

COMMUNITY BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
October 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes; 6:00 P.M.; Willamette Conference Room

Members Present: Justin Elardo, Sara Kerr, Roger Kirchner, Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar, Alice Perry, Irina Phillips, Harmony Quiroz, and Betsy Salter.

Members Absent: Dick Cherry, Nicole Kennedy, and Judah McCauley.

Others Present: Ryan Dutcher, Pradeep Raju, staff.

I. ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS (All; 10 minutes)

Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar and Harmony Quiroz were nominated and approved as the Co-Chairs for the 2017-2018 year.

II. UPDATE ON BUDGET SUMMARY DOCUMENT (all; 5 minutes)

Ryan Dutcher showed us the “final” draft of the budget summary document keeping it to four pages. It is with translation services. Information about the revenue from the marijuana and lottery taxes will be added to the first page before document is finalized and printed.

III. BUDGET TIMELINE

With the Superintendent’s input and the recurrent pressure for an earlier staffing process, the goal is to have an adopted budget by January or February. This is contingent upon a board approved staffing model in November/December.

IV. REVENUE UPDATE/BUDGET AMENDMENT (Ryan Dutcher, All; 30 minutes)

Materials can be found in the Board Finance Audit and Operations Committee meeting materials (Items 1 and 2) here:

<https://www.pps.net/cms/lib/OR01913224/Centricity/domain/171/board%20committees/business%20and%20operations/09-26-17%20Final%20FAO%20Packet.pdf>

Ryan Dutcher presented the revenue update and budget amendment presentations to the committee. The committee had a robust discussion about the revenue update and forecast and the budget amendment. We expressed support for the investment in a Chief Academic Officer position. We believe this is an important step for the new superintendent to build a team and begin to set a strong vision for the future of PPS.

We are concerned about the Board’s willingness to spend down the reserve particularly on what should be long-term investments. We are also concerned that there continues to be no comprehensive budgeting software which contributes to the significant errors in the adopted budget.

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V. STAFFING UPDATE (Ryan Dutcher, Pradeep Raju, All; 45 minutes)

Materials can be found in the Board Finance Audit and Operations Committee meeting materials (Item 4) here:

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Ryan Dutcher and Pradeep present the two alternative staffing models under consideration in the district, the section model and the programmatic model. The committee appreciated the comprehensive problem statements and agrees the existing staffing model presents significant challenges.

The committee had several questions related to both models and in particular the costs associated with each, how the district will pay for new costs, the timeline for the adoption of a new model, and how a new staffing model will disrupt other significant priorities.

The committee is unable to endorse or support any of the proposed staffing models at this time and will encourage the Board FAO committee to delay a decision until more information can be provided. Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar will represent the CBRC at the Oct. 24th FAO meeting (3pm-5pm). Any and all other members are encouraged to attend. Harmony and Gabrielle will develop talking points to be reviewed and approved by the full CBRC.

VI. RATINGS REPORTS (Ryan Dutcher; 5 minutes)

Ryan Dutcher provided copies of the districts rating reports for members to review. These reports provide a clear picture of the district's overall financial condition and standing. Digital copies were provided with the minutes for last month's meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING (All; 5 minutes)

The next meeting is Thursday, November 9th from 6:30-8:30pm in the **Elevator Conference room** at BESC. Topics on the agenda will include the staffing model and equity allocation.