

AGENDA	CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING CMS at Woodard Rd and via ZOOM/Owl 31520 E Woodard Rd Troutdale, OR 97060	7:00 PM Wednesday, April 22, 2026
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2
  
- 3. BUDGET CALENDAR REVIEW 5
- 4. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET MESSAGE 10  
BUDGET PROPOSAL
- 5. BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
- 6. AUDIENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS
  - 1. Approval/Recommendations Action Item
- 7. ADJOURNMENT
  - 1. Next Meetings: Wednesday, April 29 and May 6, 2026, if necessary  
Wednesday, June 17, 2026, Public Hearing on the Budget  
All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the CMS Cafeteria at Woodard Rd.

# Corbett School District 39

Code: DBEA  
Adopted: 3/12/14  
Revised/Readopted: 8/18/21  
Orig. Code: DBEA

## Budget Committee

By law, the budget committee is charged with making recommendations concerning financial priorities.

The budget committee will have the responsibility for reviewing the financial programs of the district, reviewing the proposed district budget as presented by the superintendent, and recommending an annual or biennial district budget in keeping with the provisions of applicable state laws.

Educational policy decisions, however, are the responsibility of the Board, not the budget committee. The committee does not have the authority to add programs or to approve additional personnel or increase salaries. While the committee may, in effect, delete programs because of a fund decrease. The committee is charged primarily with a fiscal evaluation of programs. The committee may, alternatively, set an amount that changes the recommended budget and may request the administration make such changes in accordance with priorities set by the Board.

The following will govern the make up and process of establishing the district's budget committee:

1. The budget committee consists of seven members appointed by the Board plus the elected Board members of the district. To be eligible for appointment, the appointive member must:
  - a. Live and be registered to vote in the district;
  - b. Not be an officer, agent or employee of the district.
2. No budget committee member may receive any type of compensation from the district.
3. At its first meeting in July, the Board will identify vacant budget committee positions which must be filled by appointment of the Board. The Board will announce the vacancies and receive applications from interested persons during the month of July. Such applications will include a signed statement that the applicant is willing to serve as a member of the budget committee and to adhere to the policies of the district. The Board may appoint budget committee members to as many consecutive terms as deemed appropriate.
4. At the first regular Board meeting in August, the Board will review the names of persons filing applications and names of those persons who have served previously and are willing to be reappointed. At the first regular meeting in September, the Board will appoint persons to fill the vacant positions.
5. The appointive committee members of a budget committee in a district that prepares an annual budget will be appointed for three-year terms. The terms will be staggered so that, as near as practicable, one-third of the appointive members' terms end each year. The appointive members of a budget committee in a district that prepares a biennial budget shall be appointed to four-year terms.

The terms shall be staggered so that as near as practicable, one-fourth of the terms of the appointive members expire each year.

6. If any appointive member is unable to complete the term for which he/she was appointed, the Board will announce the vacancy at the first regular Board meeting following the committee member's resignation or removal. An appointment to fill the position for its unexpired term will be made at the next regular Board meeting.

### **Budget Committee Responsibilities**

The following items explain the budget committee's responsibilities:

7. At its first meeting after appointment, the budget committee will elect a presiding officer from among its members. It may also establish other ground rules as necessary for successful operation of the committee.
8. A majority of the constituted committee is required for passing an action item. Majority for a 14-member budget committee is 8. Therefore, if only 8 members are present, a unanimous vote is needed for passing an action.
9. The budget committee shall hold one or more meetings to receive the budget message, receive the budget document and to provide members of the public with an opportunity to ask questions about and comment on the budget document. The budget officer shall announce the time and place for all meetings, as provided by law. All meetings of the budget committee are open to the public.
10. The budget committee may request any information used in the preparation of or for revising the budget document from the superintendent or business manager. The committee may request the attendance of any district employee at its meetings. The budget committee will approve the budget document as submitted by the superintendent or as subsequently revised by the committee.
11. After approval of the original or revised budget document, the budget committee's duties cease. The hearing on the approved budget is held by the Board.

