

North Wasco County School District 21

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Budget Committee

Organization, Membership and Terms of Office

The district budget committee will consist of seven members of the Board and seven electors appointed by the Board as required by law. Terms of the appointed members of a budget committee in a district that prepares an annual budget, will each be three years each, with appointments made so that, as nearly as practicable, the terms of one-third of the members end each year. Appointive members of a budget committee in a district that prepares a biennial budget shall be appointed to four-year terms. The terms shall be staggered so that as near as practicable, one-fourth of the terms of the appointive members end each year. At least one member of the budget committee must be a member of the district's educational equity advisory committee.¹ The Board will establish appropriate timelines and procedures for the appointment of budget committee members.

A majority of the constituted committee is required for passing an action item. Majority for a 14 member budget committee is 8. Therefore, if only 8 members are present, a unanimous vote is needed for passing an action item.

Presiding Officer and Orientation of Budget Committee

1. Organization: The budget committee will hold its first regular organizational meeting on a day set by the Board. A presiding officer shall be elected from among its members at this meeting. Such meeting may be prior to or on the date the budget message and document are presented.
2. Background Information: Budget committee members will be provided with data for the ensuing year(s), such as the Board's educational plan, and other pertinent material bearing on the preparation of the district budget.

Meetings of the Budget Committee

The district's budget committee shall hold one or more meetings to receive the budget message, the budget document and to provide members of the public with an opportunity to ask questions about and comment on the budget document. The budget officer shall announce the time and place for all meetings, as provided by law. All meetings of the budget committee are open to the public.

¹ Districts with ADM over 10,000 must convene an educational equity advisory committee no later than September 15, 2022. Districts with ADM of 10,000 or under are not required to convene an educational equity advisory committee until September 15, 2025. [The budget committee is not required to include a member of the educational equity advisory committee until a vacancy on the budget committee occurs by a member who is not also a member of the school district board.](#)

Function of the Budget Committee

It is the function of the budget committee to approve budget estimates for an educational plan previously determined by the Board. No new program should be considered for the budget estimate that has not previously been submitted to the Board and approved as part of the educational plan. The budget committee will determine levels of spending, but will not determine programs.

Final Action

The budget committee will approve an estimated district budget document for submission to the Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 174.130](#)

[ORS 192.610 - 192.695](#)

[ORS 581-022-2307](#)

[ORS 328.542](#)

[ORS 294.305 - 294.565](#)

[ORS 329.711](#)

[ORS 433.835 - 433.875](#)