



BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
 2024-25 Budget Committee Meeting
 May 28, 2024, 5:45 p.m.
 District Administrative Office
 1260 NW Waterhouse Ave.
 Beaverton, OR 97006

Zone	School Board Members Present	Appointed Budget Committee Members Present
1	Susan Greenberg	Jessica McBride
2	Dr. Karen Pérez, Chair	Brian Bean
3	Dr. Melissa Potter	<i>[Diane McCartney absent]</i>
4	Sunita Garg, Vice Chair	Alok Mehrotra
5	Ugonna Enyinnaya	Christa Billings
6	Justice Rajee	Heidi Echeverría, Budget Committee Chair
7	Dr. Tammy Carpenter	Dr. Lisa Shultz, Budget Committee Vice-Chair
District Staff Present		
Dr. Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent Dr. Carl Mead, Deputy Superintendent for Operations & Support Services Dr. Heather Cordie, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning Michael Schofield, Associate Superintendent for Business Services Kerry Delf, Chief of Staff		Camellia Osterink, General Counsel Susan Rodriguez, Chief Human Resource Officer Shellie Bailey-Shah, Public Communications Officer Jessica Jones, Budget Manager Thuy Meade, Budget Analyst Marcie Davis, Executive Assistant to Associate Superintendent for Business Services Sarah Weiland, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

The meeting was open to the public to attend in person or via live stream on YouTube.

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Budget Chair Heidi Echeverría

Budget committee chair Heidi Echeverría (“Budget Chair Echeverría”) called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM and completed roll call. Budget committee member Diane McCartney was absent. All other budget committee members were present.

Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Balderas thanked the budget committee. He noted that financially, we are fortunate to be avoiding the staffing and program cuts experienced by many other districts nationwide. Thanks to the proactive measures of former superintendent Don Grotting and the school board and budget committee in previous years, the district has maintained a reserve that ensures a quality education for our students. However, it's evident that funding adjustments are necessary in Salem for the upcoming year. He said he is grateful for the community, staff, school board and budget committee members who are advocating for the needed funding level, not just the current service level.

Associate Superintendent for Business Services Michael Schofield explained the process for the evening.

II. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2024 Budget Committee Meeting – Heidi Echeverría (video: 9:14)

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 budget committee meeting and Sunita Garg seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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III. Review Public Comment – Heidi Echeverría (video: 10:05)

Two public comments were submitted to the committee and posted on the budget [webpage](#).

IV. Adjustments to Proposed Budget – Jessica Jones (video: 11:20)

Budget manager Jessica Jones described there were no adjustments in appropriation levels from the proposed budget for 2024-25.

V. Budget Committee Final Comments – Heidi Echeverría (video: 12:04)

Comments from the committee included appreciation for the budget with no staff reductions as well as the focus on behavioral health and wellness. Student and community comments regarding the Youth Services Officers (YSO) program and the [SeeChange report](#) were acknowledged.

VI. Approval of Budget and Tax Levies – Heidi Echeverría (video: 39:27)

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the 2024-25 budget and it was seconded by Dr. Lisa Shultz:

“I move that the Beaverton School District budget in the amount of one billion eight hundred thirteen million seven hundred nine thousand nine hundred seventy nine dollars (\$1,813,709,979) for all funds for 2024-25 be approved, the permanent tax rate of four dollars point six nine three cents (\$4.6930) per \$1,000 of assessed value be assessed in support of the General Fund, a local option tax rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value be assessed in support of the General Fund, and a tax of eighty eight million seven hundred two thousand eight hundred seventeen dollars (\$88,702,817) be approved for the service of bonded debt obligations of the school district.”

There was no further discussion on the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

VII. Closing Remarks – Dr. Gustavo Balderas (video: 41:32)

Dr. Balderas thanked budget chair Heidi Echeverría and the committee for moving the budget forward to the school board for adoption. Dr. Balderas also noted there would be additional information and data review about the YSO program presented at the June 18 school board meeting, and suggested that the school board might utilize a consultant to undertake a scientific study to provide additional data on community views about the YSO program.

Budget Chair Echeverría encouraged everyone to advocate in Salem for education funding.

The next meeting will be a budget hearing during the June 18, 2024 school board meeting.

Budget Chair Echeverría adjourned the budget committee meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Heidi Echeverría, Budget Committee Chair

Submitted by Marcie Davis