



Rogue River School District 35

Minutes

RRSD35 Budget Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday May 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

Rogue River School District - District Office
1898 E Evans Creek Road
Rogue River, OR 97537
Directions available [HERE](#)

Committee Members Present

B. Naef, B. Sund, D. Copley, E. Poston, H. Friend, J. Whitehead, M. Jacob, R. Pardy

Committee Members Absent

J. Chick

Guests Present

April Harrison (remote), B. Mortenson, C. Schloegl, D. Sweeney, J. Parks, P. Lee, T. Kirkpatrick

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 Wednesday May 6, 2026 at 6:01 PM.

H. Friend lead in the flag salute.

C. Elect Budget Committee Chair

J. Whitehead made a motion to nominate Blyth Naef for and elected as the chair of the RRS35 Budget Committee for the upcoming fiscal year.

M. Jacob seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

D. Elect Budget Committee Vice Chair

R. Pardy made a motion to nominate Bruce Sund for and elected as the vice chair of the RRS35 Budget Committee for the upcoming fiscal year.

J. Whitehead seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

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 and reviewed any changes. The budget committee has received and reviewed the budget message.

B. Receive the FY 26-27 Proposed Budget

Budget Chair Naef yielded the floor to Business Manager Sweeney to review the FY 26-27 Proposed Budget. The budget committee has received and reviewed the proposed budget.

III. Budget Process & Highlights

A. Process and Highlights

Budget Review Discussion and Questions

Business Manager Sweeney reviewed the district's budget process and presentation materials.

Questions and Discussion

Coaching and Volunteers

B. Naef asked about volunteers participating with athletic teams. Mr. Sweeney stated that volunteers may participate if they have completed background checks.

Potential Budget Reductions

Discussion occurred regarding possible reductions to discipline positions. T. Kirkpatrick emphasized the importance of disciplinarians in supporting student and staff mental health.

B. Naef expressed concern about eliminating those positions. Mr. Sweeney clarified that the committee was only reviewing options and data, and no decisions had been made.

Project Youth Plus (PYP)

J. Whitehead asked about Project Youth Plus and College Now programs. T. Kirkpatrick explained the programs support primarily first-generation college students beginning in seventh grade. Approximately 75 students are currently served.

Discussion included the impact of the programs, including college readiness, transportation support, and credit recovery assistance. T. Kirkpatrick described the programs as highly impactful. P. Lee and T. Kirkpatrick clarified that the programs are intended to support students with fewer opportunities and that students who request assistance are accepted.

Staffing and Enrollment

Mr. Sweeney reviewed staffing changes associated with an enrollment reduction of 31 students and noted several staff departures and reductions in hours exceeded original estimates.

School Marshal Discussion

J. Whitehead asked about the role of the school marshal. Mr. Sweeney explained the marshal is a retired Jackson County Sheriff serving primarily as a safety consultant and participant in threat assessment meetings.

H. Friend reviewed school safety concerns, including recurring incidents, ALICE training, and appreciation expressed by staff for the marshal's presence.

Mental Health Resources

H. Friend asked about La Clinica mental health services. Mr. Sweeney clarified that those services were funded through grants rather than the district budget.

Discussion also included district-funded mental health staffing options and associated costs.

Disciplinarian Roles

J. Whitehead requested clarification regarding disciplinarian responsibilities. T. Kirkpatrick explained how disciplinarians respond to classroom incidents and assist administrators with referrals, behavior plans, parent communication, and student supervision.

Athletics

Mr. Sweeney clarified there are no proposed cuts to athletic programs and that all students who wish to participate in sports will continue to have that opportunity.

RRES Student Body Fund

M. Jacob asked about the RRES student body fund listed on page 21. Mr. Sweeney explained the funds are generated through fundraising activities, including the Bubble Run, and are intended for student projects such as playground improvements.

SVA Enrollment and Staffing

H. Friend asked about SVA daily attendance and staffing levels. Mr. Sweeney stated approximately 35–40 students attend in-person daily and expressed concern that reducing staffing could eliminate the sixth-grade program.

Transportation Costs

B. Naef asked about diesel fuel costs. Mr. Sweeney stated transportation fuel pricing is determined through the district's contract with First Student.

IV. Public Comment on Proposed Budget

A. Public Comment

Budget Committee Chair B. Naef reviewed the district's positive financial position and commended the Rogue River School District for its strong financial management and stewardship.

V. FY 2026-2027 Budget

A. Approval - Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

R. Pardy made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$28,463,614.60, as presented.

B. Naef seconded the motion.

H. Friend inquired about the district's ending fund balance. Mr. Sweeney provided a detailed review and explanation. P. Lee expressed appreciation for Mr. Sweeney's work and acknowledged his contributions to the district's financial management.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Approval - Permanent Tax Rate

B. Sund made a motion to approve property taxes for the 2026-2027 fiscal year at the rate of \$4.0787 per \$1000 of assessed value for the permanent rate tax levy and in the amount of \$651,000.00 for the general obligation bond levy.

H. Friend seconded the motion.

Read by B. Naef, So Moved by B. Sund, Seconded by H. Friend.

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

Roll Call

B. Naef	Aye
J. Whitehead	Aye
D. Copley	Aye
H. Friend	Aye
R. Pardy	Aye
J. Chick	Absent
M. Jacob	Aye
B. Sund	Aye
E. Poston	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 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Schloegl

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