



**LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 25
Governing Board Minutes For Work Study Session**

TIME: January 28, 2019 – 6:30 PM

PLACE: Las Brisas Academy Theatre, 18211 West Las Brisas Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85338

I. OPENING MEETING

1. Mr. Paul Jensen, Governing Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present: Mrs. Yolanda Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. Kathy McNamara, and Mr. Jeffrey Turbitt. Absent was Mr. Mark Aguire.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jensen.

II. WORK/STUDY SESSION

1. Discussion/Review of Budget for the 2019/-2020 SY
Dr. Shough stated the purpose of the Study Session was to summarize the budget process to date, to review an overview of budget interests prioritized by the Budget Committee, and to gain guidance from the Governing Board on its priorities for budgeting. The Budget Committee utilized the following guiding principles for decision making: 1)make decisions in the best interest of students and their learning (students first), 2) recruit and retain quality staff (quality staff), and 3)honor our Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Override commitment to a 27:1 class size ratio (integrity). A budget breakdown reflected benefits and salaries for staffing make up 79% of the M&O budget. A timeline of upcoming board meetings indicated where major decisions **occur** leading up to the proposed annual budget. A projected FY2020 budget was shared which included remaining monies to be applied to budget interests. A compiled list of prioritized budget interests that had received input from the Budget Committee, the Teacher Advisory Group, and district-wide staff members was presented for governing board members to further prioritize. Board members engaged in conversations about the priority order of budget interests. Ms. Baysinger supported the board with real-time adjustments to priority order and visualize the impact of budget interests on budget capacity. Dr. Shough shared the budget committee's recommendations to seek other funding options such as spending of reserve funds and consideration of a 15% override election. Four options for planned spending of reserves were shared by Ms. Baysinger which would assist the district in moving forward.

A recess was called at 8:39 PM

The meeting resumed at 8:45 PM

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. McNamara, a second by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden was entered to adjourn the Governing Board Study Session at 9:34 p.m. Upon call to vote, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, Mr. Turbitt, and Mr. Jensen voted 'aye', and the motion carried.

Signed:

Date:

February 11, 2019