

June 11, 2019



Board Summary

2019-20 Budget

The Richland School Board held a public hearing on the proposed 2019-20 budget. No comment from the public was provided during the hearing. The proposed budget has expenditures of \$193.5 million based on a projected enrollment of 13,700 students. The budget includes changes to funding brought about by the Legislature, including raising the cap on local levies and providing more for special education and also factors increased staffing costs from the transition to the new School Employees Benefit Board (SEBB) health plan. School staffing was preserved though cuts were made to items such as travel, curriculum adoption and professional development. The Board unanimously approved the budget.

High School Math Recommendation Of Instructional Materials

Erika Doyle, Assistant Director of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum, presented a recommendation to the Board to approve new instructional materials for high school Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2. The high school mathematics adoption committee recommended the district adopt the EnVision curriculum from Pearson and has worked since January 2018 to identify the best materials, Mrs. Doyle said. The selected materials were piloted in classrooms, and feedback collected from teachers and students. The Board accepted the recommendation.

Special Education Task Force

Deputy Superintendent Mike Hansen presented to the Board revisions to the plan outlining the makeup, goals and timeline for the district's Special Education Task Force. The Board had requested that the task force be formed to provide input on the district's long-range plans for special education programs. Board members decided to increase the task force to 32 members, by adding more parent representatives. Other task force members will include teachers, district staff and community members and meet through the next school year, providing recommendations to the Board in the spring of 2020. There would also be community outreach meetings to give the general public an opportunity to hear updates on the task force's work and provide feedback. [Applications to join the task force are now available online or at the district office and must be turned in by July 26.](#)

English Language Learner (ELL) Program

Beth Harrington, Assistant Director of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum, presented to the Board an update on the district's English Language Learner (ELL) program. The state- and federal-funded program aims to help non-native English speakers develop their proficiency in the language so they can fully access curricula and instruction. The district has seen its ELL enrollment grow by nearly 200 percent since 2010 to roughly 800 students. Most ELL students come Spanish-speaking homes while others speak Arabic, Ukrainian, Russian, Chinese and Marshallese. The district is planning changes to its ELL services to better serve those students. This includes:

- Increased support to staff through three district instructional specialists and continued para-educator support.
- A professional development plan for teachers and para-educators to help support and improve instruction.
- An additional section to support ELL students at Hanford High School.
- Consideration of a dual language program and other teaching models by an ELL committee.

July Board Meeting Schedule

Board members voted to hold one regular public meeting in July at 3:30 p.m. on July 23. There will be a Board workshop meeting to discuss renovation specifications for the Richland High School Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. on July 16.

Next Regular Meeting: June 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

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