

**LAKE COUNTY ESD
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clayton Sharp Jim Hiatt Ross Colahan
John Griffin Jeanette Grant Will Cahill
Dale Chiono Stefani Roseberry Darryl Anderson
Vicky Taylor Bill Black David Kerr
Jason Jaeger

PUBLIC PRESENT Dwight Roth, North Lake SD#14

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Nash, Superintendent
Sara Sarensen, Business Manager
Debbie Goss, Office Manager

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at the Paisley School at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Ross Colahan.

ELECTIONS

John Griffin moved to reelect Ross Colahan as Chair. Clayton Sharp seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Bill Black moved to elect David Kerr as Vice Chair. Jeanette Grant seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Bill Black requested a correction to the minutes of the June 2, 2015 Budget Committee meeting. A comma was inserted into the last sentence, first paragraph of the Budget Message presentation to clarify the sentence. Dale Chiono moved to approve the Consent Items with the June 2, 2015 minutes corrected as requested. Vicky Taylor seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

BI-ANNUAL REPORTS (3rd/4th Qtr 2014-15 and 1st/2nd Qtr 2015-16)

Supt. Nash explained that the 2014-15 Bi-Annual report was in the packet for directors to read. He then discussed the 2015-16 1st/2nd Quarter Bi-Annual Report concentrating on special education services. He provided directors with data that shows a 30% increase in special ed students while district ADM has declined. Supt. Nash also commented on the high costs to districts to provide evaluations and services to higher needs students with autism. He explained that the ESD continues to look at ways to provide additional special education services without reducing current levels of service. No changes are planned to the Local Service Plan, but the ESD may look into additional services once the budgeting process begins.

2016-17 LOCAL SERVICE PLAN / OVERVIEW

Supt. Nash presented the Local Service Plan to the budget committee commenting that the ESD is maintaining current levels with minor tweaks. He then read the budget message once again stressing special education needs. Supt. Nash commented that the Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education program is also experiencing a significant increase in numbers and that funding is at catastrophic levels.

Supt. Nash continued through the Local Service Plan noting minor changes from the 2015-16 LSP that were actually implemented in 2015-16 when the ESD funding increase was passed late in the legislative session in June. These increased service levels will continue in the 2016-17 LSP. Most notable were the increased FTE for itinerant special education teacher and increased speech services for North Lake SD. However, with the contracted speech language pathologist leaving at the end of February 2016, changes will occur with service delivery. A current North Lake SD employee has completed her speech language pathology assistant program and will be

licensed to provide services in February. An ESD speech pathologist will provide supervision, some direct services, and write the IEPs. The ESD and North Lake SD are happy with this development as it allows the ESD to hire an employee and stabilize service delivery for North Lake.

Supt. Nash continued with a brief review of services commenting on the E-rate repayment and grants that are no longer funded. Supt. Nash stated that the ESD will continue to focus on the four core areas: Programs for Children with Special Needs (Special Education), School Improvement, Technology, and Administrative Support. He answered specific questions about additional services such as a behavior specialist, which is a position that has been discussed with district administrators. Supt. Nash has been looking at ways to fund the position and possibly share the cost with another local entity. He will continue to work closely with the districts through the budgeting process to see if it is feasible.

LOCAL SERVICE PLAN REMINDER

Supt. Nash explained that the ESD is required by state statute to acquire district approval annually of the Local Service Plan. Superintendents are asked to put this approval as an action item on their February board agendas. Supt. Nash will attend each district's February meeting to present the 2016-17 Local Service Plan and answer questions.

TECHNICAL-INTERNAL-FACILITY (TIF) RATE

Sara Sarensen, Business Manager, explained that the TIF rate charged to the individual programs is the administrative cost of doing business. She explained that Oregon Department of Education's set their 2015-16 indirect rate determination at 9%. In previous discussions, the ESD agreed to cap the TIF at 6.94% due to ODE's fluctuating rates. There being no further discussion, *Dale Chiono moved to approve the following resolution. **Be it resolved that in calculating expenditures for the Local Service Plan, each service area will be charged 6.94% of the direct costs to offset their proportion of expenses for technology, internal services, and facility. David Kerr seconded and the motion passed unanimously.***

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Bob Nash, Superintendent

Ross Colahan, Chair