Budget Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

145 SE Salmon Drive, Redmond, OR

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Budget Committee Members
Alice DeWittie          Jill Adams
Liz Goodrich           Tim Benesh
Eric Lea               Stephanie Hunter
Keri Lopez, Vice Chair Kevin Palmer, Chair
Michael Summers        James Wood

*CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Redmond School District (RSD) 2J welcomes public participation at school board meetings. Individuals who wish to comment will be given an opportunity to do so during an indicated time at each board meeting. Citizen comment can be made in person or virtually. If you would like the opportunity to comment, please email gina.blanchette@redmondschools.org 4 hours prior to the meeting with your name and topic of comment. Because time available is limited, there is a three-minute time limit placed on each person who wishes to speak and a 30 minute overall time limit. If you have a group attending regarding the same topic, you will need to appoint one speaker. The Chair has authority to keep order and to impose any reasonable restrictions necessary to conduct an efficient meeting. The Board reserves the right to delay discussion on any item presented until later in the meeting or at a subsequent meeting. Objective criticism of operations and programs will be heard, but not comments concerning specific personnel. The visitor will be directed to the appropriate means for filing complaints involving school district employees.

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Please contact Gina Blanchette at the district office at 541-923-8250 if you need accommodation to participate. Please telephone at least three days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Si usted requiere servicios de interpretación, por favor contacte a Mel Salinas McCabe a 541-923-5437. Por favor, llama a lo menos tres días antes de la fecha de reunión.
AGENDA
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Times listed are an estimate only and may vary.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
5:30 pm  Call to Order and Establish Quorum
  Corrections, Additions, Deletions and Questions Regarding the Agenda  Kevin Palmer

5:35 pm  Approval of April 26, 2023 Budget Committee Minutes  Kevin Palmer

5:40 pm  Public Comment on 2023-24 Proposed Budget (Submitted 4 hours in advance.)  Kevin Palmer

5:50 pm  2023-24 Proposed Budget Presentation  Kathy Steinert

6:00 pm  District K-12 Science Studies  Stacy Stockseth

6:15 pm  District Robotics Program  Mike Nye

6:30 pm  2023-24 Proposed Budget Presentation (cont’d)  Kathy Steinert

6:45 pm  Budget Committee Discussion  Kevin Palmer

7:00 pm  Motion to Approve 2023-24 Proposed Budget  Kevin Palmer

7:15 pm  Adjourn
The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Summers at 5:33 pm. A quorum was established and there were no corrections, additions, deletions, or questions regarding the agenda.

**Election of Officers**

Stephanie Hunter moved to elect Kevin Palmer as Chair. Keri Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried, 10-0.

Keri Lopez volunteered to be Vice Chair. Alice DeWittie seconded the motion. Motion carried, 10-0.

**Meeting Minutes**

Alice DeWittie moved to approve the February 8, 2023 Budget Committee Work Session Minutes. Michael Summers seconded the motion. Motion carried, 10-0.

**2023-24 Proposed Budget – Budget Message**

Superintendent Cline read the budget message from the 2023-24 Proposed Budget document.

Liz Goodrich requested that in the future the budget message include the number of employees.

On January 31, the Governor released her budget, which included the priorities of homelessness, mental health and addiction care, education, and childcare. The biennial recommended allocation for the State School Fund (SSF) was $9.9 billion, a 6.5% increase over our current biennial allocation. When the Co-Chairs of the Ways and Means Committee released their budget framework on March 23, they maintained the $9.9 billion SSF allocation. $10.3 billion is what the state education leaders’ estimate is necessary to maintain the current service levels. This would include current programs and the roll up costs of salary increases, inflation costs, etc. A $3.1 million shortfall from the General Fund would be equal to cutting 28 teachers or cutting 11 school days. This is not the approach the District would take, but just a way of showing the magnitude of this budget shortfall. The legislature is approximately a month or more out before settling on a budget number, as they are waiting for the next state economists forecast.
Another issue we are facing is a dramatic fiscal cliff in 2023-2025. Our District’s non-charter schools received $9.7 million in COVID Relief ESSER III Funds, and that is all coming to an abrupt end in 2024. We do have $2.9 million in unbudgeted/unallocated ESSER III funds that will support programming for the upcoming biennium. Utilizing those ESSER III funds will allow us to save $2.2 million in General Funds which we will use for additional planned reserves, which will take our planned reserves (required 6.5%) to 9.1%.

The General Fund 2022-23 projected Ending Fund Balance is 13.6%. The District experienced savings due to the inability to fill positions, therefore experiencing savings in salaries, payroll costs and benefits. The District also used the ESSER funds for textbook adoptions, which also created savings in the General Fund. Our revenues also increased because of higher SSF per student because the statewide ADMw dropped.

General Fund compensation costs for 2023-24 are budgeted is $71.5 million, a $6.9 million increase. This increase includes COLA, steps, health insurance cap, additional FTE, and average cost per FTE.

The next Budget Committee Meeting is May 10, 2023. Please review the budget document and submit any questions to Kathy Steinert. During the next meeting, there will be time for public input and additional information regarding the budget and special programs will be presented.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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Kevin Palmer, Budget Committee Chair

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Gina Blanchette, Executive Assistant
**Recommended Motions**

**Motion to Approve Proposed Budget**
I move that the Budget Committee of the Redmond School District 2J, Deschutes County, Oregon hereby approves the budget document as proposed by the Superintendent for the 2023-24 fiscal year in the amount of $170,736,500.

**Motion to Approve Property Tax Levies**
I move that the Budget Committee of the Redmond School District 2J, Deschutes County, Oregon approve property taxes for the 2023-24 fiscal year at the rate of $5.0251 per $1,000 of assessed value for the permanent rate tax levy and in the amount of $15,713,100 for the general obligation bond levy.
MOTION APPROVING THE BUDGET DOCUMENT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

BE IT MOVED that the Budget Committee of Redmond School District 2J, Deschutes County, Oregon hereby:

1. Approves the budget document as [ ] proposed by the Superintendent, or as [ ] revised by the Budget Committee for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The total budget sum approved is [ ] $170,736,500 or, [ ] $_____________________ as detailed below:

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TOTAL 2023-24 BUDGET $170,736,500 $
2. That the permanent tax rate of $5.0251 be assessed in support of the General Fund.

3. That a tax levy of $15,713,100 be approved for the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of the annual payment toward the retirement of bonded debt owed by the District.

CALCULATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO SUPPORT
THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

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Note: The General Fund Levy is an estimate based on the District’s permanent tax rate of $5.0251 per $1,000 of estimated assessed valuation.

Chairperson ___________________________ Date Approved ____________________

Kevin Palmer