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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

The Budget Committee of Dayton School District No. 8 met on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 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 6:04 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	Jan Bunn, Contracted Deputy Clerk
Veronica Palmer -	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 -Absent	
William Willis	

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Election of Presiding Officer

Motion

The Board Chair opened the floor for nominations to elect the Presiding Officer. A motion to nominate Jeremy McLoud as Presiding Officer was made by Director Terri Paysinger , seconded by Jeff Crapper. Nominations were closed, and the motion to elect Jeremy Mcloud as Presiding Officer passed unanimously on a raise of hands.

Presentation of Budget Message and Budget Document

Superintendent Amy Fast delivered the 2026–2027 Budget Message, emphasizing the bold, values-driven direction of Dayton School District and all the hard work and time Jan Bunn and Sean Burke have put into this budget.. Highlights included: (Record copy on file.)

Budget Development and Financial Outlook

The Board received an overview of the development of the 2026–2027 budget and the significant financial challenges facing the district. Administration reported that the budget was developed during a period of substantial financial pressure caused by declining enrollment, increasing personnel costs, inflation, PERS obligations, and uncertainty in state and federal funding. The district entered the budget process facing approximately $2.4 million in reductions, requiring both expenditure reductions and organizational restructuring.

Budget Priorities and District Vision

Administration reaffirmed the district's vision of serving as a community hub where students and families are safe, supported, challenged, and connected to meaningful opportunities. The budget development process remained centered on preserving student opportunities and investments in literacy, career pathways, intervention systems, language development, behavioral supports, and community partnerships.

Structural Budget Adjustments and Organizational Restructuring

The Board was informed that the 2026–2027 budget represents a structural reset rather than a typical adjustment year. Due to the scale of reductions required, the district implemented a combination of reductions in force, staff reassignments, redistribution of duties, attrition, consolidation of services, and operational restructuring.

Administration emphasized that personnel costs comprise the majority of the district's operating budget, making broader organizational changes necessary. Efforts were made to minimize impacts on students and employees by utilizing retirements, resignations, attrition, and reassignment whenever possible.

The district prioritized protecting the following student-centered services and programs during the restructuring process:

- Core classroom instruction
- Early literacy systems
- English Language Development (ELD) services
- Special Education services
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways

Administrative and Operational Reductions

A significant portion of the restructuring occurred within district office and operational systems with the intent of directing resources closer to classrooms and student supports. Reductions and restructuring included district office support positions, operational systems, administrative structures, supplemental contracts, and extended-duty assignments.

Administration also reported that district administrators and the Superintendent agreed to salary freezes for the 2026–2027 school year as part of the district-wide cost-saving effort.

Enrollment and Financial Considerations

The Board reviewed enrollment trends and their impact on funding. Administration noted that approximately 19% of Dayton School District students are transfer students, while approximately 5% of resident students attend schools outside the district. Enrollment changes continue to significantly affect district revenues due to Oregon's ADMw funding model.

Additional financial pressures identified included rising costs associated with personnel, utilities, transportation, insurance, contracted services, and PERS obligations. Long-term concerns regarding the expiration of PERS side account support around 2027 were also discussed.

Guiding Principles and Long-Term Sustainability

Administration outlined guiding principles used throughout the budget process, including avoiding reliance on one-time funds for ongoing operations, preserving student-centered services, aligning staffing with enrollment and student needs, and maintaining financial sustainability.

The district remains focused on long-term priorities including student recruitment and retention, strengthening literacy and CTE pathways, expanding community partnerships, improving student outcomes, and strategically separating capital investments from operational expenditures.

Closing Remarks

Administration emphasized that the budget reflects difficult but necessary decisions intended to preserve core

instruction, maintain student opportunities, and establish a sustainable organizational structure. The district remains committed to balancing fiscal responsibility with continued investment in student success

Committee Actions

Next Meeting Scheduled:

The next Budget Committee meeting is **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00PM**.

Approve Budget and Certify Tax Rate Motion

4 voted to approve 9 voted not to approve. Motion did not pass.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ringnalda, Board Chair
Dayton School District

Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary
Dayton School District

Jeremy Mcloud, Presiding Officer
Dayton Budget Committee