



145 SE Salmon Avenue, Redmond, Oregon 97756 / P 541.693.5600 F 541.693.5601 www.hdesd.org

**Budget Committee Meeting
May 20, 2014**

Board Members: Bob Moore, Board Chair, Scott Reynolds, Vice-Chair, Directors John Lang, Carol Moorehead, Doug Nelson, Jenni Newby, Ron Radabaugh and Terry Rahmsdorff

Budget Committee: Scott Cooper, Crook County School District, Julie Craig, Bend-La Pine Schools, Brad Henry, Bend-La Pine Schools, Martha Hinman, Redmond School District, Mike McIntosh, Redmond School District, Kathy Steinert Redmond School District, Sandy Tartaglia, Sisters School District, Ron Wilkinson, Bend-La Pine Schools and Duane Yecha, Crook County School District

HDES D Staff: John Rexford, Superintendent, Paul Andrews, Deputy Superintendent, Shawna Bell, Business Analyst, Jayel Hayden, Human Resource Director, Greg Munn, Financial Services Director and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant

Call to Order: Budget Committee Chair Brad Henry called the meeting to order with a quorum at 5:30 pm

Introduction

Greg Colvin introduced Lauren Lester, Staff Attorney. She has been hired to fill John Witty's role when he retires in June. Greg gave a brief description of Lauren's legal experience. He is pleased to have her as she is a great addition to the legal team.

Approve Minutes from April 15, 2014 Budget Meeting

- **Ron Wilkinson moved and Doug Nelson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014 Budget Meeting. Motion carried 16-0**

Questions Regarding Budget Document

- Q. Explain the recent change in district ADMw counts due to changes in the state's poverty weighting calculation and how that might affect the allocation of funds in the local service plan.
- A. For 2014-15 budget year the state changed the way poverty is calculated in the State School Fund (SSF). The new method for estimating is based on many data sets and survey information and is considered more accurate and reflective of actual poverty levels for school districts.

There has been mixed impact on our districts from an overall funding decline of 0.2% in one district to an increase of 3.7% in another. While this potentially has a significant impact on school district SSF funding, it also has an impact on local service plan dollars allocated to districts through the ESD. Our local district's ADMw is the basis for dividing the 90% share of SSF to fund services in the local service plan.



Changes since Proposed Budget

General Fund Revenue

- ✓ Local revenue increase due to indirects
- ✓ Slight decrease in the SSF estimate
- ✓ A reduction in ESD Network Operation Center costs
- ✓ Adjustments in district LSP beginning fund balances based on evaluations of the current fiscal year
- ✓ Administrative support increased 1%

Local Service Plan

- ✓ Administrative and Support Services reduced by 4%
- ✓ Children with Special Needs reduced by 2%
- ✓ Technology increased by 6%
- ✓ School Improvement reduced by 5%

Special Revenue Fund

- ✓ Children with special needs increased by 1%
- ✓ School Improvement services

Kathy Steinert asked for an explanation of the 52% increase in transfers. Greg explained that number represents one district declining a proposed service, which resulted in a larger pass-through amount in their local service plan.

The Child Center will be closing. We had worked with our districts to back fill the gap but The Child Center decided not to continue their program in Central Oregon. The Long Term Care and Treatment contract is still in the budget, we are working on Plan C.

Opportunity for Citizen Participation

There was no Citizen Participation

Resolution 26-14 – Approving High Desert ESD Budget for 2014-2015

- **Terry Rahmsdorff moved and Ron Wilkinson seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 26-14 Approving the High Desert ESD Budget for 2014-2015. Motion carried 17-0**

Adjourn

The May 20, 2014 meeting of the High Desert ESD Budget Committee adjourned at 5:54 pm.

Brad Henry, HDESD Budget Committee Chair

Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant



145 SE Salmon Avenue, Redmond, Oregon 97756 / P 541.693.5600 F 541.693.5601 www.hdesd.org

Board of Directors Board Minutes May 20, 2014

Board Members Bob Moore, Board Chair, Scott Reynolds, Vice-Chair, Directors John Lang, Carol Moorehead, Doug Nelson, Jenni Newby, Ron Radabaugh and Terry Rahmsdorff

HDESD Staff John Rexford, Superintendent, Paul Andrews, Deputy Superintendent, Shawna Bell, Business Analyst, Greg Munn, Financial Services Director and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant

REGULAR SESSION

Regular Session was called to order at 6:00 pm.

The meeting recessed to Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Evaluation the Top Executive at 6:05 pm, and reconvened into Regular Session at 6:45 pm.

