

**CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.39  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 9, 2010**

**Budget Committee Approved 6/23/10**

The Board of Directors and Budget Committee members of Corbett School District No. 39, Multnomah County, Oregon, met at Corbett Grade School Board Room/Library in said district on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. The following board members were present: Bob Buttke; Mark Hyzer; Maureen Childs; Brian James (by speaker phone at 8:30 p.m.) and Charlie O'Neil. Board member Todd Mickalson was absent. Board member Jeff Aho had an excused absence. Budget committee members in attendance were: Annette Calcagno (by speaker phone at 8:30 p.m.); Stuart Childs; Eric Stevens and Michael Wilson. Budget Members Ed Kalberg, Brad Garrett and Leota Pulliam had excused absences. Also present were Bob Dunton, Superintendent; Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk and Randy Trani, K-12 Principal. Jan Younker, Deputy Clerk, had an excused absence. NOTE: The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

7:45 p.m.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE Eric Stevens

Presiding Officer, Mr. Stevens, called the meeting to order and led all in attendance with the pledge of allegiance.

2.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA Eric Stevens

Charlie O'Neil moved the acceptance of the agenda and Bob Buttke seconded. The vote carried 9-0.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES Eric Stevens  
3.1 April 7, 2010  
3.2 April 28, 2010  
3.3 May 27, 2010

Maureen Childs moved the approval of the above minutes and Charlie O'Neil seconded. The vote was 9-0 in favor.

4.0 QUESTIONS - COMMENTS Eric Stevens

4.1 Audience – none at this meeting.  
4.2 Committee- Maureen Childs expressed her view point to stand firm for

this coming year and also spoke on behalf of Brian James. She noted that a lot of little things and options were discussed at the May 27 meeting such as shortening days, transportation, sports, but it doesn't add up to enough. Don't like roller coaster and the shortfall is bad but Susan Castillo, Superintendent of Instruction, expressed the request for "saving the teacher" effort with the federal government. Let's see if that comes to fruition. We also have Contingency we could use. Don't want to touch programs yet. Next year could be bad, but with support of Charter we are better off.

Charlie O'Neil noted that we are full and utilizing space and administration. We could make adjustments throughout the year.

Mr. Dunton mentioned that between the time of approval and adoption we could still make changes and we can amend during the year with spending downward. We can do a supplemental budget if 10% rule comes about.

Charlie O'Neil asked if this works upwards or downwards.

Mr. Dunton replied yes, can move money back and forth within functions.

Maureen Childs said if we budget to worst case scenario we lose confidence and things start to unravel with cherry picking. Let's keep intact.

Mr. Dunton added that we grew our programming. When time to make reductions, we must remember to do it without "not doing it well" as an option. Mediocrity is not our suit.

Bob Buttke asked if we are taking in the reductions from the May 27 one page 2010-2011 Fund Analysis on page 90 of the proposed budget document.

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Mr. Dunton answered no, but in broad strokes this is similar and maintains programming. If we don't spend, we're ok. Impact is in beginning fund and ending fund balances. The proposed budget document is ok.

Bob Buttke asked if the state cuts, is it still ok.

Eric Stevens said if the state comes through, \$450-\$500,000 Carry Forward.

Mr. Dunton reiterated, yes but we're better if we don't spend.

Maureen Childs noted keeping steady confidence with parents and staff.

Eric Stevens agreed especially with Charter school.

Mr. Dunton observed that 10 out of 11 inter-district transfers have been denied where the resident district starts the process (Reynolds SD). The one approval we have is for an 11<sup>th</sup> grader and we are looking how credits will transfer before we approve.

Eric Stevens asked about Gresham-Barlow SD.

Mr. Dunton noticed we haven't received from them yet. Oregon Trail SD has grandfathered some and sent to us.

Michael Wilson asked about Cascade Locks students.

Mr. Dunton answered that Hood River County SD has never approved transfers. We had about 25 of their students in the Charter and most had older students that graduated in 2010, so we will lose some.

Eric Stevens also heard that they thought it was too hard at Corbett School District as well.

Charlie O'Neil heard that Hood River County SD was giving them special treatment to stay there.

Bob Buttke asked about picking up students at Bonneville.

Mr. Dunton assumed that it was hard for them to get to the bus, car to bus arrangement awkward and Cascade Locks is still working at getting a community school.

Maureen Childs said she might be beating a dead horse, but we need more Revenue and maybe we should try to position for an operating levy.

Charlie O'Neil and Mark Hyzer both said no.

Bob Buttke believes not enough money floating around.

Eric Stevens also thinks without charter school parents vote, it won't go.

