



AP General Fund- \$165,173.73  
ASB- \$67.15  
Warrants 114237-114270

Vouchers 1097, 1099, 1100  
Vouchers 1098

**A motion was made to approve the amended consent agenda by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Carlson.**

**Vote to approve the amended consent agenda with a 4/0 vote.  
Director Bryan was absent.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)**

Mr. Peterson read two electronic public comments, one about My Big Sib program and another from Jennifer Kinnison about her summer school program.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Rheinschmidt stated she would like to acknowledge Heidi and thank her for her service and dedication to the district.

**Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Budget**

Board Chair Thornton recessed the regular meeting at 6:44.

Mrs. Scott asked if there was any public comment and Mr. Peterson said no.

Board Chair Thornton closed public comment at 6:45.

Mrs. Scott stated that since there was no public comment she would talk about the budget. Mrs. Scott stated that enrollment for 2022 is projected to be 22 lower than our current enrollment with a net enrollment of 1332.5, which is reflected in our revenue and it's projected across the state to see about a 3% net decrease. Mrs. Scott stated the district will get a substantial amount of federal money, so our net increase is around 8% and 9% with the increase in our expenditures without including the transfer. Mrs. Scott stated we are budgeting up to transfer \$750,000.00 with the majority of that coming from this current year with the Federal CARES Act, which is also the Elementary Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). Mrs. Scott stated that the first piece we received was around \$400,000.00 and that was to help with emergency needs. Mrs. Scott stated that second phase was to help recover some of the cost for keeping people employed along with emergency PPE. Mrs. Scott stated this last phase that we are just going into which is making sure we have all of our computers and infrastructure, but also to help with guidance counselors and that was budgeted to hire a counselor because we won't get counselor funding at the elementary level until 2023. Mrs. Scott stated this is a good interim, which is allowable under ESSER dollars. Mrs. Scott stated that 20% of the new \$3 million dollars has to be set aside for learning loss and can go through September of 2024, which she stated in this budget it does pull those dollars into 2024. Mrs. Scott stated that it is projected at the 8.6% ending fund balance with expenditure authority if you approve tonight with the revenues that are projected. Mrs. Scott stated that there is a \$205,000.00 curriculum allowance and K-3 compliance will come back next year, which will be a 17:1 ratio, which is mandatory or funding will be lost. Mrs. Scott stated there is also \$50,000.00 for instructional equipment that was built in. Mrs. Scott stated the district received a letter from the Department of Energy, which is the second time this has happened that they pulled out of their budget the PELT dollars; this budget has it built in at \$42,000.00. Mrs. Scott stated that we did receive the letter that said we wouldn't receive this, but that is to be determined. Mrs. Scott stated she received a little bit of a surprise last week, the Vocational contract was about \$20,000.00 over, which wasn't anticipated in this budget but could impact teacher supplies and ESSER dollars can help supplement if it fits in the box. Mrs. Scott stated that ESSER has been a savings to Ki – Be with the double levy failure and we won't be back to normal till 2023. Mrs. Scott stated that with the capture of the dollars from levy, which is part of the reason we have the extra dollars, it will pay for sports and the kids won't have the impact this Fall. Mrs. Scott stated she was able to recapture dollars with ESSER, which has allowed this. Mrs. Scott stated we are receiving \$1,829,076.00 for MTSOC, our budget is exceeding that by a little less than \$200,00.00. Mrs. Scott stated that needs to be disclosed for compliance reasons. Mrs. Scott stated that for capital fund, we are budgeting a half a million dollars for improvements and budgeted for one bus. Board Chair Thornton stated that bus should have air conditioning. Mrs. Scott stated that Director Rheinschmidt asked how enrollment was done and this budget isn't as conservative as she would usually be; she did whatever the grade is they are moving

