

DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Zoom Meeting
1065 Fir Street
Darrington, WA 98241

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020
BUDGET STUDY SESSION MEETING: 10:00 AM

Call to Order

Dave Holmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., followed by the flag salute. Other members present: Larry Boyd, Jennie Requa, Marree Perrault, and Sheila Sisney.

NEW BUSINESS

2020-2021 Budget Study Session:

McKenzie Boyd reports budget considerations:

- Many variables with 2020-21 enrollment due to Covid
- We are at budget now but \$10,000/student is a huge impact if not enrolled
- We have used the Cares Act money and will continue to have to purchase PPE
- Low ridership will impact state transportation funding for next year
- Won't know the extent of state funding cuts until Legislative session
- Have had cost savings during Covid in athletics and substitutes
- Good chance this year will be a wash
- 2021-2022 will see \$330,000 Hold Harmless revenue loss
- Could face additional losses due to Covid
- \$1.1 million Fund Balance temporary opportunity to offset expenses until 2022 levy, for collection in 2023
- Some cuts have already been made this year
- Potential cuts for next year include:
 - \$182,000 Superintendent salary and benefits
 - \$120,000 Average teacher salary and benefits
 - \$5,400 Annual hour para-educator
 - \$9,900 5-day furlough for administration and exempt/non-repped employees
 - \$7,100 Annual hour custodial
 - \$7,400 Annual hour grounds
 - \$10,000 10% reduction to building budgets
 - \$6,600 10% reduction to non-coaching athletics budget
- Will see how this year goes with enrollment
- Difficult to reduce classroom staff after several years of reductions
- Recommend current administrators assume Superintendent duties for 2021-2022 and re-assess for 2022-2023

Dave asked when these decisions need to be made. McKenzie recommended March or April due to teacher contractual language. McKenzie stated that using the Fund Balance is a one-time thing, not a year after year option. We'll have a good sense once we see what the Legislature does this spring.

Possible Action and Person Responsible

Dave asked if the community was aware of the double-levy failure consequences. Tracy stated that it hasn't been communicated to the community and that it is confusing to a lot of people.

Cindy Christoferson is working with the Skills Center to offer CTE satellites with a potential pilot next year if approved this year. She would also like Board approval to pursue a conversation with Arlington to see about teaching a foreign language class remotely with a para in the classroom.

Tracy Franke suggested a letter be drawn up to send to home school families asking what programs we could offer in order for those students to join the district.

McKenzie said it would be helpful to put levy information out to the community prior to levy time as 2020 Facebook comments showed misinformation. Need to find the right time to communicate how deep cuts will be if next levy doesn't pass.

Jennie contacted the Mayor and found the Cross Laminated Beam owner is interested in sponsoring training opportunities for students in 2021, with full business in 2022.

Tracy Franke asked if the Log should begin going out again, which can be helpful in sending out positive messages to the community.

Dave relayed that next Friday's meeting will focus on Administrative structure and options.

Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the meeting at 11:17 AM.

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