

NEAH-KAH-NIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 56

Board Meeting 5:30 PM

April 27, 2026

504 N. Third Ave.

Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

PRESENT

Board

Renaë Scalabrin, Chair
Sandy Tyrer, Vice Chair
Marisa Bayouth-Real
Michele Aeder
Dr. Randy Schultz (virtual)
Don Allgeier
Ellene Smith (virtual)

Budget Committee

Natalie Nelson
Kathye Knight
Kiley Konruff
Michael Weissenfluh
Amanda Cavitt
Tim Borman

District Office Staff

Dr. Tyler Reed, Superintendent
Kari Fleisher, Business Manager
Karen Wheeler, Office Administrative Assistant

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Scalabrin called the Budget Meeting of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Scalabrin welcomed staff and patrons of the district. All present stood for the flag salute. All members introduced themselves.

APPROVE AGENDA

M:Tyrer /2nd Aeder to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call and motion carried unanimously

REVIEW ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, Kari Fleisher, presentation attached to these minutes.

Ms. Fleisher reviewed the roles and responsibilities, noting one budget committee position has not been filled.

ELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER, Renaë Scalabrin

Ms. Aeder nominated Ms. Tyrer as the presiding officer. Mr. Allgeier provided the second. Ms. Scalabrin called for a vote. Ms. Wheeler did a roll call vote. Ms. Tyrer was unanimously approved as the presiding officer by roll call.

DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY, Presiding Officer

Ms. Tyer nominated Karen Wheeler as Secretary for this Budget meeting. Ms. Scalabrin provided the second. Ms. Scalabrin called for a vote. Ms. Wheeler did a roll call vote. Ms. Wheeler was unanimously approved as the Secretary by roll call.

BUDGET MESSAGE, Dr. Reed

Dr. Reed reviewed general fund revenues and summarized spending. He explained that bargaining is still in process for all Certified, Classified, Administrative and Confidential staff this year. He explained potential increases in pay, benefits and insurance. He reviewed staffing additions for next year as well as savings in positions reduced. He shared the 1.38 % reduction in PERS rates. He explained the great need to lower class sizes and assist student behaviors as well as maintenance of buildings. He shared increased revenue from new property taxes, continued levy revenue and this year's timber funds. Dr. Reed gave updates on the district's various grants.

BUDGET DOCUMENT OVERVIEW, Kari Fleisher

Ms. Fleisher reviewed the General Fund Revenue Summary. She explained the increase in timber revenue to 2.5 million based on estimates and trends. She explained each line item. She then reviewed the General Fund Expenditure Summary amounts Dr. Reed shared the total in and total out difference and how the district will use savings to offset the costs. Dr. Reed shared that the biggest changes come from an increase in staffing.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION, Budget Committee

Ms. Fleisher reviewed the 2026-27 Proposed budget and pointed out a variety of key changes for this year. She explained the supplies budget is based on student enrollment based after principal input. Ms. Fleisher shared building level changes per account type. She explained some accounts have been recategorized to better track grant spending and align with the accounting manual. She reviewed staffing changes and what is remaining unchanged. Ms. Knight asked about PERS increase on line 2410.211 being a high increase in the office of the principal. Ms. Fliesher checked on this and amended

the \$30,000 increase as an error. Mr. Weissenfluh asked about differences in salary increases. Ms. Fleisher explained how we budget per employee, annual pay increases and true costs of benefits. Insurance type for a family can affect these amounts as well. Ms. Fleisher continued explaining pupil transportation contracted costs have also increased four percent.

Elementary: Dr. Reed shared changes in staffing. Dr. Reed shared historical elementary class size data from the last ten years with average class sizes and actual per teacher numbers. The Board discussed work force housing potential development impact on enrollment and property taxes and how this could affect Neah-Kah-Nie School District.

Middle School: Ms. Fleisher explained the updated Special Education FTE is from moving staff into other budget codes. She shared why there is an increase in unemployment line items from classified staff. Ms. Knight asked about line item 1220.240 increase, Ms. Fleisher shared it is due to moving staff around. Library services are now only licensed at the high school level and Classified staff the middle school library. She explained propane and water/sewer rate increases in Rockaway.

