



FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

BUDGET MEETING of the FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J

April 15, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.

88834 Territorial Road

Elmira, OR 97437

Or

<https://fernridge-k12-or-us.zoom.us/j/87423320530>

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 member Tori Macklin at 6:31 p.m. Tori Macklin led the flag salute.

In attendance were School Board Members Mark Boren, Andrea Larson, and Lisa McCann, along with Budget Committee Members Tori Macklin, Erik Carlstrom, David Voltz, Krista Spencer, and Haley Herbert, as well as Superintendent Gary Carpenter and Business Manager Quanah Bennett.

Board Members Kathleen Pizzola and Barbara Graham were absent.

Agenda Item 1:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Director Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21st, 2024 budget meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Boren; the motion passed with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Director Boren made a motion to nominate Budget Committee Member Tori Macklin for Budget Committee Chair and Erik Carlstrom as Budget Committee Vice-Chair; seconded by Director McCann; the motion passed with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Agenda Item 2:

OVERVIEW OF BUDGET PROCESS & BUDGET COMMITTEE ROLE: Business Manager Quanah Bennett gave an overview of the budget process, timelines, and the role of the Budget Committee.

BUDGET PREPERATION & FORECASTING:

Business Manager Quanah Bennett led a review of the key factors that will go into preparing the budget for 2025-2026 as follows:

- A timeline was reviewed outlining when meetings take place and when the budget is officially adopted.
- An explanation was given regarding what the budget is, the legal requirements surrounding it, and the composition of the Budget Committee.
- The roles and responsibilities of the Budget Committee—what it does and does not do—were explained.
- The Governor has released the 2025–2028 State School Fund (SSF) estimate in the amount of \$11.359 billion.
- General Fund revenue primarily comes from the SSF Grant (98%). Property taxes, local revenue, and other revenue sources make up the remaining General Fund revenue.
- A historical review of SSF allocations was presented, along with the 2025–2027 estimate, which represents an 11.37% increase from 2023–2025—the largest increase since 2015.
- A review of past, current, and projected ADMr was presented.
- The weights applied to ADMr were reviewed, along with the projected ADMw for 2025–2026.
- Negotiations are settled for Classified staff and nearly finalized for all other groups.
- PERS rates will increase by an average of 4.06% for the next biennium.
- A history of the General Fund Ending Balance was reviewed, along with projections for 2025–2026.
- The Early Retirement Fund was reviewed.
- There was a question regarding acronyms, which was answered by Gary and Quanah.

Business Manager Quanah Bennett explained that the next step is to build the budget. The document should be ready for review by May 14 and will be available on the district website. It will also be emailed out, with hard copies available upon request. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the District Office and will also be accessible virtually. At that meeting, the budget message will be read and the proposed budget will be presented for approval.

Business Manager Quanah Bennett asked if there were any Questions:

There were none.

RECESS UNTIL NEXT MEETING (Agenda Item 7): Budget Committee chair Tory Macklin moved to recess the meeting at 7: 11 pm until May 20th.

Attest:

X

Tory Macklin
Budget Committee Chair

X

Gary Carpenter
Superintendent/Budget Officer