down and averaging, then looking at birth rates and you lose some 11/12 graders to Tri-Tech. Mrs. Scott stated that in 2024 there should be an upswing. Mr. Peterson stated that some of the incoming kindergartners will be put in to first grade due to not attending this last year. Mr. Peterson stated that the common occurrence is putting them in first grade and keeping them with their cohort, some districts are already seeing an upswing with that. Mrs. Scott stated, then the district could see an increase in first grade and Mr. Peterson stated yes, that is possible. Director Carlson asked when the students are registering they get told then that they should be in first grade and Mr. Peterson stated yes. Board Chair Thornton asked if they could demand being put into kindergarten and Mr. Peterson stated that it would be based on the academic and social benefits for each individual need. Mr. Peterson stated all options need to be considered, but based on their cohort they would be put into first grade. Mr. Peterson stated that you really see the difference when the students get into the high school years. Director Carlson asked Mrs. Scott if she had a thought about how the reserve will be rebuilt even though we are in an uncertain time. Mrs. Scott stated our fund balance is low and the difficulties the district will have. Mrs. Scott stated that the 8% it is at right now is doable. Mrs. Scott stated that if you run between 8-10 that's reasonable and this year will end up with about 14 possibly, but this year we ended up with a water heater and irrigation issue, which is helpful if you do have that money in the bank to help with those things. Mrs. Scott stated with the age of our buildings that is something that needs to be considered. Mr. Peterson stated that with the ups and downs in the last several years Mrs. Scott has been the constant in the fact she has budgeted conservatively and haven't had to take those big hits that other districts have and that's a tribute as to what Mrs. Scott has been able to do over the years. Mrs. Scott wanted to reiterate that this budget isn't as conservative as she has been, but with all the unknowns and there are some ways to adjust if needed. Board Chair Thornton stated he likes the 10%.

Board Chair Thornton resumed the regular board meeting at 7:03.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution 5-2021, 21-22 Budget, Approval**

**A motion was made to approve Resolution 5-2021, 21-22 Budget by Director Rheinschmidt and seconded by Director Johnson.**

### **Roll Call**

**Board Chair Thornton, Yes; Director Carlson, Yes; Director Johnson, Yes; Director Rheinschmidt, Yes**

**A vote to approve Resolution 5-2021, 21-22 Budget with a 4/0 vote.  
Director Bryan was absent.**

### **Minutes from 6/14/2021, Approval**

Board Chair Thornton tabled this until next meeting due to not enough members being present to vote.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Peterson stated that summer school has been going great and there are about 164 kids attending at the elementary. Mr. Peterson stated that the kids are excited about being there and participating in P. E. along with the SEL stuff that 21<sup>st</sup> Century is doing. Mr. Peterson stated that if we could grow to have about a 1/3 of the district attend that would be fantastic. Mr. Peterson stated all in all things are running great, but there was a small issue with the A/C and Dan's crew did a great job of taking care of everyone and getting portable units to classrooms while it was down. Board Chair Thornton asked if the issues were at the elementary and Mr. Peterson stated that no, it was at the high school. Director Rheinschmidt asked if the busses had A/C and Mr. Peterson stated he would find out, but wanted to share that the routes aren't too long.

Mr. Peterson stated that bargaining with KBEA went great and both parties were willing to solve issues and made significant progress. Board Chair Thornton asked who was in negotiations and Mr. Peterson stated Keith Hopper, Steve Woods were both absent and Don Zorn, Donna Baumgartner, Beth Kalinga, Jennifer Gilliland, Stephanie Adamson and Edna Jenkins were all present. Mr. Peterson stated they are a good group to work with. Mr. Peterson stated he appreciated that team's effort in knowing where we are as a district and

they will meet again tomorrow morning at 10:00. Mrs. Scott stated that Rebecca Turner was also present. Mr. Peterson thanked Mrs. Scott for the reminder and stated that he walked away with good vibes.

Mr. Peterson wanted to thank Heidi as she is moving on. Mr. Peterson stated as a new superintendent coming in he would have been lost and probably still be lost without having Heidi to talk to in-depth about the institutional knowledge she has about the way things work and should work. Mr. Peterson stated we are going to hire a new secretary, but we won't replace Heidi.

Board Chair Thornton stated executive session would be closer to 60 minutes.

**CONVENED**

At 7:15 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 60 minutes. No business to follow. Executive session was extended.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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**Dale Thornton, Board Chair**

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**Julie Rheinschmidt, Director**

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**Jacob Johnson, Director**

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**Clark Carlson, Director**

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**Teddy Bryan, Director**

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**Pete Peterson, Superintendent**