

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 8R, HERMISTON**

There will be a Budget Committee Meeting of the
Board of Education of the Umatilla County School District 8R
at Hermiston School District Offices
Boardroom
305 S.W. 11th Street.
Hermiston, Oregon 97838
Monday, May 18, 2026, 6:00 PM

Rosa Cerda-Diaz
Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent and Board of Education

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING*** *Chair Smith*
2. **INTRODUCTORY ITEMS** *Chair Smith*
 1. Pledge of Allegiance
3. **BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES** **2**
4. **REVIEW OF BUDGET REVISIONS** *Ms. Saul*
5. **REVIEW OF TAX RATE DECLARATION** *Ms. Saul*
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** *Chair Smith* **4**

The Hermiston School District Board of Education accepts public comments virtually and in person. Members of the public wishing to address the board virtually submitted written statements or requests by 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

Those wishing to address the board in person should stand and be recognized, then move forward to the microphone at the center table.

Is there anyone here tonight who would like to comment on the 2026-2027 proposed budget?
7. **COMMITTEE QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION** *Chair Smith*
8. **CONSIDERATION FOR BUDGET APPROVAL** *Chair Smith*
9. **AUTHORIZATION FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *Chair Smith* **5**
10. **RECESS OF BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR** *Chair Smith*

* Timing of agenda is not meant to be time specific. Instead, the time identified is for pacing purposes only. The Board of Education may modify the agenda and the order in which items are taken for consideration.

** Consent agenda items are considered for action as an entire group. Details for these items are available for public inspection at the District Office.

*** Members of the public are invited to address the Board of Education during Public Comments.

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #8, HERMISTON
May 4, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING*

Vice Chair Bonnie Luisi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Hermiston School Board Members Present: Mr. James Hurst (arrived at 6:28 p.m.), Ms. Bonnie Luisi, Ms. Teri Vander Stelt, Ms. Lili Gomez, Mr. Chris Elliott, Mr. Greg Jones, and Mr. Phillip Spicerkuhn.

Community Budget Committee Members Present: Mr. Greg Harris, Mr. Dave Smith, Mr. Dave Nevin, Ms. Alecia Funk, Ms. Kristy Inman, and Mr. Justin Terry.

Also, in attendance were Assistant Superintendent Jake Bacon, Director of Business Services Katie Saul, and Executive Assistant of the Superintendent and Board Rosa Cerda-Diaz.

Absent members: Kenneth Dopps

2. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

2.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair, Bonnie Luisi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ELECTIONS

3.1. Election of Chair

Ms. Lili Gomez made a motion that Dave Smith serve as chair for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bonnie Luisi and passed unanimously.

3.2. Election of Vice-Chair

Mr. Dave Smith made a motion that Greg Harris serve as vice-chair for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bonnie Luisi and passed unanimously.

4. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Saul provided an overview of calendar of events for the meeting.

5. REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REVIEW

Ms. Saul reviewed the revenue and expenditure information for the 2026-2027 budget.

6. REVIEW OF CURRENT YEAR PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS AND TRENDS

Ms. Saul reviewed the current year planning assumptions and trends.

7. REVIEW OF BOARD-APPROVED 2026-27 BUDGET PLANNING

PARAMETERS

Ms. Katie Saul reviewed for the board approved 2026-2027 Budget Planning Parameters.

8. PRESENTATION OF 2026-27 BUDGET MESSAGE & PROPOSED BUDGET DOCUMENT

Ms. Saul presented the 2026-2027 Budget Message & Proposed Budget Document.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No written comments were provided in advance, and no requests were made to address the board Virtually.

Jessica Macias provided comment in person regarding Joining the IMESD and how it affects her children and herself. Additionally, she commented to the Board Members to be diligent in this budget.

10. BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Mr. Greg Jones commented about what the strategy of job postings is.

Mr. Chris Elliott commented of what the numbers look like for the budget. What the projected absorption would be going forward.

11. ADJOURN

Chair Dave Smith adjourned the Budget Committee meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Date

Chairman

Superintendent/Clerk

Secretary

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PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Welcome. This is the time we reserve in our meeting for public comment.

According to Board Policy KL, any complaint regarding a specific employee of the Hermiston School District must be routed through the superintendent's office.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

7.0. ACTION ITEM

7.0. TOPIC: Authorization for Board Approval of Budget Committee Minutes

It is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

. that the Budget Committee authorize the Board of Education to approve the May 18, 2026, Budget Committee meeting minutes at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education, scheduled for June 8, 2026.

Motion for approval: Made by_____Seconded by_____

Motion for rejection: Made by_____Seconded by_____

Motion for further consideration: Made by_____Seconded by_____