



Finance Advisory and Capital Projects Oversight Committee Minutes
April 18, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

Committee Members:

Present: Bill Newton, Chrissy Reitz, Michael McElwee, Rich Truax, Ted Cramer-HREA Rep, Columba Jones

Absent: Nancy Rowley-OSEA Rep, Jen Kelly, Garrett Apland

The following HRCSD staff/community members present:

Nancy Hall, Tod Hilstad, Kate Sherrill

1. Welcome & Call to Order – 4:05 P.M.

Superintendent Bill Newton called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm on April 18, 2024 in a virtual google meet.

2. Public Comment

Superintendent Bill Newton shared no one had signed up for public comment.

3. Reports & Discussions

A. HRCSD & Capital Projects Update

Newton met with Todd Rainwater, Duke Kuykendall and Luke Harkness to review the status of current projects. He shared updates on the opening of the new Mid Valley Elementary Playground project, the Cascade Locks HVAC project, Parkdale Roof project, and HRCSD Maintenance projects. Newton met with the group that manages the Hood River Fairgrounds to discuss potential Wy'East Grandstand ADA improvements. Fairgrounds has an interest in contributing funding for the project to provide wheelchair accessible parking, restrooms and accessible walkways.

B. Financial Report

Newton shared that budget training has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd. The Financial Advisory Committee, Budget Committee, and Cabinet members are invited to attend. The Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for April 30th. Newton is currently projecting a reduction amount of 9.63 FTE of classified Staff, and a reduction amount of 7.4 FTE of licensed staff. Newton has received messages of concern regarding impacts of the reduction at the Elementary Level and acknowledges the concerns of the staff members who presented at the Board Meeting.

Chrissy Reitz acknowledged Nancy Hall and Bill Newton's efforts to minimize impact on the staff during the budget reduction process.

Nancy Hall shared the following information with the committee through reports and information provided by Forecast Five: Hall shared the Variance Report Analysis prepared by Forecast Five for the period from July 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Ending Fund Balance has increased slightly, and Hall expects to see that continue to increase. Hall also shared updates on Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects Funds, General Fund Staffing, and General Fund Revenue.

The committee asked about the LGIP and Hall shared its earnings at just over 5% interest annually. Newton updated the committee regarding the West Hood River property. Communication will go out the afternoon of April 19th to the community and district regarding the staffing reduction.

4. Adjourn – 4:47 P.M.