

BUDGET MEETING of the FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J

May 20, 2025 – 6:30 PM

88834 Territorial Road

Elmira, Or 97437

Or

at <https://fernridge-k12-or-us.zoom.us/j/88372441639>

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE (Agenda Items 1 & 2) The Budget Committee Meeting of the Fern Ridge School District was called to order by Budget Committee Chair Tory Macklin at 6:31 p.m. Tory Macklin led the flag salute. In attendance were School Board members Mark Boren and Lisa McCann; Budget Committee members Tory Macklin, Erik Carlstrom, and Krista Spencer; as well as Superintendent Gary Carpenter and Business Manager Quanah Bennett. Budget Committee member David Voltz attended virtually. Absent were School Board members Kathleen Pizzola and Andrea Larson, and Budget Committee member Haley Herbert. The press was not represented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Agenda Item 3): Board Member Lisa McCann made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2025, Budget Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Budget Committee Member Erik Carlstrom and passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RECEIVE SUPERINTENDENT’S BUDGET MESSAGE (Agenda Item 4): Superintendent Gary Carpenter presented the Superintendent’s Budget Message.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED BUDGET (Agenda Item 5): Business Manager Quanah Bennett led a review of the proposed budget in person and sharing via Zoom.

The following items were reviewed and discussed:

- Demographics
- Budget Preparation/Assumptions
- Overview of General Fund Resources
- Overview of General Fund Requirements
- Overview of General Fund Balance

- Overview of the Special Revenue Fund
- Overview of the Debt Service
- Overview of the Capital Fund
- Looking forward items

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Superintendent Gary Carpenter and Business Manager Quannah Bennett verified that the Committee and Board had received the questions and answers submitted prior to the Budget Committee meeting, and asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

There were no further questions or comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Item 6): There was no formal testimony or comments made by the public.

APPROVE BUDGET AND TAX LEVIES (Agenda Item 7): Budget Committee Chair Tory Macklin made a motion to approve the 2025–2026 budget of \$60,662,108, seconded by Board Member Lisa McCann. The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Budget Committee Chair Tory Macklin made a motion to approve ad valorem taxes for the 2025–2026 fiscal year at the rate of 4.824% per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$2,742,369 for bonded indebtedness, seconded by Budget Committee Member David Voltz. The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ADJOURN OR RECESS UNTIL NEXT MEETING (Agenda Item 8): Budget Committee Chair Tory Macklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Attest:

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Tory Macklin
Budget Committee Chair

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Gary Carpenter
Superintendent