



GUNNISON WATERSHED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fund 26 (2014 Mill Levy) Meeting minutes

December 8, 2020– 2:00 PM – via ZOOM

Committee: Marilyn Krill, Kelly Suddarth, LeeAnn Mick, Amy Rusby, Leslie Nichols, Tia Mills

Absent: Amy Rusby

2:00 Dr. Nichols welcomed all members and introduced Kelly Suddarth as the newest committee member

2:05 Discussion with committee members

1. FY20 - the fund balance grew by about \$375K, which was about \$325K more than expected. That was largely due to COVID - in that Summer Experience was reduced, there was less PD and travel and Delta vo-tech classes were reduced/halted resulting in less tuition payments. We also purposefully stopped technology purchases so we could assess a move to 1:1 technology (then COVID came and gave us federal funds to get us to 1:1!). We also couldn't purchase emergency radios in FY20 due to COVID supply chain issues, so that expense didn't happen - resulting in a larger than expected fund balance. We are ahead of the target inflationary fund balance by about \$800K.
2. FY21 - The Committee reviewed the adopted vs amended budget that will be presented to the Board in January. There are very few changes planned from the adopted budget, but due to the expense of radios in FY21 (Delayed from FY20), the budget reflects use of just under \$74K in fund balance. A review of Year-to-Date expenditures was provided and while the budget reflects a use of the fund balance, it is expected that by the end of the fiscal year, there will be spending surpluses that will offset the expected use of fund balance and the fund will likely end with a small surplus. Even with a small surplus, it is expected that the actual ending fund balance will be more in line with the target inflationary fund balance. This is largely due to the increase in expenditures in FY21 over the FY20 level. Due to General Fund shortages, some general fund personnel, maintenance, technology and curriculum expenses were moved into Fund 26 so as to avoid programmatic and personnel reductions. This amount of expenditure is not sustainable and must be looked at for FY22.
3. FY22 - A very preliminary overview of the budget picture was presented. All plans at this point in time are based on the Governor's November 1 budget submission to the legislature. This submission buys down the General Fund budget stabilization factor and creates resources in the general fund so that the technology and maintenance expenses transferred to Fund 26 can be moved back to the general fund. This will free up funds to increase the curriculum and personal services budgets. The State's December revenue forecast will provide some insight into the overall finances of the State and whether the Governor's budget submission can be maintained. More information will come next spring with the March revenue forecast that will give us a much better sense of the overall budget picture. Fund 26 works in partnership with Fund 10 (General Fund), so we need to look at the state of the General Fund to see related impacts on Fund 26.

3:00 Next meeting: February 23, 2020 2:00pm via ZOOM