

Board Special Meeting

Work Session: Budget

November 17, 2020, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Meeting held remotely



Minutes

Call to Order

Director DeWolf called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Directors Harris, Hersey, Mack, Rankin, Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone. Director Hampson joined the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Work Session: Budget

This work session was staffed by Superintendent Juneau and Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge.

Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge spoke about outcomes for this work session. Budget Director Linda Sebring spoke about estimated general fund ending fund balances for the 2019-20 unassigned revenue and expenditures. This number has been updated to reduce the gap to 48M. If we do not return to a hybrid model its like there would be no revenue loss from transportation. Or if legislature changed the rules regarding transportation funding. This number could change depending on what could happen in the school year. Ms. Berge reviewed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 potential solutions. She presented four options for potential solutions. Ms. Berge reviewed the budget development calendar. Directors and staff discussed FY2021-22 potential solutions options.

Ms. Sebring spoke about the participatory budgeting activities. She explained the three items that were decided by the board to focus on. Ms. Berge discussed the areas for review. Chiefs over the areas will review the information provided to directors. First was the strategic plan. She provided an overview for 2020-21 and additional detail on staffing. Chief Concie Pedroza spoke about the highly capable program for 2020-21. Chief Diane DeBacker reviewed the teaching and learning curriculum and instruction social studies adoption. Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta reviewed the security budget for 2020-21. Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee reviewed his staffing budget for 2020-21. Chief Pedroza explained how special education Instructional Assistants (IA) staffing is budgeted including close attention that is payed to the collective bargaining agreements. Ms. Berge explained the reserves reduction. Every 1% reduction is worth approximately 9.7M. She spoke about how if Seattle Public Schools (SPS) goes below 3% in the rainy-day fund we may likely get a finding from the State Auditors Office. Ms. Berge reviewed the possibility of a transfer from the capital fund in the 2021-22 school year. She spoke about the dollars that could be available from the capital fund.

Directors asked Chiefs additional questions about staffing and capital funds. Director Mack would like a deeper conversation about Special Education dollars. Director Harris would like Chief DeBacker to send out the document that shows the schedule of curriculum adoptions. Chief DeBacker will get an updated version sent out to all directors. Director Harris requested Chief Podesta create a Friday memo about the cost of continuous training for Safety and Security. Director DeWolf asked if it would be unprecedented

to stop work on a strategic plan. Superintendent Juneau explained staff are still doing the work of the plan despite being in the middle of a global pandemic.

Director Hampson spoke about how continuing to work on the strategic plan is important. She asked Chiefs from a systemic point of view if they had any additional cuts they would suggest could be made. Director Hampson would like to see how the Strategic Plan areas cross over in different departments next time the strategic plan is discussed.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely per the Governor's proclamations prohibiting public agencies from conducting meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act in-person to curtail the spread of COVID-19. Public access was provided remotely online and by teleconference.

Minutes submitted by:

The Office of Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge