

Multnomah ESD Budget Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 8, 2025

2023-2028

Agency Goals

#1 – Creating a high-quality learning experience for all

#2 – Operationalizing systems that engage and empower communities

#3 – Building a culturally responsive workforce

MESD Board Equity Lens-<https://www.multnomahesd.org/board-equity.html>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

MESD Board Chair Renee Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 in accordance with the agenda and public notice of the meeting.

A. Roll Call

Present:	Renee Anderson Jessica Arzate Ben Byers Danny Cage Katrina Doughty Shawn Ferrens Jose Gamero-Georgeson Holly Langan Alexandra Martin Sonja McKenzie Denyse Peterson Amanda Squiemphen Yazzie Helen Ying	MESD Board of Directors MESD Board of Directors Corbett Board of Directors MESD Board of Directors MESD Board of Directors Gresham Barlow Board of Directors DDSD Board of Directors Reynolds Exec. Dir of Financial Services PPS Finance Program Manager Parkrose Board of Directors MESD Board of Directors MESD Board of Directors MESD Board of Directors
Absent:	David Linn Michelle Rosenbaum	Centennial Board of Directors Riverdale Board of Directors

MESD ADMINISTRATION

Present:	Paul Coakley, Superintendent Bernadette Adeniran, Director Doana Anderson, Director of Business Services & Operations Sara Bottomley, Business and Operations Senior Program Administrator Todd Greaves, Director of Student Services Angela Hubbs, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Sascha Perrins, Assistant Superintendent Marifer Sager, Director of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Heather Severns, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary
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B. Public Comment - There were no comments from the public.

1. BUDGET COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

2. ELECTION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR

Board Budget Committee Motion – BBCM – 25-001 – Election of Committee Chairs

WHEREAS, MESD Board Member Katrina Doughty moved to place the name of MESD Board member Jessica Arzate in nomination to fill the position of Board Budget Committee Chair for the 2024-2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, MESD Board member Denyse Peterson seconded the motion; and

WHEREAS, MESD Board member Renee Anderson moved to nominate Parkrose Board member Sonja McKenzie to fill the position of Board Budget Committee Vice-Chair for the 2024-2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, MESD Board member Katrina Doughty seconded the motion; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Multnomah Education Service District Budget Committee elects Jessica Arzate from the MESD School Board as Chair and Sonja McKenzie from the Parkrose School Board as Vice-Chair of the 2024-2025 MESD Budget Committee.

Action: There being no further discussion the motion carried with Representatives Anderson, Arzate, Byers, Cage, Doughty, Ferrens, Gamero-Georgeson, Langan, Martin, McKenzie, Peterson, Squiemphen-Yazzie and Ying voting aye. Motion passed 13-0.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE-

. Superintendent's Budget Message Highlights – Dr. Paul Coakley:

- The proposed budget is shaped by ongoing collaboration with component districts and reflects the strategic priorities outlined in *Blueprint 28*:
 - High-quality learning for all.
 - Empowering operational systems.
 - Culturally responsive workforce development.
- Despite anticipated state shortfalls and uncertainty around federal funding:

- MESD aims to **maintain flat costs** for districts.
- There are **projected FTE reductions** driven by enrollment changes and revenue constraints.
- Technical Assistance funding from the Student Success Act (SSA) is expected to be reduced.
- MESD remains committed to **equity, excellence, and prudent financial stewardship**.

4. MESD Proposed Budget Overview-

Budget Presentation – Doana Anderson (CFO):

- **Budget Assumptions:**

- Based on the \$11.4B State School Fund (approx. \$55.5M for MESD).
- Expected 5% federal funding reductions (IDEA, Title I) and 13% SSA technical assistance cuts for the biennium.
- Payroll overall cost increases (8%), driven by step increases, PERS rate hikes (10% higher), and a 4% projected health insurance increase.
- *Flat funding* directive: program budgets are held constant from 2024–25 levels, necessitating program reductions to absorb rising costs.

