



SOUTH LANE SCHOOL DISTRICT 45J3

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Meeting Minutes for Meeting on: May 23, 2024

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Board Members Present:

Colleen Valley
Duane Taddei
Jeff Gowing
Sherry Duerst-Higgins
Tammy Hodgkinson
Taylor Wilhour

Budget Members Present:

Brittney Stewart
Darby Valley
Jake Boone
Jennifer Violette
Mike Fleck
Tom Perkins

Call to Order and Flag Salute

At 5:30 pm, Taylor Wilhour, the Chairman of the Board, welcomed the public, led the flag salute, and called the meeting to order.

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

1. Public Welcome



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Elect Presiding Officer (Election Conducted by Board Chair)

Budget Committee Chair

Budget Committee Action: Chairman Wilhour nominates Mike Fleck as the budget chair. Mike Fleck declined the nomination and deferred to Darby Valley. Darby, in turn, deferred to Jennifer Violette.

Chairman Wilhour questioned Jennifer Violette if she would accept the nomination, and she accepted.

Chairman Wilhour Called for a Vote; it was unanimous to elect Jennifer Violette as Chair of the South Lane SD Budget Committee for 2024-25.

Presentation of Budget Message – Assistant Superintendent – Brian McCasline

Overview of Budget Document –Celia Gowing

Review General Fund, Answer Questions
Review Special Revenue Funds, Answer Questions
Review Other Funds, Answer Questions

Budget Committee Procedures

Public Input
Member Input

Budget Committee Action:

Budget Committee Member Jake Boone Made the Motion

I move the South Lane School District 45J3 Budget Committee approve the proposed 2024-25 budget appropriations as outlined below in the aggregate amount of \$65,639,524

General Fund	\$40,535,602
Special Revenue Funds	15,493,003
Debt Service Funds	8,246,242
Capital Projects Funds	859,910
Enterprise Funds	404,407
Trust & Agency Funds	<u>100,360</u>
	<u>\$65,639,524</u>



And to approve imposition of the 2024-25 permanent property tax rate subject to the limitation of Measure 5 in the amount of \$4.7532 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes in the General Fund,

And to approve the imposition of a 2024-25 property tax levy for General Obligation Bonded Debt in the amount of \$3,303,750 which is excluded from the limitation of Measure 5.

With Budget Committee Member Darby Valley Seconding the Motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilhour called for a 10 minute break at 7:04 pm to dismiss the Budget Committee Members.

Regular Session – NO Public Comment

Reports/Discussion

Click the link above to view all Representative Reports in detail.

1. Interim Superintendent Hiring Process/Timeline

The board discussed the options for hiring an interim superintendent at this late stage in the year.

One of the options proposed was to enlist the assistance of the Oregon School Board Association in the hiring process. The OSBA offered to provide guidance and access to their list of candidates, albeit with hourly billing for their services. It was noted that the OSBA is prepared to move forward promptly, given their involvement in the process, but thus far, it has only been favored by some members. The board will run the process themselves and focus on hiring a firm next year when there is more time to focus on a FULL search. There was a discussion about looking internally initially due to the time.

Board Member Taddei motioned to declare a Superintendent Vacancy as of July 1, with Board Member Duerst-higgins seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.



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The Board delved into a detailed discussion on the Qualities and Qualifications (Q&Q) from previous searches in South Lane SD, comparing with policy CBA Qualification and Duties of the Superintendent. Edits were made to the Q&Q for further refinement before creating the survey.

The timeline was discussed to expedite the process:

June 3: The survey will be closed. Board Meeting to approve and accept input on the Q&Q and adopt. Adopt Timeline

June 10: Executive Session for interviews

Regular Session Appoint Board Leadership for contract negotiations. Potential Superintendent appointment

June 17: Approve Superintendent Contract

Upcoming Dates

- May 28, 2024, Budget Committee Meeting * If Necessary
- June 10, 2024, Budget Public Hearing/Board Regular Session Immediately Following

Adjournment

Chairman Wilhour adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Meeting minutes were prepared by Tonya Kerns, Secretary of the Board.

Taylor Wilhour, Board Chair

Brian McCasline, Acting Superintendent