



Budget Committee Meeting of the Board of Education

Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:30 PM

Oakdale Middle School Room 230
815 S. Oakdale Ave.
Medford, OR 97501

Michelle Atkinson:	Absent	Brooke Lazzari:	Present
Ilex Brandenberger:	Present (virtually)	Suzanne Messer:	Present
Lilia Caballero:	Absent	Lupe Murillo:	Present
Kendell Ferguson:	Present	Amanda Olson:	Present
Kaylee Fugate:	Present (virtually)	Casey Stine:	Present
Margie Grether:	Present	Michael Williams:	Present
Jeff Kinsella:	Absent	Cynthia Wright	Present

A video recording of the Board meeting can be found on the district website at [this link](#). The slide presentation can be viewed by clicking on Extras listed next to the meeting at [this link](#).

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Budget Committee Vice Chair for the 2024-25 Budget year Casey Stine called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll was called.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Stine shared the Medford School District Shared Vision and welcomed the committee and members of the public. She acknowledged that Budget Committee Chair for the 2024-25 Budget year, Ilex Brandenberger, was attending virtually and therefore, she would lead the meeting. Stine led a round of introductions.

3. Election of Budget Committee Chair

Stine opened the floor for nomination of Budget Committee Chair for the 2025-26 Budget.

Casey Stine nominated Lupe Murillo for Budget Committee Chair.

Voice vote: ALL AYES

Lupe Murillo was elected as Budget Committee Chair unanimously.

4. Election of Budget Committee Vice Chair

Budget Committee Chair Lupe Murillo opened the floor for nomination of Budget Committee Vice Chair for the 2025-26 Budget.

Cynthia Wright nominated Amanda Olson for Budget Committee Vice Chair.

(Margie Grether arrived during this part of the meeting.)

Voice vote: ALL AYES

Amanda Olson was elected as Budget Committee Vice Chair unanimously.

5. Superintendent's Budget Message

Superintendent Bret Champion spoke regarding the Medford School District Shared Vision and Coherency Map and thanked the Committee and Board members for serving. He commended the finance team for their tireless effort preparing the budget and shared it was an honor to serve as superintendent. He turned the presentation over to Interim Superintendent Jeanne Grazioli.

Grazioli expressed gratitude to the committee members and commended Dr. Champion for the achievements over the past six years. She shared optimism for the next year ahead that included the roll-out of the math curriculum, increased graduation rates, and expanded schools of choice and preschool options. She highlighted some of the ongoing challenges that included enrollment decline, statewide funding pressures, and lingering pandemic impact on student learning. Grazioli went on to state the MSD's financial position was strong and attributed it to the excellent financial stewardship of MSD's Business Services department. She spoke briefly regarding an update to the district's FY2024-25 top priorities for the 2025-26 school year.

6. FY2025-2026 Proposed Budget & Presentation

Assistant Superintendent of Operations Brad Earl directed attention to the FY2025-26 proposed budget document. He encourage the committee to read the entire document and provided an overview of the budget layout and key areas for review.

Finance Controller John Petach presented the slide deck for the FY2025-26 proposed budget.

Board Director Michael Williams arrived at 5:55 PM.

Information shared included: *(The Budget slides presented are available at [this link](#).)*

- 2025-26 Oregon K-12 Budget Setting Expectations
- 2025-26 School District Budget Challenges Nationally and in Oregon
- Current Environment K-12 Budget Challenges
- 2025-26 Budget MSD Overview/Assumptions
- State of Oregon K-12 Biennial Funding Over Time
- K-12 Funding Actual vs Quality Education Commission Recommendation Over Time
- Enrollment, Staffing, Births and Funding
- 2025-26 District Budget Operating Environment
- General Fund Financial Summary
- Special Revenue Requirements Highlights
- Other Funds Requirements Highlights
- Closing Perspective

Budget Committee members put forth questions and comments regarding potential outcome of HB 2009 if passed; effects of enrollment decline; financial effects of tariffs on purchased goods; additional cost of purchasing digital materials for iReady; and cost of Chromebooks compared to purchasing hard copy materials.

7. Budget Committee Next Steps

Petach and Earl shared next steps following the meeting that included reviewing the budget document; emailing budget related questions by April 14; opportunity for citizen comment and question and answer review at the April 17 Budget Committee meeting and possible approval of the budget on that date; public hearing for budget at the May 8 Board Work Session; and budget adoption by the Board at the May 22 Board meeting.

8. Announcements

8.a. April 17 - Budget Committee Meeting at Oakdale Middle School - 5:30 PM

Chair Murillo announced the next Budget Committee meeting scheduled for April 17 at 5:30 PM at Oakdale Middle School.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Budget Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Chair of the District School Board
Medford School District

ATTEST:

Superintendent-Clerk

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