END OF POLICY

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#### **Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 174.130](#)  
[ORS 192.610 to -192.695](#)

[ORS 294.305 to -294.565](#)  
[ORS 433.835 to -433.875](#)

#### **Cross Reference(s):**

DBD - Budget Priorities

# CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 39

2025-26

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position No. 7	Leah Fredericks, Board Chair	Term expires 6/2027
Position No. 4	David Osborn, Board Vice Chair	Term expires 6/2029
Position No. 1	Dylan Rickert	Term expires 6/2027
Position No. 2	Zachary Arndt	Term expires 6/2029
Position No. 3	Malinda Carlson	Term expires 6/2029
Position No. 5	Maureen “Sis” Childs	Term expires 6/2029
Position No. 6	Ben Byers	Term expires 6/2027

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D.  
Dennis Clague  
Robin Lindeen-Blakeley

Superintendent-Clerk  
Chief Financial Officer  
Deputy Clerk/HR Lead

## BUDGET MEMBERS

Position No. 5	Brad Hunter, Presiding Officer	Term expires 12/2028
Position No. 6	Krystina Robison, Vice Presiding Officer	Term expires 12/2026
Position No. 1	Benno Lyon	Term expires 12/2028
Position No. 2	Patrick Murphy	Term expires 12/2027
Position No. 3	Sara Grigsby	Term expires 12/2027
Position No. 4	Jennifer Bruton	Term expires 12/2027
Position No. 7	Amy Ciecko	Term expires 12/2026

Budget committee 2025-26  
4/17/26

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Superintendent  
OBIN LINDEEN-BLAKELEY  
Deputy Clerk/ HR Lead



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## CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39

REVISED 1/21/26 and 3/11/26

# Budget Calendar July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

**Board of Directors Meeting** July 15, 2025

- ✓ Board Appoints Budget Officer

**Board of Directors Meeting** November 19, 2025

- ✓ Board Considers 2025-2026 Budget Calendar for 2026-2027 Budget

**Staff and Community Input Sessions** December 3 through December 18, 2025

- ✓ Staff Input
- ✓ Community Input
- ✓ Video and Input Survey available on District website

**Budget Priorities Board Work Session - CANCELED/RESCHEDULED** Jan. 13, 2026/Jan. 21, 2026

**Board Adoption of 2026-2027 Budget Priorities** January 21, 2026

**Publish 1st Notice of Budget Committee Meetings** revised 3/11/26 March 18, 2026

- ✓ 5 to 30 Days Before the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

**Budget Workshop Training** March 11, 2026

**Publish 2nd Notice of Budget Committee Meetings** revised 3/11/26 April 1, 2026

- ✓ 5 to 30 Days Before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

**Proposed Budget to Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission (TSCC)** revised 3/11/26 April 8, 2026

**Proposed Budget Published** revised 3/11/26 April 15, 2026

**1st Budget Committee Meeting** revised 3/11/26 April 22, 2026

- ✓ Appoint Presiding Officer

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## CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39

- √ Receive Budget Message
- √ Receive Proposed Budget Document and Discuss Relevant Changes
- √ Receive Public Testimony
- √ Respond to Questions from Budget Committee
- √\_\_\_ Budget Committee Deliberations (if ready)
- √\_\_\_ Budget approval and resolution approving the permanent tax rate imposing and categorizing taxes (if ready)

### **2nd Budget Committee Meeting (if needed) revised 3/11/26** **April 29, 2026**

- √ Respond to Questions from First Meeting
- √ Receive Public Testimony
- √\_\_\_ Budget Committee Deliberations (if ready)
- √\_\_\_ Budget approval and resolution approving the permanent tax rate imposing and categorizing taxes (if ready)

### **Possible 3rd Budget Committee Meeting (if needed) revised 3/11/26** **May 6, 2026**

- √ Respond to Questions from Second Meeting
- √\_\_\_ Budget Committee Deliberations
- √\_\_\_ Budget approval and resolution approving the permanent tax rate imposing and categorizing taxes

### **Approved Budget submitted to TSCC** **May 14, 2026**

### **Publish Notice of Budget Hearing (only once)** **May 20, 2026**

- √ 5 to 30 Days Before the Hearing
- √ Publish Financial Summaries

### **Board of Directors Meeting - Conduct Budget Hearing** **June 17, 2026**

- √ Conducted by School Board
- √ Open to Public

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**CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 39**

- ✓ Run Budget Hearing Concurrent with Board Meeting

**Board of Directors Meeting - Enact Resolutions**

**June 17, 2026**

- ✓ Adopt Budget, Authorize Appropriations & Impose and Categorize Taxes
- ✓ Amend 2024-2025 Appropriations (if necessary)

**Submit Tax Certification Documents**

**July 15, 2026**

- ✓ To County Assessor Office for Certification of Tax Levy
- ✓ File Budget Document with County Recorder, TSCC and Designated Agencies

Copy of 2026-27 Budget Calendar



## NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

The Budget Committee of Corbett School District 39, Multnomah County, State of Oregon, will convene on April 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the budget message, budget document and to hear public comment about the budget of the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

This public meeting will be held both virtually and in-person. You can attend in-person, Corbett Middle School, 31520 E Woodard Rd, Troutdale, OR 97019 or the link to the virtual meeting can be found at, <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1554>.

