



Minutes

The Board of Education Molalla River School District

April 30, 2026

I. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING – Molalla River School District Office (Board Room)

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Craig Loughridge called the budget committee meeting to order at 7:01pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending: Chair Craig Loughridge, Vice Chair Linda Eskridge, Amy McNeil, Rob Cummings, Neal Lucht, Terrie Stafford. Absent: Mark Lucht

Budget Committee members present: Pamela Lucht, Roxie Smith, Jimmy Lanahan, Tony Lishka, Sarah McArthur, and Doug Hill.

MRSD staff – Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Chris Shaw/Director of Technology, Dr Tony Mann/Superintendent, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant

A. Consider changes to the agenda

None

B. Election of Officers

1. *Nominations for the Committee Chair* – Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to nominate Mr. Lanahan as Committee Chair. Ms. Lucht made a motion to nominate Ms. McArthur as Committee Chair. Mr. Lanahan seconded Ms. Arthur. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously via hand vote.
2. *Nominations for the Committee Vice Chair* – Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to nominate Mr. Lanahan as Committee Vice Chair. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via a hand vote.

C. Budget Message and overview of proposed 2025-2026 budget

1. Presentation of Budget message

Dr. Mann explained the superintendent provides the budget background every year with a budget message. He thanked the committee for their service and stated public voices help shape the District priorities. He read the budget message out loud in full. There was discussion about technology needs and the new middle school project.

2. Introduction of proposed 2025-2026 budget document

Mr. Andy Campbell presented a slideshow explaining the budget. He stated to send questions to himself or Ms. Nelzen. He also handed out a budget summary document, which the committee reviewed. Mr. Campbell reviewed the agenda and the District mission/vision statements and pillars, and explained the budget leadership groups. He explained the challenges for 26-27 and the most recent district demographics. Mr. Campbell explained some current and future budget assumptions, including the significant increase in PERS costs anticipated for the 27-28 budget year and options for purchasing bonds like the District had done previously. There was discussion about the construction excise tax rate and why the District is using the 2019 rate. There was discussion about the Urban Growth Boundary for the City, and whether

the committee could see the projections. The committee reviewed how the budget is set up and account codes. They also reviewed federal and state grants, MHS Athletics, MHS Land lab, general obligation fund, capital reserves, construction excise tax, Student Investment Act, E-Rate, Public Purpose Energy Fund, Food Service, Risk Management, and Scholarships. He also explained OSCIM (Oregon School Capital Improvement Money) grant fund and the middle school building fund. Mr. Campbell went through and explained some significant changes in budgets from the previous year, including money for electric buses from PGE and the E-Rate fund.

Mr. Campbell reminded everyone to send any questions to him or Ms. Nelzen and the proposed budget is now a public document. He also agreed to send his notes to the full committee.

D. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- May 21st Budget committee meeting at 7pm

E. ADJOURN

Board Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lucht seconded the motion. Committee Chair McArthur adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary