

BOARD BRIEFS

Board Special Meeting | May 25, 2022

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2022-23 Budget Presentation

The presented 2022-23 budget includes General Fund revenue totaling \$216 million, which is an increase of just over \$10 million



from the 2021-22 budget. Nearly two-thirds of this revenue comes from the State Funding Formula, which will allocate \$9,043.23 in revenue per student (up from \$8,501.28 per student in 2021-22). The budget is based on a projected enrollment decrease of less than one percent.

The 2022-23 proposed budget prioritizes meeting the Strategic Plan goal of transparent and effective resource allocation, having a balanced budget, keeping the D51 health insurance plan solvent without raising premiums for employees, making the most of one-time ESSER dollars knowing that this pandemic-era federal funding source will end in 2023-24, and working toward more competitive salaries. The MVEA/D51 negotiated agreement includes an average increase of 9.1%. Several support positions will benefit from market adjustments approved through the Compensation Oversight Committee, such as paraprofessionals and some secretarial positions. In addition, special education teachers will have two additional contract days and an allocated sub day, and there's additional funding for special education caseload stipends.

Additional costs in the proposed budget include anticipated increases in transportation, fuel, and utility expenses; an anticipated increase in funding passed on to charter schools; a half-percent increase in PERA contributions for both D51 and employees; Panorama surveys that were formerly paid for by grant funding; and an increase in the district's share of health insurance costs. Savings in the 2023-23 budget include a reduction of 23.78 full-time equivalent positions to compensate for decreased enrollment, using ESSER dollars to pay for 22.33 full-time equivalent positions, attrition, and using ESSER dollars to pay for APLUs (teacher training).

Budget hearings will take place before board meetings on June 7 and 21, and the budget is scheduled for adoption June 21.

Resolution to Convey to City of Grand Junction Storm Sewer Easement for GJHS

Board members approved a resolution to authorize D51 leadership to negotiate and enter into a grant of easement to the city of Grand Junction for the new storm sewer at Grand Junction High School.



Administrative Hires

The board approved hiring a new in-house General Counsel, Tammy Eret, and a new principal of R-5 High School, Nick Steinmetz.



Future Meetings

June 7 - School Board Work Session, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room.

June 21 - School Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room.

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