

**PARKER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27
1608 Laguna Avenue
Parker, AZ 85344**

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLACE: Parker High School Media Center, 1600 Kofa Avenue, Room #88
DATE: May 12, 2009
TIME: 7:00 PM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. Rudy Parker, President
Mrs. Kelly Baldenegro, Member
Mrs. Deanna Beaver, Member

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mrs. Dolores Ferris, Member
Mrs. Margaret Dewey, Member

OTHERS

PRESENT: Kevin Uden, Superintendent
James Lotts, Assistant Superintendent
Denyce Cribbs, Executive Assistant
Lori Bachmann, Blake Primary School Principal
Dan Wolfe, Le Pera Elementary School Principal
Brad Sale, Wallace Elementary School Principal
Amanda Maxwell, Wallace Jr. High School Principal
LeRoy Shontz, Parker High School Principal
Robert Wolf, Special Education Director
Sarah Ball, Le Pera Elementary School Library Aide
Carmen Barrios, Le Pera Elementary School Health Aide
Bethany Corona, Blake Primary School Teacher
Gloria Cruz, Le Pera Elementary School Home School Coordinator
Carrie Hennager, Blake Primary School Teacher
Chad McKenzie, Le Pera Elementary School Teacher
Karen Taft, Blake Primary School Teacher
Renea Tartaro, Le Pera Elementary School Secretary

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Parker, President.

B. Adopt Agenda

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Baldenegro, to adopt the agenda of the May 12, 2009, budget hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Call to the Audience

There was no comment under Call to Audience.

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-905.I and A.R.S. §15-910.01.C, and A.R.S. §15-943.01.B, hold budget hearing to discuss revisions to the 2008-09 Expenditure budget.

Mr. Uden provided an update to the 2008-09 Expenditure budget. He stated that the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) budget has been decreased from \$13,220,165 in the December revision, to the current amount of \$13,062,390, a decrease of approximately \$157,775. Changes to budget limits are reflected on page 7 of the Expenditure Budget. Our Revenue Control Limit has been reduced by action of the legislature by \$126,980. This was partially offset by a Title VIII increase from \$1,178,176 to \$1,244,767, an increase of \$66,601. There was a negligible adjustment in Budget Balance Carry Forward, and a decrease from \$291,832 to \$216,942 in Excess utilities. This decrease can be attributed to utility savings being recognized in our current year budget. In Capital increases we were allowed to increase our Unrestricted Capital Budget by \$26,815 based on an A.R.S. 915 letter to make corrections based on prior year budgets. Our UCAL now stands at \$2,339,925. Our soft capital budget was decreased by \$29,220 due to legislative action, leaving us with \$450,061, a total decrease of \$28,907. Our Classroom Site Fund is based on the number of students enrolled. In March we were notified that the funding for this would be \$401 per weighted student, for a total of \$870,000. Now, however, the balance is expected to be \$552,000, with this declining trend continuing for next year. Additionally, the revenue from sales tax and sales/leases of trust lands is not enough to support this fund. In order to balance the budget, a variety of changes were made to the current year budget to reflect spending patterns for the year, and to make the reductions required. One area that saw a significant increase was food service which increased from \$21,000 last year to \$65,000 this year. We are required to expend a certain amount from M&O in food services each year, but this was well over double what we were required to spend. Food prices have risen and so have costs to produce the meals. We will need to bring this back in line next year. Funds 200 and 300 (SPED) add up to what was originally budgeted. The Purchased Services fund has been adjusted from \$110,000 to \$121,000 due to Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT) costs. Mr. Uden stated that the budget is in decent shape, except for the anticipated legislative “sweeps” of school district cash balances. To offset these possible sweeps, the District intends to make some computer purchased this spring.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM by Mr. Rudy Parker, President.

Governing Board President
Parker Unified School District #27