

Budget Committee Meeting 2014-15 MINUTES

Monday, May 19, 2014 6:00 pm

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: **CHAIRPERSON:**

POSITION #	BOARD MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES
1	Brandy McCarty	2017 <u>X</u>	Ron Ranger	2014 <u> </u>
2	Jessica Campbell	2015 <u>X</u>	Shelly Murstig	2016 <u>X</u>
3	Lloyd Ferge	2015 <u>X</u>	Chris Zita	2016 <u>X</u>
4	Eric Volger	2017 <u>X</u>	Chad Ray	2014 <u> </u>
5	Carol Reese	2017 <u>X</u>	Marti Skillman	2014 <u>ex</u>
6	Delbert Gehrke	2015 <u>X</u>	Lucas Wagner	2014 <u>X</u>
7	Robert Rose	2017 <u> </u>	Jennifer Cox	2016 <u>X</u>

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymon Smith X Linda Muller X Jake Bacon X

WELCOME GUESTS: Present:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 15 minutes for community testimony.

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CALL TO ORDER: AT 6:04 pm

PROPOSED MOTION: Eric Volger moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014, budget meeting. Brandy McCarty seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

I. BUDGET BALANCING STRATEGIES: Raymon Smith

Mr. Smith reviewed the 5-yr general fund balances. Revenue vs. Expense for 2014-15 are deficit at \$29K due to necessary upgrades in technology. The District server is dying. We are having major tech malfunctions. Our wireless technology needs to be upgraded as well. HS has only 35 iPads for all HS use. Laptops in HS are all dead. The iPads are the only tech working for all of high. Budget includes purchasing 40-50 Chromebooks in the JHHS. This will require the upgrades to technology to facilitate those additions.

We have remained ahead of projections for ending fund balance and project into the future a positive fund balance.

We are still waiting to hear results of the PERS lawsuit, so want to maintain balance if the case is lost, then benefit % will increase and will be retroactive to 2013.

Overall the district is on solid financial ground.

- Budget changes since first meeting include: Updated the newly hired teachers on salary schedule,
- CTE Supplies for green house and welding supplies. Those programs are continuing to grow.

- Curriculum stipend is \$300/teacher to update the curriculum for smarter balance.
- Principal contract increase
- Technology increases, \$25,000 for upgrades.
- The preschool \$160,000 increase to cover the grant income \$100,000 from GOHBI and other state and local agencies for preschool start-up. Hale Farms is interested in helping also.

II. APPROVE BUDGET 2014-2015:

PROPOSED MOTION: Lucas Wagner moved to approve the Echo School District 5R fiscal year 2014-2015 budget at the tax rate of \$4.6747 per thousand of assessed value with a budget authorization of \$3,528,971 for general fund operations, \$935,323 for special funds, and \$866,365 in Debt Service for a total budget of \$5,330,659. Jennifer Cox seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 10-0

*Process for presenting the approved budget to the public. Each residence in the district will receive a copy of the required budget forms in their personal mail. A notice of said mailing will be published in the newspaper. The formal public hearing will be held on June 16, 2014, just prior to the regular school board meeting. The board would then take official action to adopt the budget.

Budget Hearing Monday, June 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

V. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Lloyd Ferge moved to adjourn this budget committee meeting at 6:42 p.m. Shelly Murstig seconded the motion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 10-0