
Budget Committee Meeting

When: May 12, 2010

Where: Library Administration

MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE PRESENT: Beth Faulkenberry, Addie Kerr, Martha Lawler, Pat Lawrence, Ann Malkin, Ray Miao, George Riser, Susan Torassa, Neal Wineman. Beth Pearl-Gent was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m., in the large conference room of the Library Administration building.

BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ray Miao nominated Susan Torassa to serve as Budget Chair. Pat Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Susan Torassa invited comments from the public. No comments were made.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET MESSAGE

Library Director Todd Dunkelberg presented the budget message. The 2010/2011 fiscal year will see a growth rate of 2.2% for assessed valuation. This is the first time in the history of the District that the number has dropped below 4%.

The 2010/2011 budget projects a 0% growth in assessed valuation for the 11/12 and 12/13 years. Conservative budgeting allows the District to sustain services through the next 3 years (page 9).

The 2010/2011 budget addresses library plans for achieving Board directed initiatives:

- The budget allows for store front services to East Bend.
- Marketing of library services are a priority.
- Job and Career support will be achieved through partnerships and added resources.
- The library staff will begin investigating automated handling systems.

The 2010/2011 budget also highlights areas where adjustments were made to streamline spending in order to strengthen cash reserves:

- The materials budget was kept at the \$1,060,000 level.
- Education and travel was reduced by 50%.
- In-district mileage was reduced by 40%.
- Meeting support was reduced by 52%.
- District courier services will be contracted out.
- Staffing changes were made to reduce overall personnel costs.

MOTION TO APPROVE

As there was no further discussion, Chair Susan Torassa called for motions.

George Riser moved that the budget committee of the Deschutes Public Library District has reviewed and hereby approves the budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year as presented. Martha Lawler seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. (Pearl-Gent absent)

Martha Lawler moved that the budget committee of the Deschutes Public Library District approve taxes for the 2010-2011 fiscal year at the rate of \$.55 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. George Riser seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. (Pearl-Gent absent)

The Board complimented Library Director Todd Dunkelberg on preparing a well-designed, clear budget. The Board also commended the Budget Committee Members for their participation in the budget process.

ATTEST:

Todd Dunkelberg
Library Director