



Zone	School Board Members Present	Budget Committee Members Present
1	Susan Greenberg	Jason Hohnbaum, Budget Committee Vice Chair (Absent)
2	Karen Pérez - Absent	Farah Mahamoud (Virtual)
3	Eric Simpson	Diane McCartney
4	Sunita Garg	Alok Mehrotra (Virtual)
5	Ugonna Enyinnaya (Virtual)	Christa Billings
6	Becky Tymchuk, School Board Vice Chair	Heidi Edwards, Budget Committee Chair
7	Tom Colett, School Board Chair	Dr. Lisa Shultz
District Staff Present		
Dr. Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent Dr. Carl Mead, Deputy Superintendent for Operations & Support Services Dr. Heather Cordie, Deputy Superintended for T & L Michael Schofield, Associate Superintendent for Business Services		Kerry Delf, Chief of Staff Susan Rodriguez, Chief Human Resource Officer Shellie Bailey-Shah, Public Communications Officer Jessica Jones, Budget Manager Marcie Davis, Assistant to Associate Superintendent for Business Services Kristie Starr, Budget Analyst

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www.beaverton.k12.or.us/annual-budget

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Budget Chair Heidi Edwards 6:33 PM

Budget Committee Chair Heidi Edwards (Budget Chair Edwards) called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and completed roll call. Budget Committee Members Alok Mehrotra (Mehrotra), Farah Mahamoud (Mahamoud) and School Board Member Ugonna Enyinnaya (Enyinnaya) attended virtually, and Budget Committee Vice Chair Jason Hohnbaum (Hohnbaum) was absent. All other School Board and Budget Committee members were present.

Superintendent Gustavo Balderas (Supt. Balderas) commented on the good news from the May 17, 2023 State Economic Forecast. There are still concerns if the State School Funding (SSF) will increase. There will be tough decisions in 2024-25 school year. Supt. Balderas encouraged everyone to advocate for appropriate funding level in Salem.

Associate Superintendent for Business Services Michael Schofield (Schofield) shared the State Economic Forecast increased \$2 billion for the next biennium. Part of the funds will be given back to Oregon residents with the kicker. Corporate Excise Tax (CET) is also up \$300 million; these dollars go to education and have typically funded the Education Stability Fund but advocates are saying the \$300 million should go directly to the SSF. Corporate Activities Tax (CAT) will also increase, which will fund the Student Investment Account (SIA). It’s possible there is a path with the legislature to get to \$10.3 billion.

II. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2023 Budget Committee Meeting – Heidi Edwards: YouTube: 5:17

School Board member Susan Greenberg (Greenberg) moved to approve the minutes and School Board Member Eric Simpson (Simpson) seconded the motion. The May 8, 2023 Budget Committee Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

District Goal: WE Empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

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III. Review Public Comment – Heidi Edwards: YouTube: 5:57

One public comment was concerned around staffing reductions in counseling and Counselor on Special Assignment positions. [This is due to enrollment adjustments between schools.](#)

No additional public comments were submitted.

IV. Adjustments to Proposed Budget – Jessica Jones: YouTube: 7:13

Budget Manager Jessica Jones (Jones) described there were no adjustments in appropriation levels from the proposed budget for 2023-24.

V. Budget Committee Final Comments – Heidi Edwards: YouTube: 7:50

YeahComments from the Budget Committee included questions regarding the increase in state revenue and if it would potentially change how much the District would have available for next year. [A little over \\$30 million was budgeted in SIA, based on guidance from Oregon Department of Education \(ODE\). Administration believes the numbers will increase based on the additional CAT revenue. It's currently funded to schools on an Average Daily Membership \(ADM\) basis.](#)

There was discussion around the potential of funding more social workers through SIA. [If there is more information before the June budget hearing and School Board meeting on June 20th, recommendations could be presented to the Board at that time.](#)

The importance of the decisions around the impact of staffing in the future years was reiterated, as well as the priority of mental health support. Despite the positive economic report, there are still concerns around using reserves. [If budgeting at the same service level, the use of reserves would increase each year. Administration will be setting a process for making those decisions. It will be important to have these conversations with the School Board, including onboarding of new board members.](#)

Comments acknowledging the cuts were outside the classroom this year and hopeful the increased dollars will help with decreased funding of programs, including Talented and Gifted (TAG), down by 26%. The concern around an \$8 million deficit has been difficult to accept but feel confident with the decisions to keep some programs and social workers. Sustainability down the road may be an issue.

There are many reports across the country addressing the importance of student engagement to close learning gaps. It has been suggested that some students may need an additional year of instruction.

This will be the last budget meeting for three long-term school board members. Expressed appreciation for their time and service.

VI. Approval of Budget and Tax Levies – Heidi Edwards: YouTube: 19:40

Budget Committee Member Dr. Lisa Shultz (Shultz) moved to approve the 2023-24 Budget and it was seconded by Simpson:

I move that the Beaverton School District budget in the amount of one billion five hundred forty four million three hundred twenty one thousand seven hundred fifty seven dollars (\$1,544,321,757) for all funds for 2023-24 be approved, the permanent tax rate of four dollars point six nine three cents (\$4.6930) per \$1,000 of assessed value be

assessed in support of the General Fund, a local option tax rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value be assessed in support of the General Fund, and a tax of eighty two million three hundred ninety nine thousand seventy nine dollars (\$82,399,079) be approved for the service of bonded debt obligations of the School District.

No further discussion on the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

VII. Closing Remarks – Dr. Gustavo Balderas: YouTube: 22:08

Supt. Balderas thanked the School Board and Budget Committee for moving this budget forward to the School Board for adoption. There is a structural deficit and a need to look toward a sustainable solution in the future but we are hopeful for increased funding based on the revenue forecast. Students are still struggling from the affects from COVID and many cases of dysregulation. We are thankful to the phenomenal school staff for managing these challenging times.

Budget Chair Edwards reminded to advocate for the \$10.3 billion budget.

Budget Chair Edwards adjourned the Budget Meeting at 6:56 PM.

Heidi Edwards, Budget Committee Chair

Submitted by Marcie Davis