



Minutes

The Board of Education Molalla River School District

May 1, 2025

I. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING – Molalla River School District Office (Board Room)

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Amy McNeil called the budget committee meeting to order at 7:02pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending: Chair Amy McNeil, Vice Chair Craig Loughridge, Linda Eskridge (Virtually), Rob Cummings, Neal Lucht (Virtually), Terrie Stafford. Absent: Mark Lucht

Budget Committee members present: Pamela Lucht (Virtually), Roxie Smith, Jimmy Lanahan, Larry Hansen, Tony Lishka, Sarah McArthur. Absent: Zoe Conlee.

MRSD staff – Andy Campbell/Chief Business Official, Chris Shaw/Director of Technology

A. Consider changes to the agenda

None

B. Election of Officers

1. *Nominations for the Committee Chair* – Mr. Lanahan made a motion to nominate Mr. Hansen as Committee Chair. Vice Chair Loughridge seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously via hand vote.
2. *Nominations for the Committee Vice Chair* – Mr. Lanahan made a motion to nominate Ms. Roxie Smith as Committee Vice Chair. Ms. Smith declined due to a grandbaby arriving anytime. Mr. Lanahan made a motion to nominate Mr. Tony Lishka as Committee Vice Chair. Vice Chair Loughridge made a motion to nominate Mr. Jimmy Lanahan as Committee Vice Chair. There was a vote by hand for Mr. Lishka. The motion passed unanimously via a hand vote. There was no further discussion.

C. Budget Message and overview of proposed 2025-2026 budget

1. *Presentation of Budget message*
Dr. Mann was not present to read the budget message. The message will be read at the next meeting.
2. *Introduction of proposed 2025-2026 budget document*
Mr. Andy Campbell presented a slideshow, which Ms. Nelzen will share with the committee tomorrow. He stated to send questions to himself or Ms. Nelzen. Mr. Campbell reviewed the agenda and the District mission/vision statements and pillars, and explained the budget leadership groups. He explained the challenges for 25-26 and the most recent district demographics. Mr. Campbell explained some current and future budget assumptions, including the significant increase in PERS costs anticipated for the 27-28 budget year. There was discussion about general and special revenue. There was discussion about the General Fund and what it pays for, as well as the total resources vs. total expenditures. Mr. Campbell presented some state and federal legislation that could affect education and the district budget.

He explained the committee's options. The committee reviewed how the budget is set up and account codes. They also reviewed federal and state grants, MHS Athletics, MHS Land lab, general obligation fund, capital reserves, construction excise tax, Student Investment Act, E-Rate, Public Purpose Energy Fund, Food Service, Risk Management, and Scholarships. New to this year is the OSCIM (Oregon School Capital Improvement Money) grant fund and the middle school building fund. There was discussion on the deficit spending and causes and when we may need to make cuts to positions or programs. There was also discussion on the bonds and the district's charter school, Molalla River Academy. The committee discussed how to explain bond dollars and the district's current projects, as well as how the OSCIM grant works and what that money can and cannot be spent on.

There was discussion about the current bargaining unit contracts and where the District is at in negotiations.

D. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- May 15th Budget committee meeting at 7pm

E. ADJOURN

Mr. Lishka made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary