



Budget Committee Meeting of the Board of Education

Thursday, April 17, 2025 5:30 PM

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

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

A video recording of the Budget Committee 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 Chair Lupe Murillo called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

Chair Murillo welcomed the public and stated the district's vision statement.

2. Agenda Adjustments and Approval

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

3. Approval of Minutes for April 3, 2025

MOTION: I move to approve the April 3rd, 2025 Budget Committee minutes as presented. Motion made by Suzanne Messer and seconded by Kendell Ferguson.

Voice vote: All AYES

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Comments

Chair Murillo shared the citizen comment guidelines. No one came forward to speak.

5. Answers to Questions of the Budget Committee

Chair Murillo opened the floor for clarifying questions and comments from the Budget Committee.

Key budget committee questions focused on school-level budget transparency, staffing allocations, funding sustainability, maintenance costs, math performance improvements, professional development, staffing stability, strategic program support, substitute management, and competitive compensation.

Appreciation was expressed for the clear questions and answers provided.

Board Director Williams arrived during this part of the agenda at 5:44 PM, and Budget Committee Member Margie Grether joined virtually at 6:05 PM.

District staff provided responses to questions and comments of the Budget Committee.

6. Action of the Budget Committee

6.a. Resolution Approving the FY2025-26 Budget and Budget Approval Levels

MOTION: I move to approve the Resolution approving the 2025-2026 Budget and Budget Levels as presented. Motion made by Suzanne Messer and seconded by Kendell Ferguson.

Roll call vote:

Atkinson: Yea, Brandenberger: Yea, Ferguson: Yea, Fugate: Yea, Grether: Yea, Lazzari: Yea, Messer: Yea, Murillo: No, Olson: Yea, Stine: Yea, Williams: Yea, Wright: Yea

**Yea: 11, No: 1
Motion carried.**

7. Announcements

7.a. May 1 - Budget Committee Meeting (if needed) - Oakdale Middle School at 5:30 PM

7.b. May 8 - Public Hearing for the FY2025-26 Budget at the Board Work Session - Oakdale Middle School at 5:30 PM

7.c. May 22 - Budget Adoption at the Board Meeting - Oakdale Middle School at 5:30 PM

Chair Murillo acknowledged the upcoming public hearing for the proposed budget on May 8 and budget adoption on May 22.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Budget Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Chair of the District School Board
Medford School District

ATTEST:

Superintendent-Clerk