

Lane Library District

Budget Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 5:00 pm at the Creswell Library and via Zoom.

Attending: Budget Committee Members: Patty Birch, Sue Bowers, Steve Carmichael, Eric Cullander, Joel Higdon, Cynthia Knight, Andrew Morgan, Martha McReynolds, Lisa Linnell-Olsen, Erin Weatherly; Su Liudahl, Library Director; Nick Caum, Youth Librarian and Budget Officer.

Eric C. convened the meeting at 5:03 PM.

Sue Bowers was elected as presiding officer. Nick C. went over the procedural rules and gave a brief overview of library operations over the past year and talked about the continued economic uncertainty moving into the next fiscal year. All in all, the library continues to operate successfully in terms of both service and financial stability.

Nick C. presented the budget forms one at a time. First, pointing out an error on LB-11 on lines 5-7. Nick C. offered a solution to the omission of funds for line 5. Sue B. caught a second error on LB-30A. For the 2022-2023 budget forms, Debt Service needed to be updated in the historical data on LB-11 line 11 of the historical data. Questions were asked and clarifications made throughout the budget presentation. Sue B. requested a discussion for the budget salary amounts clarifying that the board had asked Nick C. to prepare the budget using a 6% CPI increase instead of the actual 8.3% CPI. There were concerns that matching the full 8.3% may not be sustainable and that the CPI may go down over the coming year. After discussing what CPI would be best to use the budget committee decided to go with full 8.3% CPI noting that it is not a projected number but a reflection of current prices.

Martha McReynolds made a motion to recommend the budget with the changes discussed to LB 11 Lines 5-7, update to the historical data on LB-30A, and with the changes discussed for an 8.3% CPI increase for staff salaries to the board for approval with the full tax rate of \$0.59 per thousand. Lisa L. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sue B. pointed out that no further Budget Committee meeting will be needed and that the Budget Hearing will take place on June 28, 2022. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.