

# SCAPPOOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT 1J

May 5, 2025

Budget Committee Public Meeting 5:30 PM

Scappoose School District Office \* 33589 High School Way, Scappoose OR 97056

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## Item

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Board Members present: Phil Lager, Board Chair; Pat Kessi, Gwynn Klobes; Christine Sprenger. Present via Zoom: Alex Tardif, Summer Stutsman-Hoag  
Committee Members present: Virginia Anderson Fenstermaker, Lindsay Elder, Todd Franklin, Tanya Francis, Gail Sykes  
Others present: Tim Porter, Superintendent; Tracy Pinder, Business Manager

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1.0 Call meeting to order Gail Sykes, Committee Chair

Meeting was called to order @ 5:30 PM

2.0 Flag Salute

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 April 14, 2025 – Budget Work Session

3.2 April 21, 2025 – Budget Committee Meeting

4.0 Superintendent Updates Tim Porter, Superintendent

Dr. Porter provided a federal budget update, noting proposed reductions in federal funding. At this point, the district’s budget is based on the best available estimates, though uncertainties remain.

5.0 Revenue and Expenditure Updates Tracy Pinder, Business Manager

Tracy Pinder presented additional details on the proposed 2025–26 budget, emphasizing its alignment with the District’s 2024–2030 Strategic Plan and its foundation in balanced, fiscally responsible planning. Although uncertainties remain regarding state and federal funding, the budget is based on informed estimates and adheres to the Oregon Department of Education’s accounting structure. Approximately \$1.295 million in General Fund transfers will support key areas such as curriculum adoption, long-term maintenance, technology replacement, and student services. Special attention was given to the Nutrition Services Fund, which continues to operate at a deficit due to limited reimbursements and legal barriers to collecting unpaid meal balances. The district is pursuing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which could improve funding stability and allow all students to receive free meals.

Other notes included a flat nutrition services budget pending CEP approval, reinstatement of student activity fees to offset rising operational costs post-ESSER, and oversight practices for Associated Student Body (ASB) funds.

6.0 Public Comment & Questions Gail Sykes, Committee Chair

*The Budget Committee welcomes visitors to this hearing, and values comments from district patrons that improve the quality of education for students. We must require, however, that comments made during this session be free of abusive language or personal attacks. We also ask that presentations be limited to three (3) minutes.*

No members of the public signed up or attended to offer comments.

## 7.0 Committee Discussion

During the General Fund budget review, committee members raised questions about changes in specific line items. Tracy Pinder clarified that variations in insurance costs were due to staff movement and individual benefit selections, not a decrease in health insurance expense. Corrections were made to unemployment insurance estimates. An increase in classified salaries for resource rooms was attributed to prior budget corrections. Staffing shifts between funding sources (between General Fund and Student Investment Account, for example) explain FTE increases/decreases in certain areas. Rising property and liability insurance costs and year-to-year fluctuations in timber revenue were also addressed. The committee asked for an update regarding whether there was a plan for a School Resource Officer, and Dr. Porter noted there were ongoing discussions with the City.

The committee continued reviewing other funds, noting decreased IDEA revenue due to reduced federal funding and no expected carryover. Scappoose Online Academy is expanding, and adjustments in Fund 251 reflect reclassified staff to better align with SIA goals, without FTE changes. Technology replacement funds were significantly increased to rebuild reserves for long-term maintenance, curriculum, and equipment. The board opted not to alter tower lease agreements, and Construction Excise Tax revenue was described as variable but eligible for statutory increases. Several special revenue funds were discussed, including those tied to debit card programs and health reimbursement arrangements. Student activity fees, suspended during COVID, will be reinstated in the school year 2025-26.

## 8.0 Approve 2025-26 Budget (motion needed)

With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded. All those in favor said "aye." The motion carried unanimously, concluding this agenda item.

## 9.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:20 PM.