APPROVED

Rogue River School District 35

Minutes

RRSD Budget Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday May 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
Rogue River School District - District Office
1898 E Evans Creek Road
Rogue River, OR 97537
Directions available **HERE**

This meeting was recorded in compliance with **Senate Bill 1502**, The video or audio recording of this meeting was made available on May 7, 2025, on the school district's official website, at **https://www.rogueriver.k12.or.us/school-board/livestream-recordings-school-board** .

Committee Members Present
B. Naef, B. Sund, D. Copley, H. Friend, M. Jacob, R. Pardy

Committee Members Absent
B. Smith, E. Poston, J. Chick, J. Whitehead

Guests Present
B. Mortenson, C. Schloegl, D. Sweeney, P. Lee

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

H. Friend called a meeting of the Finance Committee of Rogue River School District 35 to order on Tuesday May 6, 2025 at 6:06 PM.

C. Elect Budget Committee Chair

M. Jacob made a motion to nominate and elect Blyth Naef as the Chair of the RRSD Budget Committee for the upcoming fiscal year.
R. Pardy seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
H. Friend	Aye
D. Copley	Aye
J. Whitehead	Absent
M. Jacob	Aye
E. Poston	Absent
R. Pardy	Aye
J. Chick	Absent
B. Naef	Aye
B. Sund	Aye
B. Smith	Absent

D. Elect Budget Committee Vice Chair

B. Naef made a motion to nominate and elect Bruce Sund as the Vice Chair of the RRSD Budget Committee for the upcoming fiscal year.
R. Pardy seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
M. Jacob	Aye
B. Naef	Aye
J. Whitehead	Absent
B. Sund	Aye
R. Pardy	Aye
E. Poston	Absent
H. Friend	Aye
D. Copley	Aye
J. Chick	Absent
B. Smith	Absent

E. Flag Salute

Budget Chair Naef led in the flag salute.

II. Recieve Budget Message and Proposed Budget

A. Receive the Budget Message

Budget Chair Naef yielded the floor to Superintendent Lee to review the Budget Message. P. Lee provided the message. The budget committee has received and reviewed the budget message.

B. Receive the FY 25-26 Proposed Budget

Budget Chair Naef yielded the floor to Business Manager Sweeney to review the FY 25-26 Proposed Budget. The budget committee has received and reviewed the proposed budget.

Committee Q & A

H. Friend inquired about unemployment funds and blending classes.
R. Pardy inquired about the President not funding the States.
R. Pardy inquired as to why we do not lease vehicles as opposed to purchase. D. Sweeney clarified the cost differences.
R. Pardy inquired whether La Clinica would be self-sustaining. D. Sweeney reported that it would be self-sustaining after 2 years.

D. Sweeney announced the receipt of a seismic grants award for about $2.5 million, as of this day, for the RR Jr/Sr High School Gym.

B. Naef reviewed the benefits of the new Jr. High, which may contribute to a potential future increase in enrollment.

III. Budget Process & Highlights

A. Process and Highlights

Business Manager Sweeney reviewed the district's budget process.

D. Sweeney reviewed; the Budget Strategy, Projected Ending Fund Balance, Enrollment, General Fund Revenue, 200 Funds, Yearly Operational Costs, Staffing Changes 25-26, Transfers in detail, Early Learning Center, Bond Projects, Seismic Grant, and the possibility of changes due to the State School Fund being finalized around June 1st, as well as 26-27 Federal Funding Changes, SIA Stability, and Enrollment.

IV. Public Comment on Proposed Budget

A. Committee Q&A

D. Sweeney answered previously submitted questions from the committee. The questions are available HERE, and the recording with answers is available HERE.

B. Naef inquired about bussing and consolidating transportation costs. P. Lee reported that the morning runs are combined. D. Sweeney reviewed the afternoon bussing. Reducing bussing in the Wimer area would cause the students in that area to be on the bus for a significantly extended period of about 45 minutes. This is due to geography. There is no solution within the boundary given.

M. Jacob added that a lot of parents do drive their kids since the bus stop is a mile or more from their home.

R. Pardy inquired about what the seismic grant would be used for. D. Sweeney will review the planning alongside the grant. Klosh Group is our Project Manager. They will be doing a review.

B. Sund added that the rural areas are getting more of the seismic funding now based on adjustments in the state allocation process.

B. Public Q&A

Budget Chair Naef opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

V. FY 2025-2026 Budget

A. Approval - Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

R. Pardy made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget in the amount of $34,407,204.00 as presented.
B. Sund seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
M. Jacob	Aye
B. Smith	Absent
J. Whitehead	Absent
D. Copley	Aye
J. Chick	Absent
E. Poston	Absent
B. Sund	Aye
R. Pardy	Aye
H. Friend	Aye
B. Naef	Aye

B. Approval - Permanent Tax Rate

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the RRSD35 property taxes for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at the rate of $4.0787 per $1000 of assessed value for the permanent rate tax levy and in the amount of $629,000.00 for the general obligation bond levy.
R. Pardy seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
H. Friend	Aye
D. Copley	Aye
M. Jacob	Aye
B. Smith	Absent
J. Chick	Absent
B. Naef	Aye
E. Poston	Absent
B. Sund	Aye
J. Whitehead	Absent
R. Pardy	Aye

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Schloegl

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