

**FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
April 30, 2008**

Board Members Present:

Jackey Jones, Vice Chair
Robert Young, Director

Bruce A. McCallum, Vice Chair
Thomas Huyler, Director

Board Members Absent:

Larry Sickles, Director

Budget Committee Members

Mrs. Yvonne McCallum

Mrs. Barb Goodman

Staff Present:

Dr. Peter Tarzian, Superintendent
Aaron Hale, Elementary Principal

Mr. Sid Hobgood, High School Principal
Lynn Love, Deputy Clerk

Chair Jones called the Budget Committee Meeting to order at 6:26 PM.

Elect Budget Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Director Huyler nominated Chair Young as Budget Committee Chair. The nomination was seconded by Vice Chair McCallum. The vote was all ayes.

Vice Chair McCallum nominated Barb Goodman as Budget Committee Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Director Young. The vote was all ayes.

Information & Discussion

Economic Forecast

Dr. Tarzian explained the economic forecast explaining the reduction in revenue; stating this is the best shot at this time.

Action Items

Approve and Adopt Budget Committee Minutes – April 16, 2008

Director Huyler made a motion to approve and adopt the April 16, 2008 minutes. Vice Chair McCallum seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes.

Budget Review

Lynn led the discussion through the proposed budget.

Director Young suggested not placing the reserve in “planned reserve”; he preferred to put it in contingency. Director Young said if we did not trust you not to spend it we would have hired you.

Director Huyler asked if the rules to play to pay for 08-09 would be tougher. Principal Hobgood replied yes.

Director Young asked why are we budgeting textbooks in the local option and not the General Fund. Director Young suggested moving building maintenance and repairs to the Local Option and moving the textbooks back to the General Fund. Director Young said the Local Option was passed for maintenance and we need to make sure we do what we say we are going to do with the funds. Dr. Tarzian agreed to move the textbooks and maintenance costs.

Director Young asked if we have ever contracted with anyone else for our transportation costs. Dr. Tarzian replied no but he could look into it.

Director Young said he noticed there is nothing budgeted in technology and that was a concern of several of the teachers at the meeting with the teachers. Principal Hale replied we are purchasing another SmartBoard and other purchases with other monies. Director Young said as long as we are making headway with programs and software. Principal Hale said he is also applying for a five year 21st Century grant. Director Young replied keep going in that direction; great.

Director Young asked about the PreK-K program. Principal Hale reported at this time we have ten kindergarten students and we are separating kindergarten from the PreK; they each will have their own room. The morning session will be funded by the Student Achievement Grant but if there is an afternoon session it will need to be paid for by the parent / guardian. Dr. Tarzian said there will be an opportunity to blend where testing shows it is appropriate.

Principal Hobgood reported the High school is doing away with the paper year book and going to a digitized year book. Mrs. Bailey is selecting the software.

Director Young asked about Jessica McGugian and how many hours will she be working. Dr.. Tarzian replied at this time it is .8 FTE; Jessica will be the lead with the SBHC thus she will be going to 5 days a week.

Mrs. McCallum asked if the contract with the city is final. Dr. Tarzian replied no. Mrs. McCallum said the city council members do not know anything about it and they are in their budget process too. Dr. Tarzian replied he has had several conversations with Mayor Fleener who is very positive about it. Dr. Tarzian also said he is still working with WESD and trying to finalize the contract with Jan Deardorf as a certified librarian who will supervise the librarian aide.

Director Young asked are we able to operate the library ourselves if need be. Dr. Tarzian replied yes.


Director Young suggested adjourning as the numbers are running together; let's set another meeting. Director Young said Mondays work better for him.

Dr. Tarzian suggested Monday, May 19th 5 PM with sandwiches. Everyone said they could make that day and time. It was also suggested the board meeting be changed to the same day at 6:30 PM. Dr. Tarzian asked to have a motion to support the change.

Vice Chair McCallum made a motion to change the Regular May Board Meeting from Wednesday, May 21st to Monday, May 19th. The motion was seconded by Director Young. The vote was all ayes.

Director Huyler passed out a copy of a letter he sent to the city council asking for support of the library aide contract and basic support of the Wagner Community Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Budget Committee Chair

May 19, 2008

Date