

**FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 17, 2021

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:30 pm in person and virtually on Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the open portion of any meeting as posted. A link to the Zoom meeting is available on the district website at fallscityschools.org.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chairman Davis opened at 5:44 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bret Davis, Vice Chairman
Shanda Yother, Director

Jami Kidd, Director
Larry Sickles, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent
Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant
Lynn Bailey, HS Teacher

Micke Kidd, High School Principal
Amy Houghtaling, FACES Director
Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director

Audience Members in attendance:

Dana Schowalter, Community Member
Jenn Drill, Budget Committee Member
Bruce Sickles, Budget Committee Member

Jackie Olsen, CFO LBLWESD
Jeremy Gordon, FC Mayor, Budget Committee Member

FLAG SALUTE

ELECTION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Motion To Elect Jeremy Gordon as Budget Committee Chair

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Kidd.

Vote: All ayes. Board Chairman Young and Budget Committee Member Jenn Drill absent.

Motion To Elect Larry Sickles as Budget Committee Vice Chair

Motion made by Budget Committee Chair Gordon. Seconded by Director Yother.

Vote: All ayes. Board Chairman Young and Budget Committee Member Jenn Drill absent.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

2021-22 budget is 7.42 million. 3.8 million of that is in the General Fund and 2.4 million is Special Revenue. Most of the General Fund is applied to personnel costs. Our intent is to use special, one-time dollars, to protect our General Fund, which is why it looks so bare. Discussed the funding for the completion of the enclosed play structure. We will use existing funds first and then will need to apply to use addition funds for that purpose when or if needed.

Step and COLA wage increase for all employees as well as a 3% increase to the insurance cap.

The entire budget is built off of the ESSER estimates. We are looking at declining enrollment and how that will affect our future funding. We are ok for now, as Special Funds will help cover the next couple of years, but after that we will feel it if our enrollment numbers don't pick back up. Reminder that our Special Revenue figures are also an estimate.

Note that Fund 211 are the ESSER dollars and is not all that is coming.

Notice that some items have changed. The State has changed how we title and track funds and we have implemented those changes accordingly.

There is an error in the Contractual Benefits, listing them in the wrong category. The errors will stay as the budget reporting rolls up.

Interest is at 0.6%, which is down from 2.7%.

Fund 296, Local Option Levy, has been growing. Beginning fund was \$350,000. No sports or FACES has meant no spending, so it has built up.

We are in really good shape. We should consider hiring someone to do a facilities audit. When was the last one done?

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

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Motion made by Director Kidd. Seconded by Director Yother.

Vote: All ayes. Board Chairman Young and Budget Committee Member Jenn Drill absent.

2. Motion that the budget committee of Falls City School District approve the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$7,412,198.

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Budget Committee Chair Gordon.

Vote: All ayes. Board Chairman Young and Budget Committee Member Jenn Drill absent.

- 3. Motion that the permanent tax rate of \$4.2052 per \$1,000 value be levied in support of the General Fund. This tax rate is expected to generate \$1,369,830 in taxes.**

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Kidd.

Vote: All ayes. Board Chairman Young and Budget Committee Member Jenn Drill absent.

- 4. Motion that the rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000 value be levied in support of the local option tax.**

Discussion around the need to vote to receive the funds.

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Yother.

Vote: All ayes. Board Chairman Young and Budget Committee Member Jenn Drill absent.

CLOSE BUDGET MEETING

6:33 PM