



## **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING of the Board of Education**

Thursday, May 14, 2026 6:00 PM

Oakdale Middle School Room 230  
815 S. Oakdale Ave.  
Medford, OR 97501

Budget Committee members present: Ilex Brandenberger, Christy Clark, Kendell Ferguson, Erik Johnsen, Brooke Lazzari, Sandra LaNier McHenry, Lupe Murillo, Amanda Olson, Sunny Spicer, Casey Stine, and Angela Zbikowski

Members absent: Lilia Caballero and Michael Williams

*A video recording of the Budget Committee meeting can be found on the district website at [this link](#). The slide presentation can be viewed by clicking on Extras listed next to the meeting at [this link](#).*

### **1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call**

Chair Amanda Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was confirmed through roll call.

### **2. Agenda Adjustments and Approval**

No objections were raised. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

### **3. Approval of Minutes for April 30, 2026**

**A motion was made by Zbikowski and seconded by Ferguson to approve the April 30, 2026 minutes.**

**Voice vote: All Ayes.**

**Motion passed.**

### **4. Citizen Comments**

No one came forward to speak.

### **5. Answers to Questions of the Budget Committee**

Chair Olson opened the floor for clarifying questions from the Budget Committee.

Key budget committee questions focused on increased unemployment costs/using reserves, homeschool-funding source, FTE reductions, district staffing ratios, class size

targets, perceived lack of communication regarding staffing reductions and possible school closures, and cost for contracted work/site security assessments.

**6. Action of the Budget Committee**

**A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Brandenberger to adopt the Resolution approving the 2026-27 Budget and Budget Levels as presented.**

**Roll call vote: Brandenberger: Yea, Clark: Yea, Ferguson: Yea, Johnsen: Yea, LaNier McHenry: Yea, Lazzari: Nay, Murillo: Yea, Olson: Yea, Spicer: Yea, Stine: Yea, Zbikowski: Yea, Caballero: Absent, Williams: Absent  
Result: Motion passed (Yea: 10; Nay: 1, Absent: 2)**

**7. Announcements**

Chair Olson acknowledged the June 4 Budget Committee meeting would not take place with the approval of the 2026-27 budget at this meeting. She announced the public hearing for the budget will take place at the June 11 Board work session and the budget adoption was scheduled for the June 25 regular Board meeting.

**8. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Budget Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.