

Croydon School District

Budget Hearing: 26 Jan 2022

- A. Call to Order at 6:34 Jody Underwood
- B. Introduction from Frank, Superintendent
 - 1. Discussed budgeting principals and an intent to keep things as close as possible to last year in order to maintain stability year over year.
- C. Presentation of the Budget by Beth Bierworth, Business Manager
 - 1. Member of the public asked about Croydon being listed towards the bottom of state rankings; Frank discussed our improvement in recent years vs what it was several year ago
 - 2. Total budget is \$1.7mm, a 6% increase from last year
 - 3. Major increases were tuition and contract services
 - 4. Multiple parents expressed intents to switch from Montessori to Newport due to lack of transportation
 - 5. Member of the public asked if the swept fund is included in the state or the local portion of the pie chart; Beth to separate this out
 - 6. Proposed tax rate will increase 19% by \$1.35 to \$8.57
 - 7. Tuition Capital Reserve Fund will have \$53k as of the end of this fiscal year
 - 8. Special Interest Trust Fund is at \$137k
 - 9. Teacher roles would move to K-2, 3-4, and principal/special-ed; headcounts are not changing but roles and line-item allocation within the budget are changing
 - 10. There are 6 special needs children in the school at present
 - 11. Special education contract services increasing from \$23k to \$53k due to an extra student coming in, increased cost of services in general, as well as specific services that will be required for one student in particular
 - 12. Went line-by-line through the budget items
 - 13. Professional development is funded through federal grants as part of the Tital-2 program
 - 14. There is an increase of \$5,000 for an ALMA information system
- D. Transportation
 - 1. Discussed the bussing situation; 5 families have not confirmed their attendance at Montessori due to uncertainty surrounding the bus situation
 - 2. The Board indicated their intentions are to continue door-to-door service that includes both Newport and Montessori, but Butler has not been able to find a driver yet
 - 3. Several drivers have applied, but none have made it through either because of lack of qualifications or better opportunities elsewhere
- E. Meeting Adjourned at 8:19pm