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School Board finalizes a proposed budget at April budget committee meeting

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The Brookings-Harbor School District 17C Budget Committee met on April 28 at the Kalmiopsis Elementary School Library and approved a proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

The discussion revolved around school improvement efforts; measures to support the district goals of increased graduation rates, student achievement, college and career readiness, closing the achievement gap and more.

“The proposed budget supports the district goals,” Superintendent Sean Gallagher said. “We built a very accurate budget for next year.”

The budget committee prioritized \$400,000 in new staff positions from a requested \$1.7 million in needed staffing changes identified by the district’s administration team across the district as the district continues to recover from the economic recession. The additional positions were added in special education, core academics, nursing and elementary teaching.

The overall budget resources have increased an estimated 5 percent over last year’s budget based on the amount of money received from the State School Fund. This will allow for the expansion of some services, supplies and personnel, according to Gallagher and the ability for the district to maintain its contingency fund. The general fund in 2015-16 was \$15,212,275 and the proposed general fund budget for next year is \$15,982,806, an increase of \$770,531.

All standard requirements for staffing, programming and instructional hours were met in the proposed budget, while still maintaining a 10 percent contingency fund for the district.

In order to make sure the contingency fund was over 10 percent (or roughly \$1.6 million), the budget committee made a few small adjustments to certain funds at its April meeting.

Compared to the previous year, the bus fund was decreased from \$106,000 to \$60,000; the textbook fund was decreased from \$50,000 to \$40,000; the athletics fund was increased from \$120,000 to \$150,000; food service was decreased from \$77,000 to \$37,000 due mostly to new operating and purchasing efficiencies; and the maintenance budget was increased from \$168,000 to \$190,000.

In regards to the maintenance fund, with the recent \$1.5 million seismic grant award to the district for the Kalmiopsis School retrofit construction that will begin next summer, the budget committee opted to set aside some capital improvement funds that can be used in conjunction with the seismic grant to maximize impact and buying power for school facilities improvements.

The budget committee is composed of the elected school board members Bruce Raleigh, Sue Gold, Katherine Johnson, Sue Chambers and Alice Farmer; and appointed community members Mona Chandler, Lorie Botnen, Pat McVay, Clyde Burke and Lauren Guido.

The proposed budget will go to the June School Board meeting for final approval. To view a copy of the budget document, visit the District Office at 629 Easy Street.

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