

Clatskanie School District 6J
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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

May 24, 2021, 5:30 pm via Zoom and in person at the Old Middle School Gym, 660 SW Bryant St
(see our main page at www.csd.k12.or.us for instructions on joining the meeting via Zoom)

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Board members present: Megan Evenson-Board Chair, Kara Harris-Vice Chair & Budget Committee Chair, Ian Wiggins, Kathy Engel-Vice Budget Committee Chair, Katherine Willis
Budget members present: Margaret Magruder
Budget members absent: Cyndi Warren, Courtney Davis
Admin Team present: Cathy Hurowits-Superintendent, Mark Bergthold-Business Manager, Jim Helmen-Director Student Support and Innovation, Tami Burgher-Board Secretary, Sheila Roley-CMHS Interim Principal, Kara Burghardt-CES Principal
Guests: Jeff Williamson, Dawn Warren

- I. CALL TO ORDER (Budget Committee Chair K. Harris): 5:35 pm
 - A. Flag Salute
 - B. Agenda Review
 - C. Approve Agenda

A motion was made to approve the budget agenda.

K. Engel/M. Magruder - UNANIMOUS

- II. BUDGET COMMITTEE QUESTIONS/DELIBERATION (Budget Committee Chair K. Harris): K. Harris asked for any questions on the budget. K. Engel began with multiple questions regarding page 6. Most of the questions had to do with the different funds and how the proposed amounts were figured and/or why there were large differences in balances from previous years. These include: IDEA grant, Title I, Forestry, Measure 98, CES Auction, Chronic Absenteeism, Strategic Investment Fund, Child Nutrition, Kleger Scholarship Fund, Medicaid Admin Claim, Food Services. Most of the time he based the proposed amounts on previous years balances or whether money was spent out of that fund or not. Some funds have just been moved to another number per state requirements. Also, since the 19-20 school year is not completed, no carryover balances are shown at this time. She also asked about the \$100,000 contingency fund she was unable to locate. M. Bergthold is looking into it. There was a discussion regarding the moving of some employees salaries and benefits to the grant funds (ESSER) we have received. K. Harris asked about the Talented and Gifted budget, how those funds are used and why it is so little. M. Evenson asked about the library budget and feels there should be more than \$500 in it. M. Magruder asked about PERS and how the rate appears to have gone down for the district, but went up for the county. M. Bergthold will look into the numbers and confirm they are correct before the next budget meeting and he will send out to the committee the documentation he received from the state. There was a discussion about ESSER money and how the legislature wants districts to backfill the shortfall with those federal funds. ESSER funding is covid related money you can spend for the next three years. C. Hurowitz does not want to do that, she wants to use the money as intended. The district had wanted to hire two instructional coaches, but due to this backfilling issue, that has been put on hold. We will continue with the hiring of the two elementary teachers. I. Wiggins does not have any questions at this time. J. Williamson asked about the E-Rate proposed amount, he is thinking it should be a little higher. It was an estimation. S. Roley doesn't have any questions. She had requested that M. Bergthold put aside \$150 for each teacher to buy general supplies for their classroom. There were brief discussions about the Medicaid Admin Claims funds and Special Education funds and how they work. K. Engel asked about the Strategic Investment Program Fund, it appears that the formula is not calculating correctly for the totals on page 59. M. Bergthold will go back and check that in the software program. She also is wondering if next year's budget could be simpler, and not give all of the funds by object, it gets very complicated. Yes, that is possible, though all of the budgets in Oregon are similar. We will shoot for that next year. There is one complication, because our budget meeting was pushed back a week, that

means we will not be able to get the published budget into the paper in time for the June 14th meeting, as it must be published two weeks before the board meeting. That means we will have to have a special meeting to pass the budget, but we can do that via Zoom. C. Hurowitz discussed ESSER money and how the district is hoping to spend it. It was supposed to address learning loss, high quality assessments, evidence based activities, school facilities repair and improvements, mechanical, heating, air, ventilation, etc. If the district backfills with ESSER money, the district will come to a cliff in two years. The state revenue forecast is amazing, so all are wondering why they can't fully fund schools where they need to be. They aren't asking for extra, so districts could then use their SIF and ESSER money as it was intended.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Budget Committee Chair K. Harris): None

This is the time for citizens to address the Board. All speakers should state their name prior to speaking. Speakers are asked to write their name, address, phone number and topic to be addressed on the registration card. Speaking time is limited to three minutes per speaker. Speakers may offer objective criticism of district operation and programs, but the Board will not hear any complaints concerning specific District personnel. The Chair will direct the visitor to the appropriate means for Board consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving individuals. The right to address the Board does not exempt the speaker from any potential liability for defamation.

IV. NEXT STEPS (Business Manager M. Bergthold)

A. Approve Budget or Next Budget meeting: June 7, 2021: We will have the June 7th meeting.

V. ADJOURN MEETING (Budget Committee Chair K. Harris): 7:11 pm