

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 8R, HERMISTON**

**There will be a Budget Committee Meeting of the
Board of Education of the Umatilla County School District 8R
at Hermiston School District Offices
Boardroom
305 S.W. 11th Street.
Hermiston, Oregon 97838
Monday, May 15, 2023, 6:30 PM**

**Briana Cortaberria
Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent and Board of Education**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER (6:30 p.m.) Chair Clough**
- 2. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS (6:30 p.m.) Chair Clough**
 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (6:32 p.m.) Chair Clough 2**
- 4. REVIEW OF BUDGET REVISIONS (6:35 p.m.) Ms. Saul**
- 5. REVIEW OF TAX RATE DECLARATION (6:50 p.m.) Ms. Saul**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT (7:00 p.m.) Chair**
- 7. COMMITTEE QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION (7:10 p.m.) Chair Clough**
- 8. CONSIDERATION FOR BUDGET APPROVAL (7:25 p.m.) Chair Clough**
- 9. RECESS OF BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR (7:30 p.m.) Chair Clough**

* Timing of agenda is not meant to be time specific. Instead, the time identified is for pacing purposes only. The Board of Education may modify the agenda and the order in which items are taken for consideration.

** Consent agenda items are considered for action as an entire group. Details for these items are available for public inspection at the District Office.

*** Members of the public are invited to address the Board of Education during Public Comments.

**SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #8R, HERMISTON
May 1, 2023**

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Hermiston School Board members present: Ms. Ginny Holthus, Ms. Bonnie Luisi, Mr. Dain Gardner, Ms. Liliana Gomez, and Ms. Teri Vander Stelt

Community Budget Committee members present: Dr. George Clough, Nazario Rivera, Katelin Gollaher, Greg Harris, and Dave Nevin

Also in attendance were: Superintendent of Schools Tricia Mooney, Director of Business Services Katie Saul, and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Briana Cortaberria.

Absent members: Ms. Sally Hansell, Ms. Karen Sherman, Justin Terry, and Dave Smith

2 INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2021-2022 Chair George Clough led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 ELECTIONS

Prior to elections, the present members introduced themselves around the table.

3.1 Election of Chair

2021-22 Budget Committee Chair Clough opened the floor to nominations for committee chair.

Greg Harris moved and Ms. Holthus seconded the nomination of Dr. George Clough as the 2022-2023 chair.

The motion for Clough as chair passed 9-0.

3.2 Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Clough opened the floor to nominations for vice-chair.

Greg Harris nominated Nazario Rivera as vice-chair, which was seconded by Ms. Bonnie Luisi.

The motion for Rivera as vice-chair passed 9-0.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Ginny Holthus and seconded by Nazario Rivera to approve the May 16, 2022, Budget Committee Minutes. The motion passed 9-0.

5 BUDGET COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Ms. Saul reviewed the hard-copy documents provided to the members in their committee binder, sharing a calendar of events and committee membership roster.

6 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Saul reviewed pertinent dates of the year's budget cycle.

7 REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REVIEW

Ms. Saul explained educational funding in Oregon.

Saul reviewed district funds, general fund revenue, and provided an explanation of funds, with a focus on general fund dollars. She continued by explaining the revenue allocation for Hermiston and State School Fund estimates.

Ms. Saul reviewed district expenses, as depicted by a pie chart for general fund budgeted expenditures. Salaries and benefits are the district's primary expenses.

8 REVIEW OF CURRENT YEAR PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS AND TRENDS

Ms. Saul recapped the 2022-23 budget parameters: 10.0% Ending Fund Balance, Flat ADMw (no growth) student enrollment growth, a \$9.299 billion State School Fund allocation (about \$9,283 per ADMw) split 49/51, application of up to \$750,000 Biennial Reserve dollars, and application of up to \$750,000 of PERS Reserve Fund dollars if necessary.

She continued by explaining how funds are allocated to each school, both for staffing and nonemployee-related costs.

9 REVIEW BOARD-APPROVED 2022-23 PLANNING PARAMETERS

Ms. Saul shared the 2023-24 financial planning parameters, as set by the Board of Education.

- A 10.0% Ending Fund Balance Minimum
- Flat ADMw Student Enrollment Growth (no growth)
- \$9.9 billion SSF Estimate, split 49/51, estimated to be about \$9,599/ADMw
- Application of \$1,450,000 Biennial Reserve Fund
- Application of \$1,250,000 PERS Reserve

10 PRESENTATION OF BUDGET MESSAGE & PROPOSED 2023-24 BUDGET DOCUMENT & INFORMATION

Ms. Saul provided a summary of the budget message, identifying investment highlights and challenges for 2023-24.

Dave Nevin arrived at 7:06 p.m.

She then reviewed the 2023-24 proposed budget totaling \$183,856,472, giving an overview of general fund proposed revenues and expenditures.

Ms. Saul highlighted portions of the budget, including fund titles and descriptions, detailed revenue funds, and expenditure summaries provided by function.

Saul provided the function overview report. Members and public interested in detail may contact Ms. Saul directly.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Clough opened the public comment period for the 2023-2024 proposed school budget. No comments were provided in writing prior to the meeting, and no members of the public requested to address the committee virtually.

The board heard an in-person comment regarding district enrollment figures and improving student attendance.

12 BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Members applauded Ms. Saul on her efforts.

13 FUTURE MEETING: May 15, 2023

Chair Clough adjourned the community budget meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Date

Chairman

Superintendent/Clerk

Secretary