BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-26 Budget Committee Meeting May 27, 2025, 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM Meeting Minutes – **DRAFT** 1260 NW Waterhouse Ave. Beaverton, OR 97006

Zone	Budget Committee Members	Budget Committee Members
1	Susan Greenberg	Jessica McBride (Virtual)
2	Dr. Karen Pérez, Chair (Virtual)	Brian Bean, Chair
3	Dr. Melissa Potter	Dr. Jasmine Sears
4	Sunita Garg	Alok Mehrotra
5	Ugonna Enyinnaya (Virtual)	Rekha Sridhar
6	Justice Rajee, Vice Chair	Amy Webb
7	Dr. Tammy Carpenter	Dr. Lisa Shultz, Vice Chair
District Staff Present:		
Dr. Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent		Steve Langford, Chief Information & Technology Officer
Michael Schofield, Associate Superintendent for		Shellie Bailey-Shah, Public Communications Officer
Business Services		Jessica Jones, Budget Manager
Kerry Delf, Chief of Staff		Marcie Davis, Executive Assistant to Associate
Shelly Regianni, Executive Administrator for Equity &		Superintendent for Business Services
Inclusion		Kristie Starr, Budget Analyst
Camelia Ayres Osterink, General Counsel		

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I. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Balderas & Budget Committee Chair Brian Bean Budget Committee Chair Brian Bean ("Budget Chair Bean") called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Introductions of the Budget Committee (the "Committee") commenced and rollcall was taken. School Board members Dr. Karen Pérez from Zone 2, School Board member Ugonna Enyinnaya of Zone 5 and Budget Committee member Jessica McBride from Zone 1 attended via Zoom. All other Committee members were present.

Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Balderas ("Supt. Dr. Balderas") welcomed everyone and thanked the Committee for their continued engagement. He also reminded the Committee that, despite numerous uncertainties that could impact the budget—such as the upcoming PERS Board meeting and the less favorable May state revenue forecast—this proposal represents the most balanced and thoughtful plan possible under current conditions. The primary objective for the upcoming year is to eliminate structural deficit spending and align the budget with sustainable, long-term goals.

Associate Superintendent of Business Services Michael Schofield described the agenda for this approval meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2025 Budget Committee Meeting – Budget Chair Brian: YouTube: 11:36

Budget Committee Vice Chair Dr. Lisa Shultz moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025 Budget Committee meeting and School Board Member Dr. Melissa Potter seconded the motion. The May 13, 2025 Budget Committee meeting minutes were voted on and unanimously approved 14:0.

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III. Review Written Public Comment – Budget Chair Bean: YouTube: 12:21

No written public comment was received.

IV. Adjustments to Proposed Budget – Jessica Jones: YouTube: 12:35

Budget Manager Jessica Jones stated there were no adjustments in appropriation levels from the 2025-26 budget proposed on May 13, 2025.

V. Budget Committee Final Comments - Budget Chair Bean: YouTube: 13:04

Budget Chair Bean invited each Committee member to make comments and ask questions. The following items were discussed:

- Several Committee members acknowledged the transparency demonstrated in recent years, as well as appreciation for the foresight of previous board members in establishing reserves to address potential future deficits.
- Concerns were raised about a possible shortfall in state school funding, federal funding uncertainties, and the spend down of reservices. Members requested clarification on the process for identifying and implementing necessary budget reductions. The Committee also highlighted the need for a clear and strategic communication plan to inform the broader community about the upcoming challenges.
- The Committee reminded everyone to continue advocating for students with their state legislators.
- The Committee recognized the value and appreciated the levy and bond funding, as well as the financial reserves that will help cushion the impact of the anticipated shortfall.
- Members also expressed interest in seeing a quantified Academic Return on Investment (AROI) that aligns with both operational efficiency and the district's vision for academic excellence.
- The Committee commended the decision to prioritize reductions at the central office level, thereby preserving resources and support at the school level. However, there is concern that continued central office cuts over time could diminish the level of administrative support available to students and staff. Members emphasized the importance of minimizing any negative impact on students and their learning experience.

Overall, most members indicated they were comfortable with the proposed budget assumptions and appropriation levels.

VI. Approval of Budget and Tax Levies – Budget Chair Bean: YouTube: 47:41

School Board member Susant Greenberg moved to approve the 2025-26 Budget. The motion was seconded by Budget Committee member Dr. Jasmine Sears.

I move that the Beaverton School District budget in the amount of one billion six hundred sixty million seven hundred ninety eight thousand eight hundred sixty five dollars (\$1,660,798,865) for all funds for 2025-26 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 ninety five million seven hundred six thousand eight hundred six dollars (\$95,706,806) 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 13:1.

VII. Closing Remarks – Supt. Dr. Balderas and Budget Chair Bean: YouTube: 49:33

Supt. Dr. Balderas noted likely reductions to federal funding as well as the unknowns within the state budget. Supt. Dr. Balderas communicated that Beaverton SD is in a unique position of having financial reserves as compared to other districts across Oregon, which is preventing deep cuts. He also acknowledged that tough decisions would need to be made to reduce the district's budget deficit in future years, with the continued goal of limiting impact to students.

Budget Chair Bean adjourned the Budget Meeting at 6:31 PM.

Brian Bean, Budget Committee Chair

Submitted by Marcie Davis