



# Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021

7:00 p.m.

*The entire Budget Committee meeting can be viewed by clicking on this link: [https://albany-k12-or-us.zoom.us/rec/share/FCMeDjXcZ2SIjK6b1xRetGLlbfCc11RSByolOLfiuUCwTo\\_7dvfgGcw9Us-qJc.g5vS08Ei8hLxSvSn](https://albany-k12-or-us.zoom.us/rec/share/FCMeDjXcZ2SIjK6b1xRetGLlbfCc11RSByolOLfiuUCwTo_7dvfgGcw9Us-qJc.g5vS08Ei8hLxSvSn)*

## ***CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

Budget Committee Chair Chris Norman called the April 28, 2021, Budget Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

Mr. Norman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Norman	Budget Committee Chair	Present
Jennifer Ward	School Board Member	Present
Eric Aguinaga	Budget Committee Member	Present
Kim Butzner	Budget Committee Member	Present
Heather Carmichael	Budget Committee Member	Present
Seth Christensen	Budget Committee Member	Present
Ben Watts	Budget Committee Member	Present
Jake Gabell	Budget Committee Member	Present
Michael Thompson	Budget Committee Member	Present
Justin Roach	Budget Committee Member	Present
Melissa Goff	Superintendent	Present
Lisa Harlan	Assistant Superintendent	Present
Jim Scherzinger	Interim Director of Business	Present
Ashley Netzel	Controller	Present
Russell Buttram	Executive Director of Operations	Present
Randy Lary	Director of Human Resources	Present
Jennifer Sullivan	Assistant to the Executive Director of Operations	Present
Andrew Tomsy	Communications Director	Present

## ***BUDGET COMMITTEE OPERATIONAL TASKS***

There were no minutes submitted for approval. November minutes were promised at the next meeting.

Russ Buttram requested a Budget Committee Chair be nominated. Seth Christensen nominated Chris Norman to continue as the Budget Committee Chair.

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Russ Buttram asked that the committee review proposed dates to the Budget Committee Meeting calendar that required changes due to scheduling conflicts (proposed calendar attached). Motion to approve the new dates by Jennifer Ward, seconded by Seth Christensen, and it was approved unanimously.

Chris Norman introduced Superintendent Goff who read the Budget Message (available at this link <https://albany.k12.or.us/media/2021/04/Budget-Message.pdf>) into the record. Discussion ensued. Heather Carmichael expressed her excitement over the excitement over the budget this year. Superintendent Goff explained that there will be more room for Comprehensive Distance Learning as well as Albany Online as options for students in the future.

Chris Norman introduced Interim Director of Business Jim Scherzinger who provided the Financial Update and presentation of budget highlights to the committee (presentation attached). Jim explained that the budget may look similar to past budgets, but it was built differently using a comprehensive computer program that allows for deeper scrutiny. Discussion ensued.

Chris Norman opened it up for any additional questions, there were none.

There were no comments from the public.

Discussion about how the budget will be impacted due to ESSER, staffing, comprehensive distance learning, and Albany Online ensued.

Eric Aguinaga mentioned that legislators were discussing changing the three percent cap to students who leave public school for charter schools. Lisa Harlan said that she does not believe that GAPS would be impacted by that as GAPS offers two distance learning options to students.

Superintendent Goff invited the Budget Committee to attend a student forum with students, board members, and the superintendent to allow them to listen to what concerns and questions students voice.

Superintendent Goff invited Budget Committee members to attend the upcoming parent forums on Tuesday, May 11 starting at 6:00pm.

Russ Buttram asked that any questions be emailed to Jim Scherzinger and himself to review so they can provide the answers at the next Budget Committee Meeting.

The next Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

## ***ADJOURN***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Approved by Chris Norman, Budget Committee Chair

Recorded by: Jennifer Sullivan