



## 2017-2018 BUDGET COMMITTEE

### Minutes of May 22, 2017 Budget Committee Meeting #2

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The Gresham-Barlow School District Budget Committee met at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2017 in the Partnership Room of the Center for Advanced Learning, 1484 NW Civic Drive, Gresham, OR.

Members in attendance were: Kent Zook, Sharon Garner, Carla Piluso, John Hartsock, Michael Buck, Nicholas Kemper, Michael Deveney, Justin Weatherford, Darrell Buell, Kris Howatt, and Rebecca Merchant.

Members Amanda Gayken, Matt O'Connell, and Kathy Ruthruff were absent.

Guest: Jason Dugan

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

#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Budget Committee Chair, Michael Deveney, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., welcoming all present to the meeting.

Introductions were exchanged for the benefit of those in the audience. Board Vice-Chair, Kris Howatt, introduced incoming Superintendent Dr. Katrise Perera.

#### **APPROVE MAY 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved by Kris Howatt to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2017 Budget Committee meeting minutes as presented; Kent Zook seconded the motion. The motion to approve the May 11, 2017 minutes passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chair Deveney opened public testimony at 7:13 p.m. Chair Deveney read an email from community member, Danielle Currey, which expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the budget committee and district staff for the hard work and forward vision that the budget has been approached with.

#### **CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

There being no other public testimony Chair Deveney closed public testimony at 7:04 p.m.

## **COMMITTEE DELIBERATION**

Darrell Buell asked why the TAG budget was getting a 30 percent cut. Mr. Schofield responded that if you look back across to what the district has actually spent the last several years, the budget is more in line with what is being proposed in 2017-2018.

Justin Weatherford asked if the increase in resource room enrollment numbers and budget was correct. Mr. Schofield responded that the numbers are correct and there were increased costs by MESD.

Mr. Weatherford asked about the amounts budgeted in software and hardware across the district. Mr. Schofield responded that since the district does not have the rollout of the bond tech plan, schools were instructed to budget for it.

Justin Weatherford asked about the district's take on it currently operating as a holding company versus an operating company and possible changes. Mr. Schofield responded that it's something that the district can work towards and that he thinks the bond will help in working towards standardizing the district for efficiencies and cost savings

Rebecca Merchant expressed her concern with the district budgeting based on \$8.1 billion. She asked if the district had a draft budget if the state decides to fund schools at \$7.8 billion. Mr. Schofield responded that he has a list of things and the district will have to cut, which equates to about \$3 million, if the state funds schools at \$7.8 billion.

Rebecca Merchant asked if the district would touch the PERS reserve. Mr. Schofield responded that the district could, but he would not want to put it on the table, and would not be the first item looked at to cover budget shortfalls.

## **APPROVAL OF THE 2017-2018 BUDGET**

Chair Deveney called to approve the 2017-2018 budget.

Sharon Garner moved to approve the Gresham-Barlow School District Levy at the full permanent rate of \$4.5268. Kris Howatt seconded the motion; motion passed 11-0.

Kris Howatt moved to approve the 2017-2018 Debt Service Levy in the amount of \$16,833,080. Kent Zook seconded the motion; motion passed 11-0.

John Hartsock moved to approve the Gresham-Barlow School District 2017-2018 budget (all funds) in the amount of \$447,376,465. Kris Howatt seconded the motion; motion passed 11-0.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Superintendent Schlachter thanked everyone present for attending the meeting.

Chair Deveney thanked Superintendent Schlachter for his service to the district. She thanked Mike Schofield, Lynne Hill, and Michelle Hobbs for their time and support in preparing the budget.

Chair Deveney adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Hobbs, Budget Committee Secretary.

Note: These minutes were approved by the Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Directors on 06/08/17. Lyn