

Meeting Minutes of the NWRESD Board of Directors

May 14, 2024 | 4:30 pm | Hybrid



BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the Budget Committee Meeting to order at 4:32 pm

Budget Committee in Attendance: Clinton Nelson, Jaimie Rhodes, Greg Kintz, Alexander Flores, Jim Helmen, Jill Zurschmeide, Shannon Emerson, Sheila Roley, Jon Graves, Jessica O'Donnell.

Board in Attendance: Becky Tymchuk, Chris Riley, Doug Dougherty, Paul Jarrell, Yadira Martinez, Ernest Stephens, Maureen Wolf, Tony Erickson

Staff in Attendance: Dan Goldman, Debbie Simons, Stuart Long, Valerie White, Jordan Ely, Megan McCarter, Cathleen Jensen, Stacy Rager, Kelsey Soltysiak, Tera VanDyke, Aaron Sackett

Guests: Laura Dougherty, Stacie Chan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Chair Dougherty led the board in the pledge of allegiance and provided the land acknowledgement.

REVIEW AGENDA & ROLE OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE - Superintendent Goldman reviewed the agenda and role of the budget committee.

ELECTION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR - Chair Dougherty opened the floor to nominations for Budget Committee Chair. Director Riley nominated Budget Committee Member Greg Kintz. Budget Committee Member Clint Nelson seconded the nomination. No other nominations were heard and Budget Committee Member Greg Kintz was elected unanimously.

BUDGET PRESENTATION/QUESTIONS/DELIBERATIONS - Superintendent Goldman reviewed the fiscal health of the ESD, the general sense of education funding in Oregon, alignment of resources to the strategic plan and the budget development process. CFO Ely reviewed the proposed budget document in detail.

BUDGET COMMITTEE QUESTIONS/DELIBERATIONS - Budget Committee Chair Kintz asked a clarifying question about a specific budget line item. Superintendent Goldman explained that this budget line item amount had been moved to a different fund account due to a change in funding source. Budget Committee Member Zurschmeide asked a clarifying question about the percentage decline in student numbers being served by NWRESD. CFO Ely clarified the number of students the NWRESD has lost post-pandemic. Budget Committee Member Rhodes asked how early learning budget and position cuts to our region compared to other early learning programs around the state. Superintendent Goldman responded with examples from other agencies, compared their number of position cuts to NWRESD cuts and discussed the differences of each program's approach to biennium funding. Budget Committee Member Clint Nelson asked a clarifying question about causes of student number decline in the state of Oregon. CFO Ely stated that the state of Oregon does not have a firm accounting of the causes. Superintendent Goldman noted that there is a good deal of anecdotal evidence, but no firm reasoning offered by the State of Oregon.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Budget Committee Chair Kintz read the Public Participation in Board Meetings guidelines. Brad Battles introduced themselves, reported their home address and addressed the board for 3 minutes.

BUDGET APPROVAL - Budget Committee Chair Greg Kintz entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Tymchuk. The budget was approved with votes as follows:

*Yeas (17): Board Directors Tymchuk, Jarrell, Riley, Martinez, Stephens, Wolf, Erickson and Chair Dougherty
Committee Members Kintz, Nelson, Flores, Helmen, Zurschmeide, Emerson, Roley, Graves & O'Donnell.*

Nays (1): Budget Committee Member Rhodes.

Budget Committee Chair Greg Kintz entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve the tax rate as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Jarrell. The tax rate was approved with votes as follows:

Yeas (17): Board Directors Tymchuk, Jarrell, Riley, Martinez, Stephens, Wolf, Erickson and Chair Dougherty.

Committee Members Kintz, Nelson, Rhodes, Helmen, Zurschmeide, Emerson, Roley, Graves & O'Donnell.

Nays (1): Budget Committee Member Flores.

ADJOURN BUDGET MEETING - Budget Committee Chair Kintz adjourned the Budget Committee Meeting at 5:29 pm

GENERAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the general session to order at 5:41 pm

Board Attendance: (in person) Becky Tymchuk, Chris Riley, Doug Dougherty, Paul Jarrell, Yadira Martinez (via zoom) Ernest Stephens, Maureen Wolf, Tony Erickson

Staff Attendance: Dan Goldman, Debbie Simons, Stuart Long, Valerie White, Jordan Ely, Megan McCarter, Cathleen Jensen, Stacy Rager, Kelsey Soltysiak, John Peplinski, Jerome Townsend, Sara Franklin

Guests: Laura Dougherty, Stacie Chan, Sarah Foster, Sadako Hattori, Joel Sebastian, Ross Tomlin, Ginger Gamboa

AGENDA REVIEW/REVISION - Superintendent Goldman noted two changes. First, a revised personnel action report which was provided to the board. Second, an error was found in the April 2024 Financial report in the consent agenda. Recommendation was made to move agenda item 5C. to the action agenda as item 7D.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Superintendent Goldman reviewed his report to the board as presented. Licensed educators appreciation week, budget reductions & advocacy, early learning hub staff meeting with Governor Kotek, the CTE AI conference which occurred earlier in the day and upcoming events led by NWRESD staff and programs.

