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**PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Monday June 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Pleasant Hill Community Center**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Committee meeting of the Pleasant Hill School Board was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Gary Shearer. Other Budget Committee members in attendance were Curt Offenbacher, John Oldham, Barbara Orre, Jeff Bernardo, Chuck Spies, Jessica Crawford, and Jennifer Robbins. Erik Geyer was absent (excused).

Staff in attendance were Superintendent Scott Linenberger, Business Manager Sheri Longobardo, Elementary School Principal Devery Stoneberg, High School Principal Randy Fisher, Special Education Director Lisa Taylor, and Board Secretary Rita Grimes.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Approve May 21, 2018 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes (**Exhibit 1718.125**)

Mr. Shearer asked for a motion to approve the May 21, 2018 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes. Ms. Crawford noted that she was referred to in the Minutes as Jessica Weaver. She asked for that to be corrected. Elementary school principal Devery Stoneberg asked that her answer to a question relating to class sizes if an elementary position is eliminated be changed from 22-23 students per class to 22-27 students per class.

Chuck Spies moved to approve the Budget Committee Minutes of May 21, 2018 with the proposed amendments. Jessica Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9:0.

3.0 BUDGET DISCUSSION

3.1 Receive Responses to Questions Submitted by Budget Members

Business Manager Sheri Longobardo and Mr. Linenberger provided a handout with the responses to questions received via email from Budget Committee members. The Budget Committee reviewed the responses. *See attached.*

3.2 Discussion

The committee asked how the district ended up with two bonds in the amount of \$13,000,000 and \$9,000,000. Ms. Longobardo responded that, in 2014, it was more advantageous, financially, to set them up as two bonds rather than one.

There was considerable discussion about the proposed 2 FTE cuts. Suggestions included reducing the Ending Fund Balance by 2.5% and fully funding the FTE in the General Fund

as well as moving more from the Ending Fund Balance to the Contingency Fund so that the Board could use that money without having to reconvene the Budget Committee.

Ms. Longobardo pointed out that PERS is expected to increase operating expenses between \$300,000 and \$500,000 in the next biennium.

3.3 Additional Questions and Answers

The committee asked the following questions:

- What is the difference between Attachment 1 PHSD Enrollment and Attachment 5 Elementary Grades in FTE? *Ms. Stoneberg explained that Attachment 1 is her projected population come Fall 2018 based on the current class of 6th graders moving on to middle school and a projected class of 62 kindergarteners.*

Mr. Fisher said he would have class size information for the middle and high schools after the first week of school.

- What is the General Fund High School Extra-Curricular line item #389 “HS Budget for Other Non-Instructional Professional and Technical in the amount of \$22,000? *Ms. Longobardo explained that the cost of hiring officials for sporting events had, in previous years, been assigned to the wrong account and that the funds were moved into the 389 account.*

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Drew Gottfried, parent, said he had two children in the district and thanked the budget committee for their work, acknowledging its difficulty. He asked who Ms. Longobardo communicates with before budget planning begins. *Ms. Longobardo replied that she rolls the ending fund balance forward, looks at actual expenditures and begins projecting for the next year. Mr. Linenberger consulted with the principals after discovering there was a budget shortfall in order to find out where they thought they might decrease staff.*
- Andy Jenness, a grandparent, asked about class sizes and what changes cutting two FTE would make. *Ms. Stoneberg answered that it would depend upon what cuts were made but that some class sizes might be about 30. Mr. Jenness noted that the projected elementary school size is 417 students and asked what number was used in the budgeting process. He also asked if the money in the budget for facility upgrades was earmarked for projects. Ms. Longobardo stated that she used an elementary population of 429. She explained that there were two projects – reroofing the high school and the elementary school to library connector – to be done this summer that had to be budgeted into the 2018-19 year. Other projects in the works that are not encumbered are repairing part of the elementary school roof and work on the music room and the library room.*
- Third grade teacher Laura Gerick expressed her concern about class sizes of 25 or more in the elementary school.
- Parent Kelsey Melvin also expressed her concern about bigger class sizes in the elementary school.
- High school PE Teacher Sue Doe cautioned the Committee that if the middle/ high school PE teacher position is not filled, other high school teachers will be pulled in to teach which will have a trickle-down effect on all the departments.

- Sherry Bryson, Pleasant Hill Education Foundation Chair, asked about the middle school and high PE census. *Mr. Fisher replied that there are about 40 students in each middle school class and high school classes could have as many as 15 to 35 students or as few as eight. He said he had some flexibility to cover PE classes next year which did not include pulling from other sections or increasing class size, although there will be a reduction in the number of weight classes held.*

Chuck Spies moved to transfer \$300,000 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Contingency Fund to provide greater flexibility. Gary Shearer seconded the motion and called for discussion.

Jennifer Robbins stated she didn't want to cut teachers any more than anyone else did and pointed out that 77% of the budget is dedicated to teachers. She didn't think it was smart to move more money into the Contingency Fund since future state funding looked to be decreasing.

Jeff Bernardo said he thought it was too much money to move into the Contingency Fund.

Gary Shearer called for a vote on the motion. The motion failed with two voting yes and seven voting no.

In more discussion, committee members remarked that increasing the Contingency Fund seemed to be putting off the decision about funding the appropriate number of teachers and that last year's one-time transfer into the fund was a unique situation necessitated by state funding coming in later than anticipated.

John Oldham moved to increase the necessary General Fund budget by \$73,843, to fund 1 FTE in the elementary school, and to decrease the Ending Fund Balance by that same \$73,843. Wylda Cafferata seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9:0.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Motion to Approve 2018-19 Proposed Budget

Curt Offenbacher moved to accept the 2018-19 Proposed Budget, as amended. The motion was seconded by Chuck Spies. The motion passed unanimously 9.0.

Mr. Shearer read the Resolution imposing the tax: BE IT RESOLVED that the following ad valorem property taxes are hereby imposed upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the district for tax year 2018-2019. (1) At the rate of \$4.6414 per \$1000 of assessed value for permanent tax; (2) In the about of \$1,366,888 for debt service on general obligation bonds.

Gary Shearer moved to accept the Resolution to levy taxes. Chuck Spies seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9:0.

6.0 FUTURE MEETING (held in the Pleasant Hill Community Center)

- Special Board Meeting, Board Candidate Interviews – June 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting, Budget Hearing and Adoption – June 25, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Budget Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Signed: _____ **on this** _____ **day of** _____, **2018**
Gary Shearer, Budget Committee Chair