



Greater Albany Public School District 8J
718 Seventh Avenue SW
Albany, Oregon 97321-2399
Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

Budget Committee Meeting

November 1, 2010

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Budget Committee Chair Doug Marteeny called the November 1, 2010, Budget Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were:

Doug Marteeny	Budget Committee Chair	
Liisa Reid	Board Chair	
John Ewing	Budget Committee Member	(arrived at 7:24 p.m.)
Sandi Gordon	Budget Committee Member	
Julie Jones	Budget Committee Member	
Bill O'Bryan	Budget Committee Member	
Lyle Utt	Budget Committee Member	
Maria Delapoer	Superintendent	
Russell Allen	Director of Business and Operations	
Randy Lary	Director of Human Resources	
Nancy Hall	Controller	

Budget Committee Member Jerry Boehme and Assistant Superintendent Steve Kunke made previous arrangements to be absent from the meeting. A list of others present at the meeting is attached to the original minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Marteeny led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET COMMITTEE OPERATIONAL TASKS

- Mr. Marteeny asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the minutes from the October 20, 2010 Budget Committee Meeting. He asked if there were any amendments or changes needed. Committee Member Lyle Utt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Marteeny asked for discussion. There was none. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- Mr. Marteeny recognized Mr. Allen to address the Committee. Mr. Allen quickly went through the items that were sent out in the packet for those present. He requested that the Committee disregard the page with presentation dates as there was a revised one at each Committee Members place. He also mentioned that there was a copy of the most recent District Accountability Plan and a page showing secondary class sizes at their places. Mr. Allen shared that there was an updated version of staff meeting dates for the committee

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which starts this Wednesday at West Albany High School. These meetings are planned through December 6. Director of Human Resources Randy Lary added that he believed everyone was on the list, however he was waiting for confirmation on a couple of schools. He stated that there is 100% participation from the schools for these presentations.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Marteeny asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

Budget Committee Goals and the District Accountability Plan

Mr. Marteeny then asked for specific information to discuss and implement the Budget Committee Goals and the District Accountability Plan. Board Chair Liisa Reid began by stating that she was disappointed that Mr. Summers not present because she wanted to discuss the difference between the Budget Committee Goals and District Accountability Plan because she knew this was an issue for him. Extended discussion ensued regarding the District's past Goals and Operational Considerations and how they might be combined or covered in the District Accountability Plan.

Mr. Ewing arrived at 7:24 p.m.

Discussions on class size versus PLC (Professional Learning Communities) ensued. Mr. Marteeny stated that as a parent of children in elementary school he had concern for the class sizes and stated that he hated to abandon the goal of class size. Ms. Reid responded that it would not abandon it as a measure of progress but she believed that the PLC methodology will give more mileage than just working toward smaller class sizes. Ms. Gordon commented that she had met with Principal Frank Caropelo at Waverly and within their PLCs, teachers have been working well together to identify and get students to a level of proficiency. It is a program of individual progress, child by child. Ms. Gordon shared that Waverly has a very large math class that breaks up into small groups and rotate between four different classes along with before and after school help. She added that they have interpreters come to help parents help their kids with homework.

Ms. Reid commented that the Board has already been on a journey with PLCs and the Budget Committee has not. She wants to advocate bringing them up to speed on the information the Board already has. She requested that booklets and articles be shared with the Budget committee on the background of PLCs. Mr. O'Bryan also asked that the Budget Committee also receive the PLC reports along with the Board.

Mr. Marteeny proposed that the group go through the star on the Budget Committee Goals and Operational Tasks to see if it was covered in the Accountability Plan. Discussion ensued. Mr. Marteeny commented that he wanted to be sure that children don't get shoved to the side. It was discussed that Class size be moved from the Budget Committee Guidelines goals page to the Budget Committee Operational Considerations so it was visible. Ms. Jones asked how soon the Accountability plan was to be completed. Ms. Reid stated that the Board is close to getting it ratified. The Board is at a point of fully reviewing the document and is really close to having it done. More discussion ensued. It was again suggested to review the Accountability plan to see where the Budget Committee Guidelines and

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Goals are captured in the document and give a reference that this was a budget committee goal or consideration. It was agreed that this could be an annual thing to do. Ms. Delapoer suggested pulling the Facilities statement out of the Budget Committee Goals page and put it into the Accountability plan under G3. It was also discussed to replace the Bond Funded Projects (Goal 3, M10) portion in the Accountability Plan with the Additional Budget Operational Considerations. If this is accomplished, there will be one document rather than three.

Specific Action Items for Budget Committee Members around the District Accountability Plan

Mr. Marteeny asked what the Budget Committee could do to help with the District Accountability Plan. Mr. O'Bryan responded that the Budget Committee members can be part of the liaison list to help engage community members and keep the public educated and updated as to what is happening in the District. Ms. Gordon commented that the Board was looking into putting an internal audit committee together and it would be nice if someone from the Budget Committee would like to be part of it. Mr. Marteeny commented that it would be a good idea to have individuals rotate through the committee so it wasn't a long-term commitment for any one individual. Mr. Utt stated that he was interested in being part of that committee. Ms. Reid commented that Mr. Boehme was working at putting together a proposal. She also commented that per public meeting laws, there can't be more than two Board members present at a meeting without it being a formal Board meeting. Mr. Allen shared that while an internal audit committee is currently being formulated, it will not be a budget oversight or reviewing budget expenditures, but it will be reviewing budget controls and the district's internal controls document to be sure the district is meeting the rules. Ms. Reid commented that it may not be just for financial measures but also other possibilities like insurance. Mr. Allen commented that this committee could work with staff and if a concern surfaces, they would go back to the Board to possibly help with recommendations for board policies.

Ms. Delapoer asked if there were any names from the Budget committee that could be added to the liaison list at this time. Mr. Marteeny stated that he would be a liaison with the Albany Police Department. Mr. Utt stated that he had connections with the Grange Halls in Tangent, Millersburg, and Fairmount and would ask them if they would want to participate in a Budget 101 informational meeting. Mr. Marteeny stated that he was on the Linn-Benton Bar Association and will contact them as well. Ms. Jones said that she had a connection with the City of Albany Human Relations Commission and some PTC groups. Mr. Ewing stated that he had worked with the In-Reach Clinic and to put his name with them. Ms. Gordon stated that she wanted to volunteer Will Summers for the Albany Schools Foundation since he was serving as President at this time. She also stated that she was looking for a position on the Revitalization Board and Ms. Reid stated that she had a link to the Planning commission.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Marteeny asked if there were any questions from the public. There were none.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Mr. Marteeny asked about the meeting scheduled for November 17. Ms. Reid commented that there was a Board work session that evening. Mr. Allen commented that the question was as to whether the Budget Committee felt it needed to schedule another meeting this fall. There were no comments. Mr. Marteeny asked if there needed to be one for a legal standpoint. Mr. Allen replied that the fall meetings are basically

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extra credit and not required. Mr. O'Bryan commented that once information is received from PLC the Budget Committee and the Board could have a work session if the Budget Committee desired to do so. It was determined that the information from the PLC would be forwarded to the whole Committee when available and a meeting could be set up at that point if it was felt necessary.

Mr. Marteeny asked if there were any requests for information. There were none.

ADJOURN

Mr. Marteeny adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Doug Marteeny, Committee Chair

Recorded by Kathie Caldwell-Sullivan