

Newberg-Dundee Public Schools Budget Questions For May 21, 2024 Budget Meeting

Page numbers referenced are v.2 Budget Document PDF page number.

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1. What changes were made to balance the budget from Proposed Budget v.1 to v.2?

9 FTE were eliminated from the general fund.

Corrections were made for errors that were pointed out in the meeting on 5.7.2024

The Tuition Reimbursement was added back into the document.

Beginning fund balance was reduced to the minimum needed to make the budget balance.

2. PDF Page 17 - General Fund Beginning Fund Balance is \$8,120,907.58 in the v.2 budget. Since we are in a projected deficit for 2023-24 of \$ 3.77 million, how can our beginning fund balance still be listed as \$8 Million? What reduction is needed in 2024-25 to balance the general fund budget?

Shouldn't the overall budget to be approved by the budget committee be reduced to the amount of a balanced budget even if we are still identifying the reductions?

At the suggestion of Jackie Olsen from OASBO, the document presented needed to show what needs to be approved by the budget committee in order for the board, community and administration to work through cuts for what will end up being the final budget. The board can reduce the budget after it is approved, but cannot increase the budget on their own. Since some of the expenditures and revenues for the current year are still estimates, we did not include the cuts. The board will need the budget authority in order to account for the actual cuts that will be made.

3. PDF Page 17 - In the state school fund revenue, what percent reimbursement rate is used to estimate the High Cost Disability reimbursement?

49%

4. PDF Page 32 - Fund 304 Debt Service Dundee Property - Revenue 5200 Transfer of Funds to Fund 304 is budgeted for \$30,999. The General Fund has the expense on PDF Page 70 5200 Transfer of Funds = \$31,000. This transfer is out of balance by \$1. Transfers in and out need to be in balance.

Yes, I will make an adjustment in the approved budget for that \$1.00.

5. PDF Page 112 - PERS Bond 2003—Function 5200 Transfer of funds—709 Transfer for \$300,000. Since the resources for this fund are collected by a percentage of payroll charged to each salary transaction, there should not be a transfer out of this fund to general fund. A transfer would not capture the credit due to federal funds, state grants, and Bond Funds that were originally charged. Was the intent to remove this transfer and reduce the PERS Bond expense in all funds?

We will move expenditures from the grants to cover the portion of the PERS Bond transfer that should be offset for the transfer. The %'s below will be used for those calculations.

YTD Transactions	Fund	Percent	
22,688,525.16	100 Total	83.00%	General
1,497,265.41	201 Total	6.00%	Federal Grants
36,165.30	204 Total	0.00%	Student Body Funds
1,610,391.24	251 Total	6.00%	SIA
499,289.96	252 Total	2.00%	High School Success
51,819.34	260 Total	0.00%	State & Local Grants
41,668.32	270 Total	0.00%	Private Donations
544,815.83	299 Total	2.00%	Nutrition Services
248,883.24	410 Total	1.00%	Bond

6. PDF Page 114 Capital Projects - The district has issued tax-exempt bonds for capital projects. Has the district consulted with an arbitrage consultant to determine if the district needs to set aside bond funds for a possible arbitrage rebate and yield restriction liabilities payment to the IRS? This needs to be calculated every five years.

The arbitrage was due this year and verified by an independent consultant. The district met arbitrage.

7. PDF Page 116 - Construction Excise Tax (CET) - [ORS 320.183](#) states "...the school district imposing the tax develops a long-term facilities plan for making capital improvements. The plan shall be adopted by resolution of the district board of the school district." Has the board reviewed the long-term facilities plan and has staff shared the plan for spending the budgeted CET funds with the board?

Not at this time

8. OASBO Financial Report to the Board - With projected general fund expenditures over the appropriation of \$871,639 in 1000 Instruction and \$1,996,602 in 2000 Support Services, how many FTEs have been hired in 2023-24 in comparison to the number of FTE budgeted in 2023-24? Is there a position control system in place to ensure this overspend in appropriation does not occur again in 2024-25?

There was not a position control system in place this year. I will get back to you with the number of FTE hired this year versus what was budgeted.

9. Where is the budget for debt service to repay the short-term loan due in December 2024?

Because we aren't aware at this time how much that will end up being, we will add it later as the Board works through the process.