

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Seven Budget Committee members met in a work session on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

WELCOME – Bruce Smolnisky

Board Chair Zach Bessett called the Springfield Board of Education Budget Committee work session to order in the Board Room of the District Administration Center at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Budget Committee Members present were Board Chair Zach Bessett, Board Vice Chair Emilio Hernandez, Laurie Adams, Nancy Cameron, Michelle Webber, Ken Kohl, Steve Irvin.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Bruce Smolnisky, David Collins, Jenna McCulley, Brett Yancey, Sheryl Cramer, Brian Megert, Suzy Price, Jeff Michna, Judy Bowden, Don Lamb, Kim Donaghe, Whitney McKinley, Joan Bolls, Laura Pavlat, Gary Cole, Melissa Stalder, Brenda Holt, Chad Towe, Jonathan Gault and Kathy Savelich.

Bruce Smolnisky stated that this meeting was the final Budget Committee Work Session. Regular Budget Committee meetings would resume in May 2019.

Brett Yancey announced that there were no additional topics added to the meeting's agenda.

II. FINAL ENROLLMENT PROJECTS – BRENDA HOLT AND DAVID COLLINS

Ms. Holt shared slides and information pertaining to the current and projected enrollment for elementary, middle and high school levels stating that the current numbers reflected normal trends of past years. She also noted that next year's projections are predominantly flat. Ms. Holt and Mr. Collins answered questions posed by board members.

III. BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS FOR 2019-10 – BRETT YANCEY

Mr. Yancey presented the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget Assumptions as follows:

- Year 2 Provisions – OSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Competitive, affordable allocation for SEA Collective Bargaining and SAAC Confer/Consult
- 3.5% PERS rate increase
- Staffing levels “rolled over” from current year budget
- 10% increase in Co-Curricular budget support
- 5% increase in Property/Auto Liability insurance
- 5% increase in utility cost increases
- Same allocation in discretionary, supply budgets (adjusted for enrollment)
- \$100,000 decrease in Voluntary Early Retirement (VER) contribution
- \$1 million continued contribution to curriculum materials/textbook purchases

IV. GOVERNOR’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET & CO-CHAIR’S BUDGET – BRETT YANCEY

Mr. Yancey went through the comparison of the Governor’s Recommended Budget (GRB) vs Co-Chair’s Budget explaining the differences of the Revenue and Expenditures looking at the Springfield SD Adopted 2018-19, GRB, and Co-Chair’s Proposed Budgets.

V. THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL AUXILLIARY GYM UPDATE – BRETT YANCEY

Mr. Yancey described the damage done to the Thurston High School Auxiliary Gymnasium by the recent snow storms and shared the processes needed for its repair/rebuild.

- Insurance claim files - \$25,000 deductible
- Replacement of “Like, Kind & Quality” compared to original structure (based on blueprints)
- 25% of total value allocated for code required upgrades
- John Hyland Construction, Branch Engineering selected
- Architect selection in process
- Insurance adjuster and independent estimator establishing proposal for value of building

VI. QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS/REQUESTS – BRETT YANCEY

Mr. Yancey opened the discussion up and answered questions from the Board.

Laurie Adams took the opportunity to welcome Mr. Smolinsky back from his time away.

Mr. Smolinsky stated that during and since the disaster he was pleased with the way the students’ safety came first in all decisions made, how well communication flowed into the community and to students’ families. He gave lots of praise to all those involved.

The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Bessett adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.