RECOGNITION AND GOOD NEWS - Kelsey Soltysiak, Communications Director, introduced Sarah Foster, executive director of STEM Like a Girl and volunteer and NWRESD staff member Sadako Hattori. Sarah Foster discussed her background and path to founding STEM Like a Girl. She described workshops and activities which STEM Like a Girl offers to students and families. Sadako Hattori discussed her volunteerism and assistance in fostering a partnership between STEM Like a Girl and NWRESD with regard to providing space, marketing and possible expansion to component districts. Directors Tymchuk, Stephens and Martinez asked Sarah questions about workshop attendance, cost of participation, Spanish language STEM events, partnerships with other STEM organizations and addition of physics and biology programming in the future.

Chair Dougherty introduced former NWRESD board member, Ross Tomlin, and noted his 7 years of service to the board. Superintendent Goldman welcomed Ross and thanked him for his service to the NWRESD board of directors and mentioned the plaque made by Hillsboro School District students for Ross. Ross told the board he missed our board meetings and that he will run for an open board position for Bend-LaPine School District.

CONSENT AGENDA - Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve the consent agenda with agenda revisions as noted at the start of the session. The motion was seconded by Director Jarrell and approved unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Cyber Security & Internet Resiliency - CIO Stuart Long discussed work which CTE and NWRESD have completed with regard to cybersecurity and internet resiliency efforts. Directors Stephens and Tymchuk asked clarifying questions about network protections in place in the event of a cyber attack, bandwidth capacity within the network in the case of outages or high traffic situations, plans for Beaverton school district's connection to our network and partnerships with that district which were answered by CIO Long.

Dual Credit Program Report - Director Jerome Townsend, Willamette Promise Coordinator Joel Sebastian and NWRESD Professional Learning Coach Sara Franklin presented a Dual Credit Program update. Chair Dougherty and Director Jarrell asked clarifying questions about coordination and access to dual credit offerings with districts, coordination of course numbering and titles and transfer options within the state of Oregon which were answered by Joel Sebastian. Superintendent Goldman noted the progress made within Oregon with the standardization of transferability and also noted the work still needed.

First Read Policies: GBN/JBA, GBNAB/JHFE, DDB - CHRO Debbie Simons presented the noted first read policies as recommended by OSBA to the board. Director Tymchuk asked clarifying questions about the meaning of highlighted and underlined portions and clarification of specific wording included in policy.

Administrative Reports - Superintendent Goldman encouraged board members and community members to review department administrative reports included in the board packet.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 24-006: Pride Month - Director Liwaru read Resolution 24-006: Pride Month into the record. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve Resolution 24-006: Pride Month. The motion was seconded by Director Stephens and approved unanimously.

Resolution 24-008: Juneteenth Independence Day - Liwaru read Resolution 24-008: Juneteenth Independence Day into the record. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Stephens to approve Resolution 24-008: Juneteenth Independence Day. The motion was seconded by Director Riley and approved unanimously. Liwaru noted the resources included on the final page of this resolution and invited board members and NWRESD staff to attend events therein. Superintendent Goldman and Director Jarrell noted their appreciation for the work of the Equity and Family Partnerships Department staff and the resources offered.

Resolution 24-007: 2023-24 Supplemental Budget - CFO Jordan Ely presented the supplemental budget resolution for 2023-24 to the board, noting changes in transfers between funds as well as additional funding sources, making a supplemental budget resolution necessary. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve Resolution 24-007: 2023-24 Supplemental Budget. The motion was seconded by Director Jarrell and approved unanimously.

April 2024 Financial Report - Jordan Ely, CFO, reviewed the April 2024 Financial Report, noting the error made which required the agenda revision, moving this item from consent to action. Director Tymchuk asked a clarifying question regarding debt service transfers. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to accept the April 2024 Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Tymchuk and approved unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - Director Riley encouraged board members and community members to attend the NWRESD Foundation fundraising event on May 30, 2024. Chair Dougherty noted that the Superintendent's evaluation surveys, self-reflection and contract information had been reviewed by the Superintendent Evaluation

Committee. He read comments included in surveys from district superintendents and cabinet members, noted that an evaluation letter had been presented to the superintendent in April. Finally, he expressed his appreciation of Superintendent Goldman's focus on students.

ADJOURN - Chair Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.