BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED 5/8/24
Redmond School District
Budget Committee Meeting
April 24, 2024


Michael Summers called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and established a quorum.

Election of Officers
Keri Lopez made a motion to nominate Eric Lea as Chair. Liz Goodrich seconded the motion. Motion carried, 10-0. Tim Benesh made a motion to nominate James Wood as Vice Chair, Liz Goodrich seconded the motion. Motion carried, 10-0.

Approval of Minutes
Liz Goodrich made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of “increase to $76,593,100”. Keri Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried, 10-0.

2024-25 Proposed Budget - Budget Message
Superintendent Charan Cline read the budget message.

Presentation of the 2024-25 Budget Document and Highlights - Kathy Steinert
The four factors that are dramatically impacting our 24-25 budget include:
- Abrupt ending of ESSER funds on 9/30/24
- Declining enrollment could mean fewer revenues in the long run
- Inflation, labor scarcity and new hiring driving up recurring commitments
- Economic risks for districts that are more dependent on state revenues

The District has identified $3,457,700 of proposed budget reductions. These reductions include the elimination of positions, computer hardware, Studer consulting, RSDFlex reorganization, SIA enrichment and art programs, custodial vacancies, secondary curriculum adoption, reduction in leadership stipends, and lowered reserves.

SB489 passed in the 2023 legislature and became effective Jan 1, 2024. This allows non-instructional education workers to apply for and receive unemployment insurance benefits during school breaks, including summer break. Assuming 60% of eligible employees apply for benefits during breaks, this would be a $1,075,700 unfunded budget impact districtwide.

The 2024-25 proposed budget is $171,426,100 all funds budget. At the next budget meeting, Kathy will talk more about other funds, present a couple of current programs, as well as receive any public comment.

Keri Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. Michael Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried, 10-0.
This meeting was followed by a Board Meeting from 6:59 pm - 7:38 pm.

Eric Lea, Budget Committee Chair

Gina Blanchette, Executive Assistant