

Budget/Board Mtg

Overview

May 5, 2026

The meeting covered various updates and reports. The agenda was approved, motioned by Director Wheeler and seconded by Director Walper, motion carried 6-0 and reports included partnerships with I Rock and Stanley Hydraulic Tools, successful events like prom and state solo competitions, and increased track participation. The communications department highlighted budget communication efforts, CTE night promotion, and high parent survey participation. The finance report noted a flat golden report, a positive state school fund adjustment, and a budget overspend in instruction. The superintendent discussed the Governor's executive order on instructional hours, e-bike safety concerns, and the district's lean administrative costs. David Cross was appointed as a budget committee member.

Action Items

- Ryan Carpenter - Work with the Estacada chief of police, the school resource officer, and the city of Estacada to define and implement safety measures and accountability options (such as fines or citations) for students riding e-bikes or scooters on school grounds and nearby streets.
- Maggie and Dani Coordinated logistics for CTE Night on Friday, including arranging food service for attendees at the event.
- Design and produce a new budget communication piece, similar to the prior tax-season breakdown of property tax line items, to help families understand how their education dollars are used, in collaboration with Scott Piller, Dani, and Josh.
- Investigate Clackamas River Elementary's parent survey participation strategy (including any contest-based incentives) and develop a plan to adapt that approach to increase participation in district-wide parent surveys at other schools.
- Prepare a budget adjustment by resolution to correct the overspending in the instruction budget category, incorporating updated state school fund and high-cost disability student payment amounts, and present it to the board at the next board meeting.
- Coordinate a virtual review of the two audit firm proposals with interested board members Director Behrman and Chair Riedel Scott Miller, and other staff to support the selection of the district's audit firm.
- Correct the date formatting in the affected budget adjustment resolution so that it uses the proper year range instead of the current placeholder text.

Outline

Board of Directors Reports and Agenda Approval

- Director Wheeler moves to approve the agenda as presented seconded by Director Walper, and the motion carries 6-0
- Director Walper reports on a visit to I Rock, a new partnership with Stanley Hydraulic Tools.
- Director Behrman shares updates from the CTE Advisory Committee meeting, highlighting the electrical program and potential pre-apprenticeship.

Community and School Activities Updates

- Director Wheeler discusses open registration for Estacada Youth football and the bustling youth baseball scene.
- VC Johnston thanks teachers and staff for their efforts in catching up students and increasing track participation.
- Chair Riedel mentions a successful prom night and state solo competition results.
- Chair Riedel highlights upcoming events like state choir competition and graduation activities.

Communications and Community Engagement

- Maggie Kelly discusses ongoing budget communication efforts and the importance of understanding the return on investment of education.
- Maggie Kelly mentions a communication campaign around tax season to break down education line items.
- Maggie Kelly and Dani Randall discuss the success of the kindergarten connection event and the importance of community engagement.
- Dani Randall highlights the upcoming CTE night and early childhood day events.

Finance and Accountability Report

- Scott Pillar provides an update on the golden report, state school fund adjustments, and the expected end-of-year fund balance.
- Scott Pillar mentions an overspend in the instructional budget due to long-term subs and the need for a budget adjustment.
- Scott discusses the RFP for audit services and the need for board members to review respondents.
- Director Wheeler questions the primary reason for the local funding drop, and Scott explains the impact of beginning fund balance and investment income.

Superintendent's Report and Safety Concerns

- Superintendent Carpenter thanks Scott Piller for the budget process and discusses the Governor's executive order on instructional hours.
- Superintendent Carpenter emphasizes the district's commitment to maintaining the current school calendar and avoiding furlough days.
- Superintendent Carpenter raises concerns about the increase in e-bike usage among students and the need for safety measures.
- Superintendent Carpenter praises the high school prom for being safe and successful.

Action Items and Meeting Conclusion

- VC Johnston motions to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Director Wheeler, motion carries 6-0
- Director Behrman moves to approve action item K, seconded by Director Walper, motion denied 6-0. Director Behrman moves to make a new motion to approve David Cross as a budget committee member, seconded by Director Walper, motion carries 6-0
- Dani Randall provides a schedule of upcoming graduation events, including senior breakfast, lunch, and graduation ceremony.
- The meeting concludes at 7:57pm with no further discussion items or action items.