



2017-2018 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 23, 2017 Budget Committee Workshop 101

The Gresham-Barlow School District Budget Committee met at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2017, in Room 220 of the Center for Advanced Learning, 1484 NW Civic Drive, Gresham, OR.

Members in attendance were: Matt O'Connell, John Hartsock, Rebecca Merchant, Nicholas Kemper, Kris Howatt, Amanda Gayken, and Darrell Buell. Members: Michael Deveney, Justin Weatherford, Michael Buck, Kent Zook, Kathy Ruthruff, Sharon Garner, and Carla Piluso were absent.

Guests: Jason Dugan and Danielle Currey.

The following central office administrators were present: Mike Schofield, Teresa Ketelsen, John Koch, Julie Evans, Elaine Fagan, James Hiu, Sara Huston, Lynne Hill, and Athena Vadnais.


School Board Vice-Chair Kris Howatt called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. Introductions were exchanged for the benefit of those new to the committee.

Chief Financial Officer, Mike Schofield, explained to the committee that 90 percent of the district's general fund recourses come from the State School Fund, which is comprised of several different components, but is primarily based on local property taxes, number of students, ELL/IEP/poverty, teacher experience, and transportation. He then explained how the district budgets its funds and what factors are taken into consideration when determining school and department allocations. Mr. Schofield shared how the district spends its money and the district's reserves compared to other districts of similar demographics. He then explained the roles and responsibilities of the budget committee. Mr. Schofield provided the committee with a 2016-17 financial update, his 2016-17 budget projections and assumptions, and anticipated changes between now and mid-May, that may impact the budget. Mr. Schofield concluded his presentation with future concerns, which included: PERS increased for 2017-19, bargaining with union groups, and upcoming bond projects.


Vice-Chair Howatt then opened the meeting up for questions. A question was asked if there was money in the turf account, since the bond passed. Mr. Schofield said that there was and the district's goal is to continue to grow the account for future replacement. A question was asked about the Supreme Courts ruling and reduction in federal funds. Mr. Schofield said that there will be significant reductions in Title 1 and Title 2A.

The first budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Partnership Room at CAL. School Board Vice-Chair Kris Howatt thanked those present for attending. Mrs. Howatt adjourned the work session at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Hobbs



Michelle Hobbs, Budget Committee Secretary



Date