Members Present: Brock McMurray, Joy Reynolds, Jennifer Altenhofel, Shelley Getty, Amanda Bauer, Sheri Horn-Bunk, Leslie Minor, and Cliff Watts

Members Absent: None.

Guests: Joshua Vazquez, and Justin Madding, Recorder

The Budget Committee meeting of January 27, 2021, was conducted by Zoom and called to order by Brock McMurray at 10:30 a.m.

1. Minutes – December 16, 2020

The minutes from December 16, 2020, were reviewed and approved by consensus.

2. 21/22 Budget Development Calendar

McMurray reviewed the January Budget Development Calendar items. The 320 report was submitted and enrollment is down significantly. McMurray explained the enrollment decline and 320 filing. Fortunately, the Chancellor’s Office is allowing a pass on enrollment for low enrollment due to COVID. We are applying for this exemption in the hopes of avoiding reduced revenues. Vazquez asked how low our enrollment is. Minor replied that we are down 14.5% compared to this point last year. Reynolds asked for additional details on enrollment. Minor said that we are down across the board except for the high-stakes classes like labs.

3. Budget Update

McMurray provided a budget update. The Governor issued the January Budget. The best news from the January Budget is that revenue projections are good. The January Budget proposes $48 million to Base adjustment, 1.5% COLA, $30 million online technology, along with growth, and various one time such as emergency grants to meet student needs.

Our situation related to deferrals is helped with the projected deferral repayment schedule. We will still be short due to deferrals, but not as bad as originally projected. The CBO’s are pushing back against deferrals. Overall, there is still a lot of unknown risk with COVID, vaccine effectiveness, new COVID strains, etc.

Bauer said that it will be interesting to see how Federal relief will affect the state budget.

The committee discussed state and local tax revenues and how they contribute to our total annual funding amount, along with complications that arise with a deficit factor.

4. Other

Reynolds asked for a Student Center Update. McMurray said that it is scheduled to be completed in Spring. Reynolds asked if the bookstore will be in the building when students return books for Spring. McMurray said that it will be close.
Reynolds asked how sick leave works as it relates to the budget. Bauer said that we only carry vacation on the books as a liability. The Family First sick leave expired in December, but since we cannot claim Family First benefits the District just provided more sick leave. Bauer said that there are additional costs for substitutes, but the cost for substitutes is budgeted every year. McMurray added that we also have certain moneys from Federal Aid, as well as a budgeted contingency in case certain costs need to be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Justin Madding