

Bainbridge Island School District No. 303
District Budget Advisory Committee (DBAC)
Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2019

Place: Board Room – Commodore Campus

Time: 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Peter Bang-Knudsen, Allyson Brown, Tamara Colagrossi Turner, Kristen Haizlip, Larry Holland, Mike McCloud, Erin Murphy, Peggy Paige, Jennifer Pells, Lynn Smith

The following minutes are an overview of the DBAC meeting. A complete audio recording is available for review in the Bainbridge Island School District Main Office. Contact Lani Chaffee 206-780-1052.

A. Review of DBAC Mission, Membership, Roles and Responsibilities

Superintendent Peter Bang-Knudsen reviewed the committee mission, roles and responsibilities.

B. Review and discuss the “Citizen’s Guide to the District Budget”

Associate Superintendent Erin Murphy reviewed the updated guide. The committee values the resource and recommended promoting the guide on the district site and with the community. A quick one-page reference guide was discussed. Murphy referenced page 22, 2018-2019 General Fund Budget Summary as a good one-page snapshot of the district finances.

The guide is posted on the district site:

<https://www.bisd303.org/cms/lib/WA01001636/Centricity/Domain/71/2018%2019%20Citizens%20Guide%20to%20Budget%20Final.pdf>

Superintendent Bang-Knudsen clarified that the McCleary funding is for the general fund and not the capital projects fund. Local support is still needed for capital projects. A recommendation was made for a one-sheet document showing the changes in funding with McCleary.

C. Current Enrollment

Director of Business Services Peggy Paige shared the district enrollment report. The first step in building the budget is to look at enrollment trends followed by staffing. Current enrollment is down resulting in a \$750,000 challenge. The district received an increase in state funding for transportation plus cut expenditures to make up the difference. Leave payouts in June and August will also impact the budget.

Associate Superintendent Erin Murphy shared that the district accepted 137 Choice Transfer students this year, 10 more than the previous year.

Jen Pells stated that the island had 41 fewer home sales (not including condominiums) in 2018 than 2017.

Erin Murphy referenced the demographic report that provides the district with a range in birth rates.

Principal Kristen Haizlip shared that Choice Transfer students help to manage the enrollment numbers at the high school.

Superintendent Bang-Knudsen stated that many students moved into the district but at the same time many students left the island.

Jen Pells shared that 90 new townhomes will be coming onto the market in the summer. The majority of buyers of townhomes are first time buyers/new families.

Bang-Knudsen summarized that adjustments will need to be made in staffing to be in alignment with enrollment.

D. Capital Levy Presentation

Superintendent Peter Bang-Knudsen presented the levy presentation. The presentation is posted on the district site:

https://www.bisd303.org/cms/lib/WA01001636/Centricity/Domain/445/BISD%20Levy%202019%20Presentation_%20Public.pdf

Superintendent Bang-Knudsen shared that most of the meeting feedback has been positive. The biggest critique is tax fatigue. Larry Holland stated that local property taxes have risen due to McCleary. Mike McCloud requested a list of the value engineering of the new Blakely Elementary School to share with staff.

With the ability to use capital project funds, we were able to create classroom spaces and take advantage reduced class sizes.

The February 13 meeting will include an enrollment projection update. Larry Holland asked for an update on the rainy day fund. Is there more protection for funding at the state level? What happens if there is a drop in state revenue? Bang-Knudsen indicated that a little more money may be coming for special education.

The meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.