

Skamania School District #2

Board Workshop

Minutes

March 14, 2024

6:00pm-8:30pm

Mrs. London's Room

Angus Anderson, Lisa Young, Milt Dennison, Donald Collins, Cynthia Dominik Medlin,
Martin (Rowdy) LaFevers

Staff: Katie Chavarria, Amber Warren and Heather Whitman

Visitors:

Audriane(Franki) Shipman-Kardinal

Call to Order

Chairman Donald Collins called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Flag Salute

Changes or Additions to the agenda

There were no changes or additions to the agenda

Status Update 23-24 Budget - Charles Hole

Mr. Hole provided an update on the budget status for the 2023–2024 academic year. The ending fund balance was the first subject discussed. Mr. Hole disclosed the anticipated state of Skamania School District at the close of the fiscal year which appears to be on track.

Next, Mr. Hole gave an explanation of how payroll operates from September through August when it is in alignment. Members of the board questioned when the money comes in and goes out.

Mr. Hole informed the board that a policy was implemented stipulating a minimum fund balance of 20% of all expenses. The optimum ending fund balance goal of 356,000 for upcoming years would be beneficial in the decision-making process.

The ridership numbers from the fall and winter of the 23–24 school year made previous year's boost in the transportation budget stand out. Due to COVID, expenses were higher in previous years. However, this school year, revenue has increased to a balance of \$126,000. This will be sufficient to pay anticipated expenses. Recently, there has been discussion about the possibility of using the money to buy sources of transportation other than yellow buses. Nevertheless, money allocated for transportation cannot be utilized for any other reason once it is there. Up until April, federal forest funding is still uncertain. However, this amount has previously exceeded the estimate. Mr. Hole disclosed.

The payroll will fluctuate as a result of grants. Prorated compensation for the whole 12-month calendar year is in place for the great majority of employees. Timesheets are one month behind schedule. Because there isn't any overtime for staff members in August, there are typically \$10,000 less dividends.

In recent news from the legislature there will be additional funding for both paraprofessionals and school office staff.

Apportionment is made on a monthly basis and is subject to variation. Mr. Hole did reveal that having a solid fund balance makes it easier to pay for the less allocated months. Records show that the December payroll is authorized prior to the release of the apportionment.

Budget Projection 24-25 Budget - Charles Hole

The legislative session adjourned on time. For employees who receive state funding, the state will raise salaries by 3.7%. The budget for 24–25 enrollment increases kindergarten through eighth grade. There would not be a whole teacher produced by the kindergarten basic educational model.

BEA - Basic Education

Program 01 and Program 97 are both funded through apportionment

LAP- Learning Assistance Program and Title 1

SRSA - Rural School Funding

Education adjustments are in place due to highly experienced teachers. 4% originally implemented and then phased down to 2% .

Professional Development Days: Five district paid days per diem will cost the district \$4,000 a day. The state will cover three of the professional development days and prototypically they should be offered to teaching staff.

Board Member Questions and Discussion

Is the funding available for the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD)? According to Mr. Hole, the district will choose how to divide up the funds among the employees that receive a fair amount of funding.

The amount of administration revenue that goes toward salaries is 41.3k. IPD increased salaries and stipends by 94K, using 52.6K in levies.

Mr. Hole disclosed that all of the levy funds have been utilized for the 23-24 school year. It was revealed that all of the levy funds allotted for this school year will be used in response to the Board's question about whether any would remain. About the levy capacity, an additional question was raised. According to Mr. Hole, the budgeted amount for capacity was 242k.

Close Workshop

The work shop closed at 6:58pm

Executive Session (RCW 42.30.110)

To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:15 PM and set a 30 minute time frame.

Adjourn the Executive Session

At 7:35 PM, the Board ended the Executive Session and reconvened in Public Session.

Reopen Meeting into Public Session

During the Public Session the Board discussed next steps in moving forward with budget development.

Board Comments and Questions

Upcoming Dates

St. Patrick's Day PotLuck and Game Night 5:30 pm-7:00 pm - March 18th

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting 6:30 pm - March 25th

At 7:53 PM Lisa Young moved that the meeting should be adjourned with Angus Anderson seconded. Motion was approved unanimously

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____