

Tumwater School District
School Board Workshop Minutes
Student Learning Conference Room
October 16, 2015

Board Members Present: Jay Wood, Bob Barclift, Kim Reykdal, Janine Ward, Rita Luce

Staff Members Present: John Bash, Mitch Thompson, Laurie Wiedenmeyer

Board President Jay Wood called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

- Maintenance and Operations Replacement Levy Planning: John displayed levy history – election year 2004 to present and levy percent of total Tumwater School District budget. There was a question regarding what percentage of the levy funds go to salaries? Mitch shared the dollars per thousand increases since 2006. Discussion ensued regarding property assessment values and M&O growth rates. A history of levy passage percentages since 2004 was shown - Tumwater has great voter support.

The history of bond and levy per thousand amounts was displayed. John reviewed levy considerations: whether to run a two-year or four-year replacement levy, what are the neighboring districts planning to do (unofficially), forecasted inflation over the next five years, collective bargaining, middle school transition additional costs, and more.

Mitch reviewed the state funding increases – revenues versus expenditures and the difference.

Options were displayed keeping these goals in mind - maintaining current levy-funded programs for students as much as possible; ensuring ample revenue to account for inflation/employee costs/operational costs; working to honor the \$5.94/1,000 maximum projected during bond election (levy/bond combined); protecting Tumwater School District from uncertain changes to state levy system; and planning for projected district budget impacts 2016-2020.

The meeting recessed for a short break at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 4:20.

Further discussion was held regarding the options presented. John and Mitch will be presenting at the October 22, 2015 Board meeting further information regarding the Maintenance & Operations replacement levy election. They are hoping for a resolution to be approved by the Board at the November 12, 2015 meeting.

With no further business coming before the board, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Recorded by:
Laurie C. Wiedenmeyer

Signed this 22nd day of October, 2015.

Board Member

Board Secretary