Dayton School District #8
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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
The Budget Committee of Dayton School District No. 8 met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the district board room, broadcast online via zoom.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Board Chair Larry Ringnalda called the Budget Committee Meeting to order at 5:08 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members	**Administrators/Board Secretary**
Larry Ringnalda, Chair	Amy Fast Superintendent
Kraig Albright, Vice Chair	DeAnn O'Neil, Contracted Deputy Clerk
Veronica Palmer - *Absent*	Sean Burke, Contracted Employee
Pieper Sweeney	Molly Arce, District Secretary
Ann Coleman	
Terri Paysinger	
Christopher Wytoski	
Budget Committee Members	
Jeffery Crapper	
Jeremy McLoud	
Amy Webster	
Kathy Koball Miller	
Roger Webb	
Ukiah Bunn	
William Willis	

Discussion of Budget Message and Budget Document
Superintendent Amy Fast shared responses to questions that were brought up in the first budget committee meeting.

Questions and Clarifications:
- **William Willis** confirmed the budget matched prior committee information; inquired about the new grant and its stipulations.
- **William Willis** requested a page-by-page review.

Key Topics by Page/Section:
- **General Fund:**
  - $60,000 in miscellaneous grants included.
  - Discussion on use of district fields as revenue.
  - Need to clarify coding descriptions in reports.
- **Personnel & Staffing:**
  - No net increase in FTE; realignment of positions.
  - Game Management stipends increased.

- Extended contracts identified under each department.
- Unemployment budget held steady due to previous underspending.

- **Substitutes:**
  - District raised sub rates to align with neighboring districts.
- **Student Services:**
  - Occupational therapy supported via WESD Local Service Plan.
  - Questions raised about breakdown and supply of special education services.
  - **WESD allocation** must be finalized by 5/30/2025. Under/over usage affects district refund or liability.
- **Technology & CTE:**
  - Grant audit completed to assess current and future needs.
  - CTE expenditures must supplement, not supplant, general funds.
  - Large purchases require ODE approval.
- **Preschool Promise:**
  - Current budget includes funding via the Preschool Promise Grant.
  - Not subject to union bargaining.
- **Support Staff & Counseling:**
  - Budget includes one counselor per school and a district-wide mental health provider.
- **Staffing/Instructional Costs:**
  - EduStaff exploring long-term sub options with no cost increase.
  - Total elementary staffing cost increases due to roll-up accounting method.
- **Grade School Library Staffing:**
  - .5 FTE classified position included; to be scheduled per Division 22 guidelines.
- **ESSER III Expiration:**
  - COVID-era grants ending; no longer reflected in upcoming year's budget.
- **General Fund Variance:**
  - Question raised about significant differences in staffing costs—attributed to rollup presentation and benefit accounting.

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3. Site-Based Budget Highlights

- **Junior High:** No specific questions or concerns raised.
- **High School:**
  - CTE classes show $0 due to Measure 98 funds ($72,000) being allocated later.
  - Dual credit course funding varies by program.
  - Culinary program and other course support discussed.

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4. Legal Services & PERS Buy-Back

- Legal fees increased due to external complaints.
- **PERS Buy-Back:**
  - PowerPoint presentation shared to explain long-term savings strategy.
  - Dayton has proactively set aside funds to avoid staffing cuts.
  - Long-range PERS forecasting discussed for FY 2027–2028.

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5. Additional Discussion Points

- Desire for a **training class on budget codes and formulas** (Roger Webb).
- Local Service Plan will be shared with all board members (Superintendent Amy Fast).
- Superintendent Amy Fast also shared insight from legislative meetings: funding levels are projected to remain consistent with prior years.

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6. Approve Budget and Certify Tax Rate

Motion

It was moved by Director Terri Paysinger, seconded by Roger Webb, and carried unanimously by a show of hands (13-0) to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the sum of $23,261,972.61

It was moved by Director Kraig Albright, seconded by Terri Paysinger, and carried unanimously by a show of hands (13-0) to approve the taxes to be levied for Dayton School District as follows:

- Permanent Tax Rate Education Limitation: $5.0892 per thousand Assessed Value.
- Excluded from Limitation – Payment of Bonded Debt: $1,498,001.00

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 6:21PM.
Respectfully submitted,

William Willis, Presiding Officer
Dayton Budget Committee

Molly Arce, Board Secretary
Dayton School District