

Budget Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 6:30 PM Pacific

District Administration Office  
88834 Territorial Road  
Elmira, Oregon 97437

1. Call Meeting to Order
  - 1.A. Flag Salute
  - 1.B. Election of Officers - Budget Committee Action
  - 1.C. Approval of Minutes - Budget Committee Action
2. Overview of Budget Process, Budget Committee Roles and Financial Forecast
3. Recess Until Next Meeting - Budget Committee Action

**BUDGET MEETING of the FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J**

**May 21, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

**88834 Territorial Road**

**Elmira, Or 97437**

**Or**

**<https://fernridge-k12-or-us.zoom.us/j/84548392720>**

**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 6:32 p.m. Tory Macklin led the flag salute. In attendance were School Board members Mark Boren, Barbara Graham-Adams, and Andrea Larson, Budget Committee Members David Voltz and Tory Macklin, as well as Superintendent Gary Carpenter and Business Manager Quanah Bennett. Budget Committee member Erik Carlstrom attended virtually. Absent were School Board members Lisa McCann and Kathleen Pizzola, and Budget Committee member Carol Castle. The press was not represented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Agenda Item 3):** Board Chari made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2024 Budget Committee meeting; seconded by Budget Committee Member David Voltz. The motion 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:

- Budget Preparation
- The four major funds in the proposed budget and what those funds represent.
- Overview of General Fund Resources
- Overview of General Fund Requirements
- Reviewed General Fund Budget Highlights
- Overview of the Special Revenue Fund

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- Full time Equivalent (FTE) changes were reviewed.
- Enrollment history and projections for 2024-2025 were reviewed.
- Overview of the Debt Service
- Overview of the Capital Fund

Business Manger Quannah Bennett asked if there were any further questions or comments on Zoom.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** Superintendent Gary Carpenter and Business Manager Quannah Bennett went through the questions that were submitted prior to the Budget Committee meeting being called to order.

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):** Board Chair Mark Boren made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget of \$61,746,409; seconded by Board Member Andrea Larson. The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes. Erik Carlstrom was no longer virtually present at this time.

Board Chair Mark Boren made a motion to approve ad valorem taxes for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at the rate of 4.824% per \$1,000 in assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$2,636,081 for bonded indebtedness; seconded by Board member Barbara Graham-Adams. The motion passed with 5 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 7:23 p.m.

Attest:

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Tory Macklin  
Budget Committee Chair

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Gary Carpenter  
Superintendent