

Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting

Budget Committee and Board Approved _____

Corbett School District

A hybrid Budget Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Budget Committee of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, April 29, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Corbett Middle School Cafeteria and via ZOOM-Owl. Board Members present in person were Zachary Arndt; Sis Childs; Malinda Carlson; David Osborn and Ben Byers. Leah Fredericks had an excused absence and Dylan Rickert reported at 8:51 p.m. that he wasn't able to make it due to his return flight. Budget Committee members present in person were Krystina Robison, Presiding Officer; Patrick Murphy; Benno Lyon; Jennifer Bruton; Sara Grigsby; Amy Ciecko, Vice Presiding Officer and Brad Hunter. Also present in person were Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent; Dennis Clague, CFO; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant/ZOOM Moderator; and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead. **NOTE:** The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

1. Preliminary Business – The second meeting of the Budget Committee, a meeting to approve the budget which starts at 7:00 p.m. at CMS Cafeteria 31520 E Woodard Rd, Troutdale OR 97060

1.1. Call to Order/Flag Salute

Krystina Robison, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. There were approximately 10 online attendees and two audience members.

2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda -Presiding Officer Robison went over the agenda order.

2.1. Approval for Extension of Minutes

Krystina Robison, Presiding Officer announced the approved extension of the Budget Committee Meeting minutes of April 22, 2026.

3. BUDGET REVIEW

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent and Dennis Clague, CFO presented the Proposed Budget for 2026-27 and there was review/discussion on any changes identified through budget committee questions on April 22 or those arising from our internal review of the proposed document

Dr. Fialkiewicz and Mr. Clague had 16 questions that came in from budget committee members and the board. These were announced and answered in the meeting. Dr. Fialkiewicz answered 1-3, 5-6, 12-15 and Mr. Clague answered 4, 7-11. They both answered 16. The handout was attached as an extra to the meeting on BoardBook Premier as scanned pdf 3870.

Board discussion was done with clarification on needed corrections. Also other questions were asked and answered about the TAN borrowing to be projected out further or if that was a consideration; if the electric bus is operational yet; gains/losses; what happens after Mr. Clague leaves on Friday and budget transfers in and out.

Attachments: (2)

4. AUDIENCE COMMENTS - There were no audience comments in person or online.

5. Budget Committee Discussion

Benno Lyon asked if the MESD loan payment is \$290,000.00 every year and about transfer dollars.

Dr. Fialkiewicz answered yes and that the loan is for eight years. About \$1.1 million for our portion of the MESD Service plan yearly from the State budget. That leaves us with about \$800,000.00 remaining to spend on the school nurse, student information system (SIS), tech support, two psychologists, ELL help, and Physical Therapy. Funds leftover at the end of the year, about \$250,000.00 in case of a special student need or take the transit dollars. We are finalizing for next year now, and there is a cap and decisions around services with the principals and student services director.

Ben Byers noted that the Board first approves the services at a Board meeting prior to the budget committee meetings. His service on the MESD budget committee will be coming to an end after four years, so he would like to see someone else step up.

Brad Hunter verified that the \$250,000.00 in Capital Improvements this year were not spent, but will it remain the same for next year? What about a facility study?

Dr. Fialkiewicz said yes, and that the budget message was mistaken with language from last year's message that we would be hiring for a maintenance position. We are just adding that to the maintenance budget. The decision was to not increase Capital Improvement for next year. Our seismic grant through the State was denied, so that would have covered the cost of a facility plan.

7:48 p.m.

Amy Ciecko asked if there were any changes in FTE next year.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said an additional three classified positions, but no other changes. Vacant positions will be filled, not increasing the budget otherwise.

More board/budget discussion about encumbering a facility study and length of its shelf life.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said it would be required before going out for a bond.

Mr. Clague added that by Oregon State Statute (ORS) facility assessment should be done every 10 years.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said the last one was done eight years ago.

Sis Childs asked about a special assessment showing what needs to be done.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said a long-range plan would not give priorities but rather fixes. Priorities would come from the Board, Budget and community.

Sis Childs asked if the Board had acted on that in the last two years.

Dr. Fialkiewicz replied no.

Krystina Robison asked about a budget priority survey.

Dr. Fialkiewicz explained that there hasn't been a facilities survey since before the 2020 G.O. Bond was passed.

David Osborn suggested this could be a project for summer.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said that the bond sunsets in four to five years, so ideally a good time to start planning on going out for another.

Board/budget discussion on concerns in areas of budget, examples were SBMH, supplies, etc. and requests for feedback to weigh all these things in consideration around grant funding and what is sustainable.

Dr. Fialkiewicz reminded that supplies are also curriculum, workbooks, technology/computer programs, etc. and the limited amount of Revenue (RV). Buckets are staff and supplies.

Malinda Carlson suggested wish lists for community sharing.

Dr. Fialkiewicz expressed that the budget for supplies this year has not been cut.

Krystina Robison added that the teachers have "Donors Choose" for requests to be filled.

Sis Childs added that teachers also buy their own and CAPS uses and manages a Montessori type approach which is done well and a good model.

Dr. Fialkiewicz agreed that our parents are supporting teachers in every district as this nation is woefully underfunding schools.

Brad Hunter asked about our online program.

Dr. Fialkiewicz explained that we don't have proper staffing model to sustain it, so won't have it next year.

Sara Grigsby asked about the role for Board or lift to the legislature for advocacy or focus needed.

Dr. Fialkiewicz suggested the State would need to change the funding formula. We are the third lowest funded in the State.

Board/budget discussion about voting and future costs for planning..

6. Approval/Recommendations Action Items

Approve 2026-27 Budget and Appropriation of Funds

Approve Levying of Taxes

Hope for approval on May 6, 2026 with clean up of proposed document by May 1, 2026.

7. Adjournment of the Budget Committee Meeting - the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Description: Next meeting May 6 if needed

Wednesday, June 17, Public Hearing on the Budget

All meetings at 7:00 p.m. in the CMS Cafeteria/Via ZOOM