

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 19, 2026		
Zone	Budget Committee (School Board) Members	Budget Committee Members
1	Dr. Vân Truong	Jessica McBride
2	Dr. Karen Pérez	Brian Bean, Budget Committee Chair
3	Dr. Melissa Potter	Dr. Jasmine Sears
4	Sunita Garg, School Board Chair	Alok Mehrotra
5	Syed Qasim	Rekha Sridhar
6	Justice Rajee, School Board Vice-Chair (Virtual)	Amy Webb, Budget Committee Vice-Chair
7	Dr. Tammy Carpenter	Stephanie Silver
District Staff Present:		
Michael Schofield, Interim Superintendent Jessica Jones, Budget Manager Kerry Delf, Chief of Staff Dr. Shelly Regianni, Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Casey Waletich, Associate Superintendent for Operations and Support		Stephanie Frost, Chief Human Resource Officer Steve Langford, Chief Information & Technology Officer Kara Yunck, Communications Coordinator Marcie Davis, Executive Assistant to Michael Schofield Kristie Starr, Budget Analyst

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I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Budget Committee Chair Brian Bean called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m. Introductions commenced and roll call was taken. School Board Vice-Chair Justice Rajee attended via Zoom and Dr. Karen Pérez arrived at 5:56. All other committee members were present in-person.

Interim Superintendent Michael Schofield provided opening remarks, welcoming the committee and expressing appreciation for the high level of engagement from parents, staff and committee members during the preceding weeks. He thanked the members for their thoughtful inquiries during the budget development process.

Interim Supt. Schofield provided a procedural update regarding the voting process. He announced that the approval would be split into two separate motions—one for the budget approval and one for the tax levy approval—to align Beaverton School District with regional standards and allow the committee to vote distinctly on spending authority versus taxation.

The administration confirmed that all formal and informal committee questions, including those submitted via telephone or in person, had been responded to and included in the committee's documentation prior to the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting: YouTube: 7:48

Dr. Melissa Potter moved to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2026 and Syed Qasim seconded the motion. The

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motion passed with 11 votes for approval and 3 abstentions from members (Jessica McBride, Dr. Jasmine Sears and Stephanie Silver) who had not yet completed their review of the document.

III. Review Public Comments and Committee Questions: *YouTube: 8:27*

Ten written public comments were received and presented to the committee. All written comments are posted on the [budget webpage](#).

A total of 21 questions were submitted by the committee members through the official process. Comprehensive responses were included in the meeting packets for final review.

IV. Budget Committee Comments: *YouTube: 9:23*

Budget Chair Bean invited each committee member to make comments and ask questions. The following items were discussed:

- **Process and Fiscal Strategy:** Members commended the transparency and thoroughness of the budget process, noting that work began in August and involved continuous engagement with the board and community. There was general support for the "stair-step" approach, which utilizes reserve funds to mitigate the immediate impact of declining enrollment and the \$16.6 million deficit. One perspective suggested that the district should implement an additional \$3 million in cuts immediately. The rationale was that deeper cuts now would provide better data on service impacts and help smooth out the much larger \$39 million deficit projected for the 2027-28 school year. Most members opposed further reductions, arguing they would place an unnecessary burden on current students and teachers who are already struggling. They emphasized a desire to minimize classroom disruptions for students who only get one year in a specific grade.
- **Staffing and Workload:** The elimination of 90 licensed staff positions was described as "gut-wrenching" and a difficult decision that impacts the livelihoods of community members. Members expressed concern regarding the increased workload for remaining staff in the schools and district office following these cuts. One member specifically noted that retaining support staff like social workers is critical to lessening the burden on teachers. It was noted that upcoming labor bargaining makes it essential to ensure the district has enough funds to provide fair contracts and retain the best educators.
- **Student Outcomes and Core Services:** While members appreciated that services like music, art, and dual-language programs were protected, they stressed that current literacy and math benchmarks are not acceptable. They called for a relentless focus on improving student outcomes. Support for special education and literacy interventions was highlighted as a positive priority in the budget. For changes such as blended classrooms, members requested data to prove these measures are successful and to provide clear explanations to parents.
- **Advocacy and Community Engagement:** Multiple members emphasized that the district is making cuts due to inadequate state funding and rising PERS costs. They urged collective advocacy at the state level to fully fund schools. The high level of community engagement, including over 4,000 survey responses, was praised for directly shaping budget adjustments, such as those for social workers and counselors. Regarding long-term facility planning, it was suggested that future school consolidations should be led more directly by the impacted communities and educators rather than high-level administrative discussions.

Overall, most members indicated they were comfortable with the proposed budget assumptions and appropriation levels.

V. Approval of Budget and Tax Levies: *YouTube: 43:26*

MOTION 1: TO APPROVE 2026-27 BUDGET

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the 2026-27 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Justice Rajee.

	As Proposed	
General Fund	\$	780,375,660
Special Revenue Funds		196,300,223
Debt Service Fund		124,610,999
Capital Projects Fund		303,260,000
Internal Service Funds		20,330,061
	\$	1,424,876,943

Dr. Jasmine Sears moved to amend the motion to reduce the general fund by \$3 million (for a total of \$777,375,660). The amendment was seconded by Dr. Tammy Carpenter, who noted she did so specifically to facilitate committee discussion. Dr. Sears argued that proactive cuts now would reduce the need for deeper cuts later, and would also provide better data on the impacts of staffing reductions before larger deficits may arrive in 2027-28. Other committee members expressed that further cuts would place an unnecessary burden on staff and students when reserves are available to manage the transition. The motion to amend failed with a vote of 1 in favor (Dr. Sears) and 13 opposed (1:13).

The main motion to approve the 2026-27 budget as presented was voted on and passed unanimously (14:0).

MOTION 2: APPROVE 2026-27 TAX LEVIES

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the tax rates and amounts. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion included:

- A permanent tax rate of \$4.693 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the General Fund.
- A local option tax rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the General Fund.
- An amount of \$98,408,452 for the service of bonded debt obligations.

During the reading of the motion, a clerical typo in the initial meeting document was corrected on the record to reflect the proper debt service amount of \$98,408,452.

There was no further discussion on the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously (14:0).

VI. Closing Remarks: *YouTube: 56:10*

Interim Supt. Schofield thanked the Business Office and Budget Team for their labor in bringing the budget to completion and thanked the committee for their time and commitment to the students. Budget Chair Bean expressed his gratitude for the committee's work and adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Brian Bean, Budget Committee Chair

Submitted by Marcie Davis