*Highline Public Schools Board Action Report*

DATE: 5/28/26

**FROM:** Dr. Ivan Duran, Superintendent

LEAD STAFF: Jackie Bryan, Chief Financial Officer

CABINET MEMBER: Jackie Bryan, Chief Financial Officer

**For Introduction**: 6/18/2026 For Action: 7/1/2026

**I.TITLE**: Fixing and Adopting 2026-27 Budget

Select one: ☐ New Item ☐ Renewed Item ☒ Annual Item ☐ Revised Item

**II. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY**

WAC 392-123-054 requires that the Board of Directors of every school district meet for purpose of fixing and adopting the budget of the district for ensuring fiscal year.

**III. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Board approval of the budget is necessary to allow continued operation of schools, educational support programs, and administrative functions. These budgets reflect many months of collaborative work across the district involving Board Directors, staff, students, and the broader Highline community. Individual Board Directors were given the opportunity to engage in monthly budget updates, as well as Budget Board Work Sessions in November, March and a Work Session and Public Hearing in June. A series of meetings were held with various stakeholder groups throughout the year. Groups included the Superintendent Student Leadership Team, Family Action Committee, Superintendent Advisory Leadership Team, Capital Facilities Advisory Committee, and Capital Oversight Committee. Resource Alignment training was conducted in January and individual school Resource Alignment meetings were held in March.

Each school and department had a series of meetings focused on their current year budget, goals for next year, and proposed 2026-27 budget plan. The budget team synthesized the outcomes of these meetings into the overall 2026-27 district budget and four-year budget plan. These collective efforts ensure the budget aligns with the needs, priorities, and strategic goals of the district.

**IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I move that the Highline School Board adopt resolution 10-26 to fix and adopt the 2026-27 budget.

**V. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

Fiscal impact to this action will be to authorize 2026-27 expenditures up to $449,974,029 (General Fund), $131,247,767 (Capital Projects Fund), $72,500,000 (Debt Services Fund) $2,900,000 (Transportation Vehicle Fund), $1,911,400 (Associated Student Body Fund). The revenue source for this motion is multiple sources including federal, state, local, and grant funds.

Expenditure: ☐ One-time ☒ Annual

**VI. APPLICABLE POLICY(S)**
This action is in compliance with the following: Board Policy 6000, 6010, 6020

**VII. ALTERNATIVES**
Without a fixed and adopted budget, all district activity would be unauthorized, and operations would cease as of August 31, 2026.

**VIII. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
Community Engagement Required: ☒ Yes ☐ No

A series of meetings were held with various groups throughout the year to collect feedback from students, staff, and community. Those groups include:
Resource Alignment Meetings (RAM) with school leaders
Superintendent Student Leadership Team
Family Action Committee
Superintendent Advisory Leadership Team
Capital Facilities Advisory Committee
Capital Oversight Committee

Budget Board Work Sessions occurred on November 12, 2025, March 18th, 2026, and June 3, 2026.

Monthly Budget updates occurred at the second Board Meeting of each month beginning in September 2025.

A public hearing is scheduled for June 24, 2026. This was advertised by public notice in the Seattle Times on May 20, 2026, May 27, 2026, June 4, 2026, June 11, 2026, June 18, 2026, June 24, 2025, and was available online throughout the entirety of those weeks.

**IX. ATTACHMENTS**
Resolution 10-26

Complete Budget Book (published online)

F195 (published online)

F195F (published online)

**HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401**

RESOLUTION NO. 10-26
Resolution of Fixing and Adopting the 2026-27 Budget

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Highline School District No. 401, King County Washington (the "District") hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

WHEREAS, WAC 392-123-054 requires that the board of directors of every school district meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the budget of the district for the ensuing fiscal year.

WHEREAS, a public notice was published announcing that on July 1, 2026, the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington, would meet in a public meeting for the purpose of fixing and adopting the 2026-27 Fiscal Budget of the district, the four-year budget plan summary, and the four-year enrollment projection; and

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington, has determined that the final appropriation level of expenditures for each fund in school year 2026-27 will be as follows:

| | APPROPRIATION LEVEL |
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| A. General Fund | $449,974,029 |
| B. Associated Student Body Fund | $1,911,400 |
| C. Debt Service Fund | $72,500,000 |
| D. Capital Projects Fund | $131,247,767 |
| E. Transportation Vehicle Fund | $2,900,000 |

ADOPTED this 1st day of July 2026.

HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401

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Board of Directors

I, Ivan Duran, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No. 10-26 for the use and purpose intended.

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Ivan Duran, Ed.D Secretary to the Board