- **Cost-Saving Measures:**

- Termination of the Knott Creek lease.
- Administrative cost realignments.
- Technology refresh cycles extended.
- Pause on reserve transfers.
- FTE adjustments pending district service selections (due late April).

- **Fund-Level Highlights:**

- *Operating Fund*: 11% reduction to ensure expenditures remain below revenues.
- *Resolution & Contracted Services Funds*: Flat or slightly reduced funding.
- *Capital Projects*: Roof replacement at Ainsworth and building repairs.
- *Reserves*: Used to smooth PERS rate increase and support anticipated Tax Anticipation Note (TAN).

- **Revenue Overview:**

- 55.5% from State School Fund.
- 14% from component district contracts.
- 27% from other state sources.
- 8% from federal grants.
- Remaining from non-component contracts, fees, and internal transfers.

5. DELIBERATIONS & QUESTIONS:

- *Ben Byers* asked clarifying questions about the revenue discrepancies, 33% increase in State School Fund line, and emphasized preparing for potential mid-year shortfalls.
- *Sonja Mckenzie* inquired about enrollment-driven service adjustments and contracted services alignment with district needs.

6. RESOLUTION MBCM-25-002-APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET AND AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATE.

This resolution requests the MESD Budget Committee's acknowledgement of receipt and approval of the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget Document and the Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate.

Background: The Budget Officer is required by law to prepare a budget to submit to the MESD Budget Committee. The MESD Budget Committee should acknowledge receipt of that Proposed Budget and then is faced with two choices. The MESD Budget Committee can either approve the budget as submitted by the Budget Officer or approve a budget as modified by the MESD Budget Committee. Secondly, the MESD Budget Committee is required to approve the Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate.

The Budget Officer recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer is required to prepare a Proposed Budget and present it to the MESD Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, the MESD Budget Committee has met in a public MESD Budget Committee Work Session on April 8 to review the financial programs of the MESD and prepare a budget for the operational and administrative expenses of the MESD; and

WHEREAS, the MESD Budget Committee has received and reviewed the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Document.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MESD Budget Committee approves the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget in the following amounts:

Resolution Services Fund

Instruction	\$ 10,623,532
Support Services	30,892,125
Enterprise & Community Services	128,570
Other Uses	10,600,000
Transfers Out	5,659,092
Contingency	3,822,948
Total	<u>\$ 61,726,267</u>

Contracted Services Fund

Instruction	\$ 20,537,063
Support Services	26,008,233
Enterprise & Community Services	1,652,499
Facilities Acquisition and Improvement	819,100
Contingency	872,122
Total	<u>\$ 49,889,017</u>

Operating Fund

Support Services	\$ 7,610,683
Facilities Acquisition and Improvement	71,706
Debt Service	672,004
Transfers Out	551,000
Contingency	230,849
Total	<u>\$ 9,136,242</u>

Debt Service Fund

Debt Service	<u>\$ 8,214,606</u>
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Facilities & Equipment Reserve Fund

Support Services	\$ 1,126,100
Facilities Acquisition and Improvement	5,000
Contingency	895,800
Total	<u>\$ 2,026,900</u>

Risk Management & Reserve Fund

Support Services	\$ 1,791,567
Debt Service	5,079,000
Contingency	91,791
Total	<u>\$ 6,962,358</u>

Total Appropriation, All Funds	\$137,955,390
Total Unappropriated Amounts, All Funds	<u>6,004,000</u>
<i>TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET</i>	<u>\$ 43,959,390</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MESD Budget Committee approves the levy of the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.4576 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the Resolution Fund.

WHEREAS, MESD Board member Danny Cage moved to approve Resolution MBCM 25-002 Approval of the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget and Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate; and

WHEREAS, Parkrose Representative Sonja McKenzie seconded the motion

Action: There being no further discussion the motion carried with Representatives Anderson, Arzate, Byers, Cage, Doughty, Ferrens, Gamero-Georgeson, Langan, Martin, McKenzie, Peterson, Squiemphen-Yazzie and Ying voting aye. Motion passed 13-0.

7. SET REMAINING MEETING SCHEDULE

No further meetings are needed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.