High School: Ms. Fleisher explained most is from staffing changes and staff shifts to other buildings. Clarified reductions and an error that carried over from last year in FTE calculation.

Ms. Smith asked about the large total cost difference between both elementary schools. Ms. Fleisher explained that it is due to student enrollment but also reflects teachers' experience.

District: Ms. Fleisher explained that Talented and Gifted (TAG) is now budgeted within the district budget instead of individual buildings. She explained what Extended School Year (ESY) is. All special education budget line items are within the district budget. Ms. Knight asked 2321.113 151 increase, Ms. Fleisher shared it is the cost of living and step increase for superintendent, this includes stipends that should have been included in this line item. Explained an accidental hidden line for travel out. Grounds maintenance additional salaries are for hiring summer grounds maintenance staff. Technology 2661 increase is for time-tracking program upgrade for payroll/HR. She explained the changes to Transfers and Reserves came from overspending from site requirements from the fire marshall for changes/upgrades. She suggested that the \$30,000 error from above be moved to increase food service transfers.

Ms. Fleisher reviewed the Special Fund Accounts proposal.

The board discussed a variety of decreases and increases. Ms. Fleisher explained curriculum, donations, preschool and alternative education fluctuations in those costs. She explained that Fund 274 student activity fund is the Student Body accounts. Ms. Scalabrin asked about lots of decreases. Ms. Fleisher shared some of that has changed due to the Family Resource Coordinator position now being housed at the High School. Dr. Reed and Ms. Fleisher shared principals and school secretaries manage these funds and they fluctuate due to multiple clubs spending requirements that vary each year. She explained that the transfer in for 275 was from the tornado damage will be used for a new pole barn and a potential for a modular classroom.

Fund 299 Food Service - Daily food sales are only for second meals and adult meals. Transfer in of \$102,500 (\$30k offset)

M: Ms. Aeder/2nd Tyrer to approve transferring the \$30,000 overage amount from Garibaldi PERS Office of the Principal Fund (p. 17) into the general fund transfer to the 5240-710 Transfer to Food Service by \$30,000 (p. 69). The Food Service Revenue transfer in to increase by the \$30,000 (p. 95) and reducing the beginning fund balance by \$30,000 (p. 95). Roll call and motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fleisher continued with Capital Improvements set for 2026/27. She explained the revenue increase from the new Construction Excise Tax approved at last month's regular meeting.

Ms. Scalabrin asked about the projected one million increase in expected revenue from timber. Ms. Fleisher explained that the district has received \$ 2.7 million so far this year so that estimate is still conservative.

Ms. Smith asked about not hiring the vacant math teacher position at the high school and how will this impact students next year. Dr. Reed shared class sizes are different at the high school than elementary. This is affecting Calculus courses and the district is looking at options for students needing these courses. Dr. Reed shared that students will get a dual credit through expanded options from Tillamook Bay Community College.

Dr. Schultz showed concern for dipping into our beginning fund balance each year. He suggested doing some long term planning to not continue to use the beginning fund balance. Dr. Reed shared this cushion is very fortunate for our district.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Tyrer opened the meeting for public comment at 8:43 pm

Public comment closed at 8:44 p.m.

ADDITIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, Budget Committee

None at this time

APPROVE CHANGES TO THE BUDGET DOCUMENT, if any

Already approved previous changes.

APPROVE THE BUDGET

M:Tyrer / Scalabrin 2nd to recommend that the Budget Committee of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District approve the budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year in the amount of \$35,241,980. Roll call and motion carried unanimously.

M:Tyrer/Bayouth Bayouth-Real2nd to recommend that the Budget Committee of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District approve property taxes for the 2026-27 fiscal year at the rate of \$4.5002 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the permanent rate tax levy and the amount of \$0.75 for the local option tax levy. Roll call and motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

May 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN 8:47 p.m.