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## **Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA - Budget Committee Needs You!**

Hello, this is Sean Gallagher – Superintendent of Brookings-Harbor School District here to talk to you about volunteer opportunities for civic-minded individuals on the school district's budget committee.

The budget committee plays an important role in creating the annual school budget. The committee consists of five members appointed by the school board plus the elected board members. At this time, all five citizen seats on the budget committee are vacant. If you are interested in being a budget committee member, I encourage you to turn in a completed application by the deadline on Friday, Oct. 27.

As federal and state budgets continue fluctuate, we need strong leadership and stewardship of school district funds to plan for current costs and future investments. By law, the budget committee is charged with making recommendations concerning financial priorities and fiscal evaluation of programs. The budget committee reviews the financials of the district, considers a proposed budget and makes recommendations. The committee typically meets 2-3 times throughout the year. The school board approves a final budget after hearing from the budget committee and district staff.

To be eligible for appointment, budget committee members must:

1. Live and be registered to vote in the district; and
2. Not be an officer, agent or employee of the district.

There are two- and three-year terms available. Applications for budget committee positions are available on the school district website or at the school district office. The deadline to turn in applications is Friday, Oct. 27, and the board will consider and make new appointments to the budget committee at the regularly scheduled November board meeting.

We value all of our volunteer board and committee members and the community input we receive throughout the year. With continued citizen engagement in our schools governance, we will ensure that Every Student Can Succeed!