Mr. Dunton proposed there are no scare tactics, something would have to be cut to make levy happen.

This conversation would not be happening if we'd passed levy, but perception is the issue.

Eric Stevens asked when the bond levy was up.

Robin Lindeen-Blakeley replied December 2013.

Bob Buttke assumed building levy is hopeful down the road.

Charlie O'Neil mentioned the many unusable classrooms in the middle school building and Maureen Childs concurred.

Eric Stevens said maybe we could charge for parking.

Bob Buttke wondered if that would help put more kids back on the buses.

Mr. Dunton replied that our 70% state reimbursement for buses is based on mileage only.

## 5.0 REVIEW OF ALL FUNDS

Bob Dunton

Mr. Dunton went over the important fixtures of the Budget Message on page three of the budget document. This was written based on the March state estimate, but \$630,000 still probably good. 346 students projected in charter with \$2 million flowing to them. There is deep concern regarding the rent paid to Corbett School District among folks. The Charter school will employ Larry Swanson, Jennifer Ducey and William Robertson at the high school level, all of whom will spend only two periods a day with the charter. About half of the charter has two-thirds of the CHS teachers. If not, teachers would be reduced from 14 to 9 and infinitely put programs at stake. The two million in the door occurs on the campus and is a good benefit. Charter money is stripped down, no federal or transportation dollars except recovery (ARRA) dollars.

Charlie O'Neil asked if Corbett School District gets the money.  
 Mr. Dunton said that transportation money stays with the District. Five intermediate teachers share math classes between the charter and the District. There are lots of pieces that work together effectively.  
 Charlie O'Neil noted again the vibrancy of more kids at the school, so better than five to six years ago.  
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Mr. Dunton told of the documentary underway by Peter Monahan. Also, nine of nine CMS graduation party volunteers were charter school parents. The high school graduation had distinction this year between Corbett High School and Corbett Charter School in gowns and covers on the diploma, which made for a good balance, lots of contributions to ward off some burnout. This is a symbiotic relationship. Elementary budgeting change as we anticipate class size closer to 28 than 25. The days of 22 are gone and maybe even 25, so is an emotional issue to hold onto it.

Maureen Childs reflected on her time in the grade school as a student teacher/volunteer and the way we spend hour chunks of time is conducive to teachers. Also lots of parent volunteers for math and reading, so we're ok with 28.

Mr. Dunton noted the new 9<sup>th</sup> grade hire (Charter) did her student teaching at Glencoe High School in Spanish and said 37-41 in classrooms, and no one in the Hillsboro SD is "raising Cain" about the issue. We haven't had to make the adjustments many other schools have.

Maureen Childs noted that size classroom takes crowd control.

Mr. Dunton joked that when you're large you have a communication's director to take care of it. In the secondary we anticipate 337 without charter school, so 30 will be closer to average class size.

Charlie O'Neil asked if the sixth graders still in middle school building.

Mr. Dunton replied yes, but they are counted as elementary. We project Intermediate classrooms with 28 and primary with 26-27.

Charlie O'Neil asked if elementary budgeting by going multi-age gives us music, reading specialist, etc.

Mr. Dunton said yes, small to larger cohorts balanced. He bragged about the Charter school students, as they said it was their best year at school. Parents aren't as appreciative. The new superintendent will do some reorganizing, so the position list was the best guess at the time.

Mark Hyzer confused, are we recommending holding the line to hold level at the same next year, but class size increase represents reductions, belt tightening?

6.0 DISCUSSION Eric Stevens  
 As noted above.

7.0 APPROVAL/RECOMMENDATIONS Eric Stevens

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

7.1 Motion to approve the 2010-2011 Corbett School District budget of \$9,527,550 including the general fund budget in the amount of \$7,539,120 and all other fund budgets in the amount of \$1,988,430.

The vote of the Board was 9 – 0.

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

7.2 Motion to approve the amount and/or rate of the following property taxes to be imposed.

<b>FUND</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AUTHORIZED</b>
General	Permanent Rate	\$4.5941
Debt Service	Bond Levy	\$780,177

The vote of the Board was 9-0.

Mark Hyzer moved and Maureen Childs seconded:

7.3 Motion to recognize the need and authority of the Board to adjust both revenue and expenditures in the document that is to be presented at the Public Hearing/Adoption of the Budget to the Budget Committee for their final approval.

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The Board voted 9 – 0 in favor.

NEXT MEETING –

Presiding Officer Eric Stevens noted that the Public Hearing/Adoption of the Budget and the Board meeting originally scheduled for June 16, 2010 will be postponed to June 23, 2010.

8:40 p.m.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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