

ALSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT 7J
Budget Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

1. Call to Order, Flag Salute - 1805

2. Roll Call

Budget Committee: Kimberly Lanning, Joni Olsen, Jamie Olsen, Sara Cash, Terry Lunsford

Budget Committee Absent: None

Board Members: Linda Montanez, Deb Lindberg, Risteen Follett, Soren Rounds, Ryan VanLeuven

Board Members Absent: None

Staff: Sean Gallagher, LaRae Sullivan, Lora Nickle

Patrons: Naomi Shadwick (ADHOC)

Online attendees: Eric Clendenin, Aimee Hart, Cheryl Doe, Heather Shunk, Holly Olsen, Kari VanLeuven, Shirley/Ron Koetz, George/Tracy Foster, Tim France, Cheryl VanLeuven, Bart Rothenberger

3. **Approval of Agenda** – Deb Lindberg motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Jamie Olsen seconded. All in favor, motion unanimously approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – May 19, 2022, approved with the correction of Terry Lunsford's name. Jamie Olsen motioned to approve. Deb Lindberg seconded. All in favor, motion unanimously approved. The approval of the April 25, 2023, minutes were tabled until the May 9, 2023, meeting. Amendments need to be made.
5. **Superintendent's Message** – Sean Gallagher

One of the questions that was posed is what is our education plan? There are a few different ways to answer that. One is to go to the Alsea website, go to District Office drop down menu and select 'Align for Student Success'. This is the new project that ODE facilitating per legislative orders in terms of redoing the entire Student Improvement process. This is to be able to be more 'all inclusive'. It has been submitted to ODE and is currently being reviewed. There were 40 questions that needed to be answered and are required to be posted to our district webpage. That was step one of a five-year process. Summary: focus areas to ensure student success include attendance, state assessments, increased graduation support for all students, 9th grade on track data. Increase CTE opportunities with offering Forestry and other programs just to name a few.

Eric Clendenin presented recommendations for how to make the MS/HS next year work with the staffing conditions presented this year. Looking at licensure and repetition of licenses. One core teacher for each core subject, Math, English, Science, Social Studies, CTE, Forestry and the possibilities of starting and AG program. Creating strong courses of study for our student culture needs. An impressive package has been put together by David Crowe for the next four years. The same with the AG program. The closest FFA chapter is Junction City and Lebanon. Philomath, Waldport, and Monroe do not offer the programs that we want to offer. Thus, attracting new students to Alsea. Posting positions to hire seems odd when we are making cuts, but it is within the budget to be able to do so. Our goal is to provide as well rounded of an education experience that we can. We will need to be creative with advertising to let parents know what we have to offer. We are starting to reach out now because it is important for the Budget committee to know that the Learn at Home Oregon enrollment has finally dipped below the building enrollment allowing us to open up and let students who want to attend in person can register.

Deb Lindberg asked what is there a backup plan for an AG teacher if we don't find one. Eric let her know that he already has two applicants.

We won't know for sure about an art program for next year. As the RIF process works its way out, we will have a better idea. Mr. Gallagher said that one of the biggest things he has heard from both the community and the student body is the desire to have Art as an offering. Outside of music at the elementary levels offered by Mary O'Brien we do not have a means to offer music to older students.

Deb Lindberg wants to know if we have a plan to get students back on track to start entering a 4-year college plan? Eric said that students and parents will create their own plans. We can only open the doors to the idea. Our job is to encourage students, prepare them for their future path whatever that may look like. Community college, 4-year university, trade programs or military. We do not want to dictate what their success looks like. Mr. Gallagher says that career counseling needs to be reintroduced and it needs to start around the fifth grade. How do we re-engage students into thinking about their career choices.

6. Budget clarification: LaRae Sullivan

- a. Integrated Grants budget is on the Alsea website. There is a link in the presentation that shows the actual budget that was submitted for the integrated grants. There are four grants: there was enough put into the Grants, SIA Grant proposed \$755k, HS success is about \$158k. Your budget documents will show where the appropriate budget items are placed that are covered by grant money.
- b. The 23-24 adopted budget on the website. Comments; question about some end value actuals. These were not on the adopted budget. There were errors that have been corrected / not on this year's budget.
- c. Terry Lunsford commented on the previous budgets. Look at last year's budget, she understands that you are trying to summarize. But she does not feel comfortable voting on something that is not broken out understandably. The budget is done in 'rolled' format. It is missing details such as breakout of PERS, materials, supplies. LaRae said that she can reprint the budget documents with those breakdowns so that it is easier for the committee to see the details.
- d. Larae continued to answer the questions that had been sent to her to answer. Larae part of the 22-23 on the old document. Resolution to the adopted budget has been modified with resolutions that have been presented to the board and approved by the School Board.


The recommendation was to recess the budget meeting to allow LaRae to rerun the 2023-24 budget documents to reflect the breakdown of expenditures in each area. The next meeting will be May 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM

7. Meeting recessed at - 2034

As recorded by,

Lora Nickle

Board Chair:



Risteen Follett

Clerk:



Sean Gallagher