. Emilio Hernandez said he attended the Gateways High School (GHS) graduation. He asked that the Board and staff review how the Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) addressed student completion of the General Equivalency Diploma requirements, to ensure the requirements were applied consistently and fairly for all students. He said it had been a pleasure working with Dr. Rieke-Smith. It was important for the Board and staff to work together in support of the students. He thanked Mr. Eyster for the help the District received from the business community and looked for their continued help with the 10 in 10. He thanked everyone for a great year.

Zach Bessett said it had been a great year. He thanked everyone for their support.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next meetings would be held on June 25, 2018. A work session would begin at 4:00 pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00 pm. Both would be held in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Bessett adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

(Minutes recorded by Linda Henry)