

EUGENE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
School District No. 4J, Lane County  
March 11, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Budget Committee Members

From: George Russell, Superintendent

Re: March 15, 2010 Budget Committee Meeting

This memo is intended to give you an overview of the meeting and describe the materials in your packet.

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Items Raised by the Audience**

Public testimony is welcomed at budget committee meetings and time is set aside at each meeting to hear comments from the audience.

**III. Items for Information and Discussion**

**A. Receive a Report from the Equity Committee**

Over the last few months, the board held two work sessions with the Equity Committee in an effort to find ways to help the district further the board goal to close the achievement gap. At the last work session, the committee members were asked to determine the top priorities that the committee believed would yield the most progress towards that goal. Equity Committee members Jane Waite and Raquel Wells will present the committee's priorities.

**B. Review 2009-10 Financial Projection**

On Monday night, Finance staff will present an updated financial projection for 2009-10.

**C. Debrief Budget Forums**

Since the last budget committee meeting, two budget forums were held. At the forums, staff and community members were given the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed budget reduction strategies for 2010-11. Other groups, such as the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, have also provided feedback. Barb Bellamy, Chief of Staff, will share summarized responses to the questions. Included in your packet are the responses to the "clicker" questions and a summary of the forum comment cards. Additionally, input from Kelly students and written information submitted at the forums about physical education is included.

**D. Review Status of Reserve Accounts**

The district's 2009-10 budget was balanced using several reserve strategies. The 2010-11 budget reduction strategies also include reducing reserves to cushion the effect of the cuts and to allow time to plan for future reductions. Staff will review the status of several reserve accounts.

**E. Review General Financial Information regarding School Consolidations**

At the last budget committee meeting, members raised questions regarding the savings and costs of school consolidations. Staff will provided updated information.

**IV. Items for Action at This Meeting**

**A. Provide Feedback on Proposed 2010-11 Budget Strategies**

At your last meeting, you received information on proposed budget strategies. Since that time, we have obtained feedback from the community and staff, the Equity Committee and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Staff will review the proposed strategies on Monday night.

In addition, you will have an opportunity to participate in the same "clicker" exercise that was used for input from community members and staff at the recent budget forums and also from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Your discussion and responses to the budget strategies will guide me as I work with staff to prepare a proposed budget for your consideration.

**B. Set Date for Next Budget Committee Meeting**

I recommend that the Budget Committee set the next meeting for Monday, May 10, 2010, to receive the budget message and proposed 2010-11 budget. I also recommend reserving Monday, May 17, 2010, for additional review and approval of the proposed budget. The Board is scheduled to consider your recommendation as a future action item and conduct a public hearing on June 2, 2010 and take action on June 16, 2010.

**V. Items Raised by Members of the Budget Committee**

Budget Committee members will have an opportunity to raise issues that are not included on the agenda.

**VIII. Adjournment**