

MELBA SCHOOL DISTRICT #136
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Melba School District Office

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 by Chairman Ed Smith. Flag salute was held.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Trustees Ed Smith, Travis Christensen, Susan Jaca, Jason Knopp and Megan Volkens, Superintendent Andy Grover, Business Manager Dalelyn Allen, Administrative Assistant Jackie Engle, Board Clerk Beth Cole, Principal Sherry Ann Adams, Patrons Mike Peck, Joe Briner, Howard Nau and Rimrock Superintendent Ryan Cantrell.

A. Business Manager Allen reviewed the Amended Budget for the 2018-2019 year, reviewing the General Fund and Federal Programs.

B. Business Manager Allen presented the Proposed Budget for the 2019-2020 year. The budget is based on 45.5 units and funds the career ladder and PERSI increase. The board discussed the use of fund balance and funding for the Maintenance shop.

A motion to table approval of the Amended Budget for 2018-2019 and the Proposed Budget for 2019-2020 until the regular board meeting is completed was passed.

Motion by Megan Volkens.

Seconded by Travis Christensen.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Volkens – Yes
Trustee Knopp – Yes
Chairman Smith – Yes

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was passed.

- A.** Approval of Agenda
- B.** Approval of Minutes of 5/14/2019
- C.** Approval of previous month's bills and misc. hand checks
- D.** Approval of Elementary, Jr/Sr High financial reports

Motion to approve by Trustee Jason Knopp.

Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.

Vote was unanimous.

III. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Student numbers are at 872, with 73 in the graduating class. The district has shown a 9 ½% growth in the past year.

B. Facility improvements are progressing well with the resurfacing of the track finished today and the announcers stand 95% completed. The Maintenance Building is awaiting new drawings from Leavitt and Associates. Leavitt Engineering is also working on new safety entries to the high school and a baseball entry.

- C. Eric Heringer from Piper Jafray and Chelsie Porter, attorney with Hawley and Troxel,** joined the meeting. Mr. Heringer discussed the advantages of restructuring the bond on the elementary school. A defeasance, which pays off the last payment of the loan early, could allow the bond to be paid off in 8 years. This information is based on a 4.5% increase in property value and maintains an even tax rate of 3.02. The district's tax rate is one of the lowest in the Treasure Valley.

Ms. Porter presented a resolution prepared by Hawley Troxel which provides for money to be set aside to pay for bonds with a future maturity date. She added that a CPA will verify the transaction and they will update the debt schedule.

A motion to approve the Resolution as presented was passed.

Motion by Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Travis Christensen.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Volkers – Yes
Trustee Knopp – Yes
Chairman Smith – Yes

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Superintendent Grover presented a Continuous Improvement Plan for the coming year.** He highlighted college and career readiness, the value of offering Advanced College Credits at \$60/credit for Melba's students, testing, communication with parents and students, staff development, facility improvements, and preparation to talk about growth and a new school for the district. A motion to approve the Continuous Improvement Plan as presented was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Vote was unanimous.

- B. A motion to approve the Open Enrollment report** as presented was passed.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Vote was unanimous.

- C. A motion to approve moving 200K dollars from General Fund into the 420 Facilities Account for future projects** was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Vote was unanimous.

- D. A motion to approve the defeasance for the elementary bond** was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Vote was unanimous.

- E. A motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented** was passed.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the adjusted budget for 2018-2019 as amended in Item C under New Business and the proposed budget for 2019-2020 as amended in Item D under New Business was passed.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp
Vote was unanimous.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. The board reviewed the Superintendent and Principal reports.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:48 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Motion carried.