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BHSD Proposes 2018-19 Budget FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - May 17, 2018

BROOKINGS, Ore. -- The Brookings-Harbor School District budget committee, a joint body of appointed community members and the elected school board members, met to review the proposed 2018-19 budget document on April 24. The committee unanimously supported the proposed budget presented by Superintendent Sean Gallagher and District Business Manager Kathy McKee. The total proposed operating budget of the district for 2018-19 is approximately \$30.5 million.

Next year, will be the second year of the state's two-year biennium budget cycle. The legislature approved a K-12 budget of \$8.2 billion for the state. The school district will be receiving the same amount of funding from the state as the previous year, or first half of the biennium, approximately \$17.7 million. Other funding sources allow for the district to maintain a balanced budget.

The amount of state funding received last year allowed BHSD to build back most positions that had been slated to be cut-back when the state was considering funding K-12 schools at \$7.8 billion. The district did combine the District Athletic Director and Azalea Middle School Assistant Principal positions to maintain a balanced budget. Measure 98, approved by the voters in 2016, allowed the district to access additional funds targeted toward further strengthening graduation rates, lowering dropout rates, and expanding career technical education programs such as welding. Finally, the district has been the recipient of several new grants, including approximately \$3 million to retrofit Azalea Middle School and Brookings-Harbor High School for seismic safety during the summers of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Currently, 84.08% of the 2018-19 proposed district budget is dedicated to salaries and benefits. By supporting positions, the district keeps its class size numbers below state average as reported by the state and provides support programs for students. The Public Employee

Retirement System (PERS) rates are expected to exponentially increase over the next 10 years, which will cause further challenges to the K-12 funding situation faced by BHSD and others. BHSD has a fund set aside to help address this coming challenge. In the 2018-19 balanced budget proposal, there are no proposed cuts to existing positions or programs.

Finally, the cash carryover amount in the proposed budget is 9.6 percent, equal to \$1.7 million, and is a vital reserve with enough to cover the monthly payroll of \$1.3 million or an emergency to prevent the likelihood of the district needing to borrow funds and pay interest on those funds.

Additional public input on the budget can be given at the Regular School Board Meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, in the library at Kalmiopsis Elementary School, 650 Easy Street. At this meeting there will be a public hearing on the budget, with the possibility of the board moving to actions to adopt the proposed budget, appropriate and categorize funds, and levy taxes.

To provide a public comment, please arrive at the meeting a few minutes early, sign-in, fill out a blue comment card with your name, address and topic and turn it in. When the public comment time arrives on the agenda, you will be called to the microphone to present your comments.

If you would like to view the full proposed budget document in advance of the meeting, please stop by the Brookings-Harbor School District Office during business hours to pick up a copy, 564 Fern Ave., Brookings. For information, call 541-469-7443 or email kathym@brookings.k12.or.us.

The budget committee consists of appointed community members Alice Farmer and Dori Statton; and current elected school board members Katherine Johnson, Bruce Raleigh, Sue Gold, Alonzo Nalls and Alan Nidiffer.

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