

Zone	School Board Members Present	Budget Committee Members Present
1	Susan Greenberg	Jessica McBride
2	Dr. Karen Pérez, Chair	Brian Bean
3	Dr. Melissa Potter	Diane McCartney (Virtual)
4	Sunita Garg, Vice Chair	Alok Mehrotra
5	Ugonna Enyinnaya	Christa Billings
6	Justice Rajee	Heidi Echeverría
7	Dr. Tammy Carpenter	Dr. Lisa Shultz
<b>District Staff Present:</b>		
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 Camelia Ayres Osterink, General Counsel		Susan Rodriguez, Chief Human Resource Officer Shellie Bailey-Shah, Public Communications Officer Jessica Jones, Budget Manager Marcie Davis, Executive Assistant to Associate Superintendent for Business Services Kristie Starr, Financial Analyst Sarah Weiland, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Livestream was made available on <https://www.youtube.com/c/BeavertonSchools>

### **I. Welcome and Opening Remarks – School Board Chair Dr. Karen Pérez**

School Board Chair Dr. Karen Pérez (“Board Chair Dr. Pérez”) called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. Introductions of the Budget Committee (the “Committee”) commenced and roll call was taken. There was one Committee member attending via Zoom, Diane McCartney of Zone 3. School Board member Susan Greenberg (“Greenberg”) of Zone 1 arrived at 5:49 PM. All other Committee and School Board members were present.

### **II. Elect Budget Chair – Board Chair Dr. Pérez: *YouTube: 5:52***

School Board member Justice Rajee (“Rajee”) nominated Heidi Echeverría of Zone 6 be elected as Chair of the Committee. Members of the Committee unanimously elected Heidi Echeverría (“Budget Chair Echeverría”) as the Committee Chair.

### **III. Elect Budget Vice Chair – Budget Chair Echeverría *YouTube: 8:27***

School Board member Tammy Carpenter (“Carpenter”) nominated and Greenberg seconded Dr. Lisa Schultz of Zone 7 be Vice Chair of the Committee. The members of the Committee unanimously elected Dr. Lisa Schultz (“Budget Vice Chair Dr. Shultz”) as the Committee Vice Chair.

### **IV. Budget Message: Superintendent Gustavo Balderas: *YouTube: 9:04***

Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Balderas (“Supt. Dr. Balderas”) expressed appreciation for the dedication and involvement of the Committee. Supt. Dr. Balderas explained how fortunate the Beaverton School District (the

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“District”) is compared to many districts in Oregon, as well as nationally. There are several districts that are cutting millions of dollars, as well as losing/restructuring staff members. The District has preserved the budget and retained Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (“ESSER”) funded positions in both the general fund and the Student Investment Account (“SIA”).

However, the District has a structural deficit and is over spending by \$17 million. The District is very fortunate to have a reserve that will offset the deficit, using one-time dollars to offset the spending. The goal is to assess the expenditures next year to balance the budget. Proud of the community for passing bonds and levies that allows the District to build new schools, as well as an operating levy that provides approximately 300 teachers to offset class size.

Supt. Dr. Balderas presented the 2024-25 Budget Message. A copy can be found on the [Budget webpage](#).

**V. Budget Proposal Presentation – Associate Superintendent Michael Schofield: YouTube: 13:27**

Associate Superintendent of Business Services Michael Schofield (“Assoc. Supt. Schofield”) described the roles and responsibilities of the District administration and the committee. A copy of the [School Board Policy DBEA](#) was handed out and describes the responsibilities of the Committee.

A presentation can be found on the [Budget webpage](#).

Key takeaways on school-based staffing, same class size as 2023-24, and an investment in Special Education and English Language Development. Staffing follows the increase or decrease of enrollment.

Budget Manager Jessica Jones (“Jones”) explained the four main components of the 2024-25 Proposed Budget Document and presented key pages to the Committee. The Proposed Budget is located on the [Budget webpage](#).

**VI. Questions and Comments from the Committee – Budget Chair Echeverría: YouTube: 52:51**

The Committee members made individual comments, including funding for summer school, capital projects fund, ESSER, budget modifications for Special Education, mental health concerns and the Youth Services Officer (“YSO”) Program.

Assoc. Supt. Schofield encouraged the Committee to ask questions or request informational meetings as needed.

**VII. Public Comment – Budget Chair Echeverría: YouTube: 1:08:46**

Any questions or comments received by May 8, 2024 were submitted to the Committee as public testimony. All were presented to the Committee during the presentation and can be viewed on the [Budget webpage](#).

Budget Chair Echeverría described the LIVE testimony protocol. The Committee accepted live testimony on the budget and YSO funding from nine individuals.

**VIII. Summary for May 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Jones: YouTube: 1:28:07**

Assoc. Supt. Schofield described the next steps for the Administration and Committee.

Jones summarized the agenda items for the next Budget Committee meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please submit questions by 5:00 PM, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Closing Remarks: *YouTube: 1:32:34***

Supt. Dr. Balderas expressed appreciation for the time and energy from the committee. Budget Chair Echeverría adjourned the Budget Meeting at 7:15 PM.

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Heidi Echeverría, Budget Committee Chair  
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Submitted by Marcie Davis