Each budget committee meeting will have a scheduled time for public input, questions and comments. There will be a Zoom meeting facilitator who will coordinate public comment via a chat box. The Budget Committee will also accept oral or written comment or testimony for each of the meetings. Written comments or testimonies can be submitted electronically to [rlindeen@corbett.k12.or.us](mailto:rlindeen@corbett.k12.or.us) or by mail addressed to the Corbett School District, 35800 E Historic Columbia River Highway, Corbett, OR 97019. Clearly label as public comment or testimony.

A copy of the budget document will be available for review on the Corbett School District website at <https://corbett.k12.or.us/about/business-services/budget/> on April 15, 2026. Additionally, a copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after March 27, 2026, at Corbett School District, 35800 E Historic Columbia River Highway, Corbett, OR 97019, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Listed below are the dates and times of additional Budget Committee meetings, if needed. These are in-person/virtual public meetings where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may provide comment or testimony.

In-person/Virtual – April 29, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

In-person/Virtual – May 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

A copy of this notice is also posted on the Corbett School District website at <https://corbett.k12.or.us/about/business-services/budget/>

Dr. Derek Fialkiewicz, Budget Officer  
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Publish March 18, 2026

Publish April 1, 2026

# Corbett School District 39

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## Budget Preparation

The superintendent has the overall responsibility for the budget preparation and will develop such procedures necessary to ensure that the proposed district budget reflects all areas of the district's operation.

The superintendent and administrative staff will establish budget priorities for the district and will make appropriate recommendations related to those priorities to the Board and the budget committee.

The superintendent will deliver the completed budget document and budget message to the budget committee when they are ready for presentation.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 294.305](#) to -294.565

[ORS 328.542](#) to -328.565

OR. DEP'T OF EDUC, PROGRAM BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING MANUAL.  
OR DEP'T OF REVENUE, LOCAL BUDGETING MANUAL.

### Cross Reference(s):

DBD - Budget Priorities  
DBEA - Budget Committee

**Introduction:**

This document will serve as a plan for both receipts and expenditures of funds for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The 2026-2027 Corbett School District Budget represents the collective efforts of many individuals working independently and collaboratively. The budget proposal presented here is, as in the past, focused on alignment with our district vision, values, budget goals, programming decisions, and student enrollment projections.

**Vision Statement:**

*The Corbett School community connects, engages, inspires, and collaborates to support every student.*

**Values:**

- Personal Responsibility
  - o Modeling personal responsibility, commitment, and ethical decision making.
- Advocacy
  - o Advocating for students so they learn to advocate for themselves.
- Resilience
  - o Personal development through resourcefulness and resilience.
- Inclusive, Collaborative Relationships
  - o Creating a community based on inclusiveness, equity, and building collaborative relationships.
- Innovation
  - o Nurturing curious, passionate, creative, and innovative minds.
- Continuous Learning
  - o Fostering student engagement in continuous learning, building on their personal strengths.

**District 2026 – 2027 Budget Goals:**

- Ensure a Fund Balance, Emergency Reserve, and Debt Management
- Maintain and improve facilities
- Retain qualified teachers for core subjects & qualified EAs for intervention, behavior, & mental health support including Special Education
- Maintain student safety
- Maintain CTE & extra-curricular programs

**Programming Decisions:**

- Continue to provide multi-age classrooms with place- and project-based learning opportunities for our K-5 students
- Continue to provide a well-rounded instructional program for our high school students, a part of which includes an opportunity for all students to have access to Advanced Placement (AP) and Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses
- Fund and facilitate extracurricular programs

**Student Enrollment Projection:**

Corbett School District Board of Directors agreed to temporarily increase enrollment for 2025-2026 to 1224 students, which was up from 1089 students at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment is projected at just over 1200 for 2026-2027 and will be strategically decreased by 10-15 students each of the next ten years. Applications to attend the Corbett Charter District in continue to increase from recent years.

