2017-2018 Working Budget

The Working Budget is the final projection for the current fiscal year with significant and known conditions. SEEK funding has been established, a solid estimate of ADA is available, and staffing is place. Other planned activities are finalized as the clarity of the budget situation has improved. Grant awards have been received and budgeted accordingly.

General Fund

Revenues

The beginning fund balance for 2017-18 now stands at $1,651,129 a decrease of $218,250 from last year. Local tax revenues are budgeted to increase $145,800. We should receive franchise taxes from last year that were not collected before June. Utility taxes are budgeted to increase $50,000.This is based on a total collection of $90,000 per month. Last year averaged $85,000 per month, but the last 7 months have averaged $95,700. . Motor Vehicle taxes are only expected to increase slightly due to a small assessment increase. SEEK revenue is projected to decrease $134,646 due to our decreasing ADA. It also appears that we will be funded at lower levels again next year based on current enrollment numbers. Capital transfers to General Fund will be $152,859, a decrease of $78,177. We will be transferring indirect costs of $25,856 to General Fund from federal grants. Total current revenue is expected to decrease $72,682.

 Expenditures

Salary costs in this budget are estimated at $7,997,269 compared to last year’s expenditures of $7,913,404. An increase of $83,900(1.05%). A 1% increase plus experience step was granted to employees.

Employer benefit costs are budgeted at $1,028,445, an increase of $58,402, equivalent to a 6.1% increase. This is primarily due to increased workers compensation premiums and, an increase in the CERS match rate and salary increases that naturally boosts these costs. School instructional allotments are budgeted at $115 per student, however an additional $51,600 is budgeted this year since we allow carryover. One bus is budgeted through the KISTA lease program. Non personnel operational costs such as utilities, maintenance, fuel, insurance, etc. are budgeted at $2,470,344 compared to $2,504,962 spent last year. These expenditures were at the $3.M level in 14-15 and 13-14 fiscal years.

Budgeted current expenditures of $14,261,249 exceed budgeted current receipts of $13,770,072 by $491,177. The projected ending fund balance of $1,159,951 is equivalent to an 8.4% contingency

Special Revenue Fund

The budgets in the Special Revenue Fund are dictated by state and federal grant awards. The personnel that are paid from these grants have been budgeted using the new salary and benefit levels. Many grants are decreasing or not increasing and are inadequate to fund these personnel. These excess costs of $146,500 have been budgeted in General Fund. Practically all prior year grants were completely expended by 6/30/16, so virtually no carryover funds are available from 2016-17. Title 1 and IDEA had some carryover at the end of 16-17. There is $1,789,615 budgeted in local, state and federal grants for 2017-18. $25,856 is budgeted to be reimbursed as indirect costs from federal programs. Grant awards continue to decrease or stay the same, while personnel costs unavoidably rise, therefore shifting more costs each year to local funds.

Capital Outlay Fund

Revenue of $143,460 is budgeted in Capital Outlay, ($100 per child in ADA). The entire allotment will be transferred to General Fund to be used for current operating expense.

Building Fund

This year’s revenue of $1,684,938 ($794,894 state/$890,074 local) is $37,000 less than in 2016-17 due to the decrease in ADA. $1,668,983 is budgeted for debt service. $9,399 will be transferred to General fund for current operating expense and $6,556 is budgeted as a contingency. This contingency may be transferred as we get more clarification on the legislation passed last spring limiting these transfers.

Construction Fund

The Construction Fund should have approximately $135,000 after present obligations and commitments are made to vendors.

Debt Service Fund

This is a transfer fund to record debt payments. The debt service has been adjusted for the bond issue. Total local debt service is estimated at $1,668,983. State debt assistance equals $869,419.

Food Service Fund

The Food Service Fund is budgeted with a beginning balance of $44,692. Revenues are budgeted at $1,128,549 an increase $90,925 equivalent to 8.8%. This is due to the increase in rate of reimbursement going from 86% to 95% in 2017-18. Some reduction in labor has been made through attrition. Allowance has been made for large equipment repairs and increased food costs. The anticipated Food Service contingency is $77,802.