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MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 p.m. (public session)

May 20, 2024

Location: Boardroom, 2575 Commercial Street SE, Salem, Oregon.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER 6:03 p.m.**

Chairperson

a. Land Acknowledgement

Board Chairperson Guzmán Ortiz read the Land Acknowledgement.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Committee Attendance

Those attending in person included Kathryn Jones, Ashley Carson Cottingham, Karina Guzmán Ortiz, Lisa Harnisch, Cynthia Richardson, Oscar Porras, Satya Chandragiri, and Patrick Schwab. Those attending virtually included María Hinojos Pressey, Krissy Hudson – arrived at 6:11 p.m., Nancy MacMorris-Adix.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Superintendent

The budget committee provided the opportunity for public comment in person, by phone call, virtually, or by written submission.

The following individuals provided public comments on the 2024-25 budget and other topics: Jessica Dusek, Lincoln Isom, Greg Smith, Jacob Pommier, Kelsey Miller, Robert Owen, Kaysha Isom, Jacob Garcia, Ashley Stanford, Madison Lietz, Madilyn Lipsey, and Monica Ward.

The following individuals provided written public comments, which were posted on the district's website for this board meeting: Tim Davis, Connor Mayberry, and Kelsey Frazier.

The Board took a ten-minute break and reconvened the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

3. **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS ON 2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Chairperson

Superintendent Castañeda provided comments and explanation regarding questions proposed by the committee. Topics included a review of board goals, budget priorities, reduction in force overview. The superintendent also provided the list of administrative positions and the summary of contracts documents as requested by the committee.

4. **DELIBERATION/DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

Chairperson

Committee members discussed items related to the 2024-25 Proposed Budget including a list of staff not located in classrooms, a review of contracts, and the ending fund balance policy which Superintendent Castañeda and members of the Executive team addressed.

The committee requested a list of back-office staff and how they connect it to the budget.

The committee took an informal and informational vote to gauge whether committee members needed the information about back-office staff before making a vote on the 2024-25 proposed budget. There were eight no votes in support of moving forward with a vote on the proposed budget without the requested information and three yes votes in favor of receiving the requested information prior to voting on the proposed budget. The will of the room was to move forward.

Satya Chandragiri moved to accept the results of the straw poll that the majority of the committee didn't want the back-office staff information to vote on budget and Cynthia Richardson seconded the motion. Oscar Porras, Patrick Schwab, Lisa Harnisch, Satya Chandragiri, Ashley Carson Cottingham, Karina Guzmán Ortiz, María Hinojos Pressey, and Cynthia Richardson voted in favor of accepting the results. Kathryn Jones and Krissy Hudson voted against accepting the results. The motion to accept the results of the straw poll vote were approved.

5. **MOTION TO APPROVE 2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Chairperson

(Motion may or may not include committee amendments to the proposed budget.)

Satya Chandragiri moved and Lisa Harnisch reiterated the full motion and moved as follows: BE IT MOVED on May 20, 2024, that the Budget Committee of the Salem-Keizer School District 24J/32, Marion/Polk Counties, Oregon approves the proposed budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,123,489,612 and approves property taxes for the 2024-25 fiscal year at the rate of \$4.5210 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the Permanent Tax Rate levy in support of the General Fund and in the amount of \$66,643,705 for the General Obligation Bonds levy. Karina Guzmán Ortiz seconded the motion. There was additional committee clarification regarding the motion.

Oscar Porras, Patrick Schwab, Lisa Harnisch, Satya Chandragiri, Ashley Carson Cottingham, Karina Guzmán Ortiz, María Hinojos Pressey, Cynthia Richardson, and Nancy MacMorris-Adix voted in support of recommending the budget be moved to the board for adoption. Kathryn Jones and Krissy Hudson voted against recommending the budget be moved to the board for adoption. The budget committee recommends the 2024-25 proposed budget be moved to the board for approval with nine votes in favor and two votes against. It is the intent of the committee that the school board receive the information for back-office staff prior to formal adoption of the budget.

Chairperson MacMorris-Adix provided closing remarks.

As the budget was approved, budget committee meetings tentatively scheduled for May 21 and 23 were canceled.

6. **ADJOURNMENT 8:58 p.m.**

Chairperson