

Operating Budget	2
Motion.....	2
Capital budget	2
Motion.....	3
Motion.....	3
Motion.....	3
Motion.....	4
Motion.....	4
Motion.....	5
Motion.....	5

State Board of Education
Special Teleconference Meeting
Room 253, Old Capital Building
October 19, 2005

MINUTES

President Tolas called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Members Present by Phone: Phyllis Bunker Frank, Linda W. Lamb, Bobbie May,
John C. Schuster, Warren T. Smith Sr., Carolyn Tolas

Member Present in Person: Steve Floyd

Staff Present: Larry Davis, Pat Eirish, Laura Moore, Bill Panos

OPERATING BUDGET

Executive Director Larry Davis provided information on the supplemental operating budget request. The request includes the addition of one FTE, a pay increase for the realignment of duties for a current staff member, and increases in travel, salaries/benefits, and goods and services to support the additional members on the reconstituted State Board of Education.

Suggestions from Bobbie May and Linda W. Lamb will be incorporated into the submittal package. The percentage of increase will be corrected. In response to a question from Mrs. May, the Communications/Legislative Affairs position will be retained. The request is for an additional FTE.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Schuster to approve the supplemental operating budget request. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against, and 3 excused

In response to a question, it is possible to submit additional information at another time if needed. The supplemental request represents a snapshot in time.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Bill Panos, director of Facilities and Organization with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, provided information on the supplemental capital budget request. The request is for \$5.25 million.

1. Military Base Expansion—this deals with the needs of districts surrounding both Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base, which have seen increases in personnel in

recent months. Impact Aid from the federal government has been available, but is not dedicated only for school use. It is available to schools, counties, cities, and the state. The fund is now exhausted. The request is for budget authority to allow districts to use funds, if needed, to defray costs associated with the expansion at military bases. The capital funding would be made available to relieve school districts experiencing capital program funding and/or physical space constraints. Typically this would be used for portable classrooms and associated costs, and/or for improvements to existing facilities not covered by other state/federal funding. U.S. Senator Patty Murray has been approached about seeking an increase in federal impact aid through an existing appropriations bill moving through Congress. At the present time, it looks as if that amendment will not be acted on. If federal funding is secured, language in the request ensures that the state will be reimbursed. There was concern by the Board that this was a one-time request from the State Board of Education.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. May to approve the military base expansion request. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against, 3 excused.

2. School Facility Preservation—this request is for additional staffing to monitor programs mandated and expanded by the 2005 Legislature (Apple Award Program, Small Repair Grant program, and High Performance School Building design and construction program). Mrs. Tolas felt this should be a biennial budget request item. Mr. Panos stated that, if not funded in the supplemental budget, the request would be included in the biennial request. If it is necessary to include in the biennial request, having requested the additional positions now shows a history of need to the Legislature.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Lamb to approve the school facility presentation request. Motion carried on a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 3 excused.

3. Facility Information System—this is an ongoing request which will fund a plan to begin working on the data information system that will allow collection of data on buildings from each school district, as well as move to e-filing of construction related forms. In the long run this will streamline operations and save money at the state and local levels.

Mrs. Tolas felt that school directors should be consulted as to what data should be collected.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Frank to approve the facility information system request. Motion carried on a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 3 excused.

4. School Mapping Project—this project was established two biennia ago. The money for the project comes out of the capital construction fund even though technically it is not a capital project. No funds have been dedicated to reimburse schools that have done remodeling or new construction to update their maps. In a recent development, the Criminal Justice Training Commission and the Association of Washington School Principals are asking for an additional supplemental budget request of \$7 million. Mr. Panos was informed of that fact by staff from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) following a meeting with criminal justice staff and principals yesterday. Language will be adjusted to state that this should not come out of the capital construction fund.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Frank and seconded Mr. Smith to approve the school mapping project request. Motion carried on a vote of 5 for, 1 against, 3 excused.

5. Chewelah Peak—the request is for \$1 million to finish the construction of the third building at Chewelah Peak Learning Center. This request is part of the Board’s six-year plan.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. May to approve the Chewelah Peak construction project funding. Motion carried on a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 3 excused.

Mr. Panos also reviewed the proposed language changes being requested to update current programs (green buildings and Apple Awards). There is also language being proposed to allow flexibility in the use of the FTEs (full time equivalents) in the future.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 610. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

~~State School Construction Assistance Program~~ School Facilities Programs and School District Organization Administration (06-2-001)

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) This appropriation, and other related capital appropriations, to the extent specified for administrative purposes, may be expended for regional facility coordinators and related activities, the use of partnerships with Educational Service Districts or other entities, and must relate to the range of agency responsibilities in statute and budgetary language.

(2) Assignment of program resources and services shall be at the discretion of the agency, and the agency shall maintain discretion to determine and assign resources for activities not in conflict with other state laws that provide for the development and implementation of programs, services or practices that the

agency determines will promote the effective, efficient, or safe management and operation of public school facilities.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Frank and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the proposed language. Motion carried on a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 3 excused.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Floyd to approve the supplemental capital budget request. Motion carried on a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 3 excused.

Final versions of both supplemental requests will be submitted to OFM this week.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Adopted as corrected: October 27, 2005