PRESENTATION AND REPORTS

Fiscal Report

Revenue and expenses are tracking right along. He is estimating the ending fund balance at \$812,954, slightly over the budgeted ending fund balance of \$750,000.

New State Standards Videos

Recently, John Lang had expressed some concerns about Common Core. Superintendent Rexford shared an informational video clip on Common Core from: www.commoncoreworks.org. Shelley will forward a link for an additional common core presentation by Yong Zhao for the board members to watch when they get the chance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Strategic Planning Update

Superintendent Rexford distributed a revised Strategic Priorities document based on feedback from the 190 survey responses. The next step was to brainstorm the internal and external threats and weaknesses. Those threats/weaknesses that rose to the top will be a focus of the organization. The committee is wrapping up their work, and a recommendation will be presented at the June meeting for the Board's endorsement.

Superintendent Report

- Achievement Compact (AC) Preliminary Recommendation – Superintendent Rexford explained we will not have the data until after August 28. He reviewed the recommendations for: Kindergarten Readiness, Support Access, Development of Early Learning Hub, District Shared and Regional Services, Support Trajectory Goals, Other Meaningful Measures, Regional Achievement Collaborative. Bob questioned having shared/regional services in the AC. Doug agreed that it could be removed. It could also be broadened by including subfinder, attorney services and other services. It would be best to show efficiencies in real dollars with a number that can be justified.

- School Support Task Force – The task force heard interesting input from consultants who work on school support formulas across the country. The task force is considering some modification in funding for high cost students. They are finding it doesn't matter how you allocate scarce resources. Superintendent Rexford would like them to include a statement advocating for additional funding for early childhood education.
- Facilities Committee – They have met and are currently looking at a facility in South Redmond. We are talking to possible partners right now. The board may be seeing a recommendation soon.
- OSBA Summer Board Conference is being held July 18-20, 2014, at the Bend Riverhouse. Please let Shelley know if you'd like to attend.
- Crook County ground breaking for Barnes Butte Elementary is scheduled for June 2nd at 4 pm. Bend La-Pine will be breaking ground on their new elementary on May 28th at 10 am. Superintendent Rexford encouraged board members to attend if they are able.
- Paul noted the AESA Conference will be in San Diego first week in December. He found it to be very valuable last year. It would be ideal to have John and a board member consider attending.

Board Chair Report

- The OAESD Conference last week. Bob asked those members who attended to report on anything they found informative.
 - ✓ There will be a legislative committee, and we made sure our recommendation for funding early childhood programs will be included on the platform.
 - ✓ Doug said Paul and Anna did a great job presenting on Better Together. He also attended a workshop on "Spending Time on What Works Best". This training covered what boards need to consider in order to foster a culture focused on student achievement. He thought it might be something we could offer to our districts.
 - ✓ Ron appreciated learning what other ESDs are doing. He joined the Eastern Promise roundtable and thought it was a good session.
 - ✓ John Lang attended a presentation on "A State-Wide ESD Approach to Task Development, Scoring, and Electronic Delivery" Tests can be taken electronically or in writing and language difference. A collaborative ESD approach in developing the system will ensure that Essential Skills Assessments remain a viable option for our students. They need \$50,000 to complete the computer program to help with the evaluation and tracking. John feels that is a small investment for this system.
 - ✓ Rob Saxton talked about where ESDs fit into the conversation: training substitutes, K-3 teachers, K teachers, early childhood. Bob asked if we are focused on getting kids proficient at 3rd how is this going to happen when funding is being cut on those kids that need help the most. Without groups pushing for these children, it won't happen.
 - ✓ Ron Radabaugh recalled the excellent presentation by the Oregon Teacher of the Year – Brett Bigham. Superintendent Rexford is pleased to have Brett Bigham talking at our all staff inservice in August.
- Bob said there will be a dinner meeting on June 19th with Betsy Miller-Jones from OSBA. This meeting will be for board chairs from all districts in the region.
- Doug Nelson attended the PACE Day. There were some great trainings on Boundaries between Teachers and Students and Concussion Management.
- Doug is serving on a task force as a representative of OSBA. They are tasked with recommending how districts and schools who are not showing adequate student achievement can be held accountable.
- OSBA Policy and Legislative Committee has included Early Childhood is on their legislative platform.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve 2014-2015 Board Meeting Calendar

Terry suggested the board consider holding the August meeting at Skyliner Lodge. Shelley will check and see if the Lodge is available.

- **Carol Moorehead moved and Ron Radabaugh seconded a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Motion carried 8-0**

Consent Agenda

- **Scott Reynolds moved and Carol Moorehead seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 8-0**

Adjourn

The May 20, 2014, High Desert Education Service District Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Bob Moore, Board Chair

Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant