

1. WELCOME

Chair John Svoboda welcomed everyone and called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Budget Members in Attendance:

Budget Committee Members attending the meeting included Budget Chair John Svoboda, Budget Vice Chair Ken Kohl, Nancy Cameron, Kelly Mason, Nicole De Graff, Hollea Puzio, and Heather Quaas-Annsa.

Attending Virtually: Jonathan Light

Absent: Emilio Hernandez and Elaine Doornbus

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Joan Bolls, and Andrea Wallace.

2. INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REQUEST

Superintendent Todd Hamilton offered a brief review of previously discussed topics surrounding the budget and provided detailed information and updates on the following topics:

- The Student Success Act was passed and became a funding stream for the district
- The State requires the District to provide specific responses as to how they are keeping equity in mind and how those decisions are being framed using the equity lens
- An explanation was provided to the Board regarding the three (3) full-time high school employment positions, listed on page 121 of the budget
- There is an effort being made to look at other areas within the budget where they can be thoughtful towards decisions made in regard to making cuts, in a manner so as not to have a direct impact on the students
- The Next Step: Bring forward the budget document for approval by the board at the June regular board meeting

3. PUBLIC INPUT

No request(s) to publicly speak had been submitted.

No written statement(s) for the Board's consideration had been received.

4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Ken Kohl requested examples of where they were being thoughtful, keeping equity in mind and in how those decisions were framed using the equity lens.

— Dave Collins answered that specific to this budget, co-curricular expansion was one example. They intentionally came out of the pandemic working to acknowledge and identify

barriers to access, both in learning and to extended opportunities outside of school. They wanted to ensure they were not creating obstacles for families who are economically disadvantaged or have barriers to that access.

Chair Svoboda made a request of Superintendent Hamilton, to provide clarification to the Board concerning the three (3) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions listed in (page 121) the budget, under the heading of High School Extracurricular.

— Superintendent Hamilton replied that they were in direct response to the needs of a changing demographic, resulting in the addition of an administrative assistant principal position, which includes the stipends associated for the coaches and all related supporting staff. It had become necessary to increase their co-curricular costs to meet the needs of student participation. He noted there had been an increase in co-curricular support and decreased funding streams from the state.

5. APPROVAL OF DOCUMENT

MOTION: Vice Chair Kohl moved, seconded by Heather Quaas-Annsa to approve the resolution for the 2024-2025 budget.

The motion passed, 8:0.

Chair Svoboda read out loud the following statement:

It is hereby resolved that;

1. The Springfield School District Budget in the accurate amount of \$269,901,854 be approved and at the permanent tax rate of 44.512 per \$1000 assessed value be assessed in the general fund. This permanent rate is expected to raise \$32,435,783. The tax of \$6,343,105 is approved for the debt service fund or the purposes of retirement of bond debt owed by the school district.

MOTION: Vice Chair Kohl moved, seconded by Heather Quaas-Annsa that the approval of the 2024-2025 budget resolution approves the permanent tax rate of 4.6412 per \$1000 assessed value be assessed in the general fund.

The motion passed, 8:0.

6. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS (if needed)

- a.) May 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Svoboda adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

(Minutes recorded & transcribed by Trenay Ryan, (LCOG))