

CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

April 16, 2012  
Prineville Education Center  
6:30 p.m.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patti Norris, Rich Mires, Scott Cooper, Doug Smith, John Lang, Wade Flegel, Tammy Hudspeth, Jodie Fleck, and Anna Logan; David Poovey was absent.

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:** Duane Yecha, Mark Murray, Greg Munn, Dennis Kostelecky, Lance Queen, and recorder Diana Rice.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

At 6:30 p.m., Board Chair Patti Norris noted a quorum was present, called the first Budget Committee meeting to order, and led the pledge of allegiance.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Committee elected Wade Flegel as Chair and Tammy Hudspeth as Vice-chair/secretary.

**BUDGET MESSAGE**

Superintendent Yecha presented the Budget Message, stating it is a similar amount as for last year and keeps all current programs in place, and includes a few expanded programs. While the unemployment rate is 14% in Crook County, the school budget is comparatively healthier than budgets for the surrounding districts. The Proposed Budget contains no salary increases or COLA.

There are positive things happening in the district, and Dr. Yecha will continue building trust through good decision making – ‘Honor the past, build from strength.’ The District should stay on the existing path to improved educational outcomes including supporting the Achievement Compact Goals of the Oregon Education Investment Board. Dr. Yecha highlighted these goals and the timelines the District must meet in terms of program development and reporting.

**BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Mark Murray, consultant from Gresham, has been working with Crook County School District, along with Greg Munn (interim business manager) on a temporary basis during the budget building process. He stated that the SSF update received since the budget was prepared is \$67,000 less. (The SSF report is available online: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=344>.)

Mr. Murray explained this budget was fine tuned to better reflect the consistent under-spending pattern, so the unappropriated ending fund balance was reduced.

The Power Point presentation is attached to these minutes, and will also be available on the District's website, along with other Proposed Budget documents.

Greg Munn distributed a summary showing General Fund history and forecast through 2012-13. He stated a budget should not be viewed as a one-year document. In the next few years, there may be reductions necessary to accommodate increasing costs such as for PERS issues and full-time kindergarten. This is necessary to ensure the long-term financial health of the District. Mr. Munn's main emphasis was to not deficit-spend. On-going costs should be funded by on-going revenues. One-time revenues, such as excess Beginning Balance should be used for targeted one-time investments.

Superintendent Yecha, responding to questions about supporting and expanding educational programs versus the apparent need to reduce costs, stated some of the cost increases may be offset by an anticipated high number of retirees in the next few years, who may not all be replaced.

The District has an extensive and collaborative decision-making process in place that helps provide for continuous improvement.

**DISCUSSION**

Doug Smith asked if anticipated revenue from Insight/K12 is in this budget. Mr. Murray stated the budget includes a possibility of \$300,000 based on half the student count promoted by Insight/K12 in their initial proposal. Whether the District realizes excess revenues from the proposed on-line charter school is dependent upon how many CCSD students choose this on-line option.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK**

There were no comments from the audience.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Additional meetings were scheduled: Monday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 2, both at 6:30 pm at the District Office.

**RECESS UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

Chair Flegel recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. until **Monday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m.**

NOTE: April 30 meeting was cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diana Rice, Recorder

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Tammy Hudspeth, Secretary

Date Approved: 5/2/12

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Power Point Summary  
GF History and Forecast  
State School Fund Grant (3/5/12)