### **Budget Environment:**

- The Oregon Legislature approved education funding at \$11.3 billion for the 2025-2027 biennium. While this was a \$1.1 billion increase over the previous biennium, it falls short of the accepted level of funding necessary to maintain current funding levels with current inflation rates. Additionally, a biennium is funded at 49% for the first year and 51% for the second year. Therefore, the increase in funding from 2025 – 2026 to 2026 – 2027 is only \$226 million (\$5.537B - \$5.763B) or 4.1%. US inflation has increased over 25% since 2020, making the Oregon education funding increase insufficient to cover current inflation increases.
- The Oregon School Funding Formula is based on a weighted equity model resulting in the Corbett School District funded at the third lowest level out of the state’s 197 districts. It is important to note that the seven Multnomah County school districts West of the Sandy River receive at least 1.5 times Corbett’s per-pupil funding

### **Overview**

- **Areas maintained in the 2026 – 2027 budget:**
  - **Certified Staff** – The greatest determiner of student success is the teacher in the classroom. One of the greatest inhibitors of teacher effectiveness is increased class sizes. The District is committed to retaining high quality teachers and keeping class sizes at acceptable levels.
  - **Classified Staff** – The retention of Educational Assistants in included in the 2026 – 2027 budget.
  - **Mental Health** – The mental health and wellbeing of our students, staff, families, and community is the building block of success for the Corbett School District. Necessary resources are often difficult to find or cost prohibitive for our families. Additional federal funds for our School-based Mental Health Department have been secured for mental health professionals and services.
  - **Highly Qualified Staff** – We will continue the practice of hiring the most qualified individual for each open position. We are also committed to assisting all staff members in furthering their education and providing professional development targeted to our mission and goals.
  - **Administration** – Three administrative positions were eliminated during the 2024-2025 budget reduction. Less than 4% of the 2026 – 2027 school district budget includes administrative salaries. The national average is 6.7%.
  - **Athletics and Activities** – Student participation in extracurricular programs provides invaluable learning opportunities in leadership, teamwork, as well as increasing Cardinal Pride. We will continue to fund athletics and activities at the same level.
- **Areas receiving increased support in the 2026 – 2027 budget:**

- **Facilities and Maintenance** – A significant portion of student and staff morale and pride begins with the facilities in which they are housed each day. Our facilities are in great need of repair and maintenance. An additional maintenance position will be added to assist with timely completion of facility maintenance. Additional funding will also be allocated to ensure all buildings have increased safety, sufficient heating and cooling, working restrooms, and cosmetic updates.
- **Technology** – Outdated technology is on the verge of failure. To ensure the District is not left without heat, cooling, fire suppression, cyber security, security cameras, communication, etc., these systems need to be updated.
- **Areas being reduced or eliminated in the 2026 – 2027 budget:**
  - None
- **Areas to be addressed in the future:**
  - **Physical Education** – Physical health is a significant part of mental health. Physical Education provides students not only with fitness, but also lessons in leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Additionally, students learn habits of a healthy lifestyle. Providing access to a licensed Physical Education teacher for all students K-12 can enhance student learning and promote the skills necessary for athletic success in high school.
  - **Music Education** – The ability to read music and play a musical instrument has proven to increase student problem solving and learning in all subject areas. The district is proud to be able to provide every K-12 student with the opportunity to learn music. A commitment to increasing the music education opportunities when feasible is acknowledged by the district.

### **Class Size**

Increasing student enrollment is the only way for a school district to increase revenue, outside of a tax levy. Therefore, the Corbett School District Board of Directors agreed to increase enrollment for 2025 – 2026 to 1224 students, which provided for approximately \$2M in additional revenue. When combined with current staffing levels, an increase in student enrollment supports rebuilding the General Fund Ending Fund Balance. Increased student enrollment at current staffing levels has resulted in increased class sizes of about 4-5 students in each classroom. This student enrollment number will be strategically reduced by about 10-15 students per year over the next ten years to bring class sizes back to current levels without drastically affecting revenue.

### **General Fund Ending Fund Balance**

A strong General Fund Ending Fund Balance is between 7%-10% of the total General Fund Budget. The General Fund Ending Fund Balance for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year is projected to be approximately \$350,000.00. The main objective of this 2026 – 2027 Corbett School District Budget continues to be rebuilding a healthy General Fund Ending Fund Balance, which, based on current projections, could be obtained by the end of the 2027 – 2028 school year.

### **Variables That Affect Budget**

Building a School District Budget is not an exact science. There are many variables that need to be considered that are outside of the district's control. Revenue is a projection based on enrollment and state and federal funding levels. Neither enrollment nor funding are fixed values.

Each May, school district funding levels across the state are adjusted based on enrollment levels in each district. Expenditures over the next year are greatly affected by inflation rates. The district's greatest expenditure is salaries. The certified and classified unions are beginning bargaining their next contract, which could include cost of living adjustments (COLA) and affect expenditures.

### **Conclusion**

The 2026 – 2027 budget represents one of the many ways in which we continually strive to shape the Corbett School District to meet our collaborative vision for our students. A special thanks to Mr. Dennis Clague, Chief Financial Officer, for his tireless contributions, and to the Budget Committee for their work on behalf of our scholars.