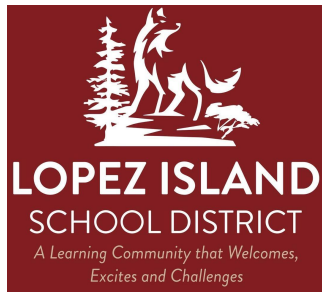


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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Lopez Island School District #144  
July 26, 2023  
Multi-Purpose Room/LISD Zoom  
4:00 PM  
**Board Budget Hearing Minutes**

[The meeting Link can be found on LISD Website](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

*Directors present: Chair Carrier, Vice-Chair Guenther, Director Taylor, Director O'Connell. Staff present: Superintendent Murray, Financial Manager Moore. Technology Director J.Hammond, Administrative Assistant S.Jones.*

*Chair Carrier called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.*

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

*Vice-Chair Guenther led the flag salute. Chair Carrier read the land acknowledgement.*

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

*Director O'Connell moved to approve the agenda. Discussion: none. The agenda was approved unanimously.*

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2023-2024 School Year Budget Presentation\*

*Financial Manager Moore shared the Budget Presentation on slides.*

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

When called forward, individuals will identify themselves and proceed to make comments regarding the proposed 2023-2024 School Year Budget within the three (3) minute time limit established by the board. The board is not obligated to respond to questions or challenges made during the public comment period, and the board's silence will not signal agreement or endorsement of the speaker's remarks. The board may control the time, place, and manner of public comment. The chair/president may terminate an individual's statement when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same standard of civility that the board imposes on itself.

*A member of the public spoke via Zoom. She thanked Kara, Lisa and Ed for the work they have done in the last week. She asked what the cuts were made to come up with this proposed budget? She is strongly opposed to dropping the safety-net fund below 9%. She asked the board to consider what will actually be cut as it works through the final plans in the next weeks and school year, especially since the district did not make a lot of changes this school year in its expenditures.*

*K.Moore noted that .37 certificate FTE was reduced and the budgeted increases the in went to IPD, benefits in retirement were also reduced as per the state. All staff extra time was also removed with a little substitute time and buy-back time being left.*

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*The President of PSE spoke to clarify that there were no changes to the PSE agreements. Superintendent Murray confirmed that there were no changes outside of negotiations. She also asked how the numbers for the high/low for staff was determined in the F-195 document. She asked that the board give attention to the Highly Capable program which has not been working to support those students in the last few years.*

*A member of the public asked K.Moore where he can get more detailed information on the actual budget expenditures. She noted that the F-196 has that information and is on the OSPI website. He also asked why there is such variability in the Expense per Student amount calculated. Superintendent Murray clarified that that number is the Total Expenses by the Total Student FTE.*

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

*Chair Carrier adjourned the hearing at 5:00 pm.*

\*A Draft Budget Proposal is posted on the school's website: [lopezislandschool.org](http://lopezislandschool.org).

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