

On April 25, 2022 members of the Central Linn School Budget Committee met to further discuss the budget process and district facilities. The meeting began at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Mr. Rise's Room of Central Linn High School and via Zoom.

Members Present: Johnna Neal, Parker Leigh, Kyle Olson, Suzy Parker, Stacey Winter, David Karo, Jeanne Whitted, Tony Isom, William Tenbusch, Kirt Glenn, George Price

Others Present: Candace Pelt, Celeste Van Cleave, Dena Crowell, Heidi Hermansen, Ron Whitted, Case Shulte, Kaylie Helget

Members introduced themselves, stated their experience on the budget committee and announced one thing they hope for current and future students of Central Linn.

Superintendent Pelt informed one purpose of the budget committee is to approve the budget and to test it against the district's goals. We want our budget committee to understand the budget, where the money comes from and how the money is spent when we meet in May.

Superintendent Pelt distributed the School Board and Superintendent Priorities and informed everyone the document will be reflected upon when the Board evaluates Dr. Pelt and will be used when the Board conducts a self evaluation of their work.

The question was asked of how much money does the district spend on each student. The district receives approximately \$9,600 from the state/per child. The high school spends approximately \$15,015 and the elementary \$15,758, per student, on building and support services. The district is currently staffed at where enrollment numbers were in 2018/2019 though enrollment numbers are down approximately 90 students since that school year.

What are district goals and priorities? We want every student to be able to grow, every staff member to feel heard and valued, we want every student to graduate, focus on the health and wellness of our students and staff, and to have a long range facility repair plan. Stacey Winter asked how Central Linn's graduation rate compared with other districts. Dr. Pelt reported that the state's average was at 80% whereas Central Linn was between 60-70%. Nationwide, COVID exasperated graduation issues. The district is planning to launch a credit recovery program this summer, which will allow students to work on credit deficiencies.

Out of general fund \$75,420 was spent on high school campus maintenance and \$56,450 for elementary campus maintenance. The committee reviewed the Facilities Needs Assessment findings report from December 2020. The report outlines the needs of the facilities and the cost associated noting those prices are as of December 2020; creates a priority baseline. Proposed in this year's budget will be renewing the maintenance reserve fund with a \$500,000 transfer.

Three Year Facilities Recommendations (without a bond):

- Finish seismic project and roof repair
- Tear down and rebuild locker rooms (first part of tunnel system)
- Replace agriculture building
- Repair/Replace high school classrooms

David Karo discussed the need to seek a bond and asked what would everyone personally support in a bond? Previous two bond attempts seeking one K-12 campus were unsuccessful. Next bond attempts will focus on the campuses remaining split. David recommended seeking a \$5 - \$10 million dollar bond and to tackle facility upgrades through these smaller bonds. Main entrances and security upgrades need to be addressed which could potentially be accomplished through a bond. Dr. Pelt announced that a priority in the bond process is seeking feedback from the community and engaging stakeholders. If it is decided to seek a bond, it is recommended for May of 2023; to get ahead of the City of Brownsville bond in 2024. Part of the challenge of Central Linn is the campus' location not being centered within a community; it tends to be out of sight/out of mind. Asked was 'will voters want to invest money into a district with declining enrollment'? Possibly, improved facilities will attract families and create pride in the school.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Dena Crowell, Board Secretary

David Karo, Board Chairman

Date

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