

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 P.M. by Board Chair Riley Holman.

Members attending: Sarah Fay, Yvette Moynier, Riley Holman, Sarah Egbert, Nicole Blanks, Keith Payne, Sarah Wadsack, Chris Irwin, Bill Wellette, Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Business Manager Hilary Irwin.

Member absent: Jessica Warden.

Also present: Employees Carrie Holman, Jenna Rank, Kim Geil, Tim Johnson.

Riley Holman was appointed as meeting Chair, and Sarah Fay was appointed as Secretary.

Chair Holman read Roles & Responsibilities:

All Budget Committee members have equal authority and responsibility.

The Budget Committee does

- Hear the budget message.
- Hear and consider public comment.
- Discuss and revise the budget as needed.
- Approve the budget.
- Approve the tax and levy rate.

The Budget Committee does NOT

- Set salaries, benefits or contract terms.
- Set staffing levels or the organizational structure.
- Decide if a program or service should be funded.
- Make or alter district goals or policies.

Bill Crowson gave his Superintendent's Budget Message, explaining how the budget was created, where funds come from, and explained why the district does not have a solid income number from the State of Oregon. The following are highlights from the proposed budget:

- Anticipate \$200,000 less next year due to lower enrollment
- Funding remains flat but expenses are increasing
- Each year a percentage of funds are included into the following accounts in order to keep up:
 - Facilities
 - PERS
 - Curriculum/textbooks
 - Technology

A large change in budget next year is due to the seismic grant that we will be receiving for the south end of the high school.

Hilary Irwin led the committee through all revenue sources. She explained where funds come from and what they are used for. The following areas have increased as follows:

- Technology 5 – 10%
- Utilities 5 – 10%
- Food Service 4 – 6%
- Insurance 18.5%
- Transportation 2.5%
- Textbooks 3-5%
- Supplies 3 – 6%

Members reviewed expenses together. Questions asked and answered. A few corrections were made to budget lines.

Public Comment: None.

Keith Payne moved to approve the Monroe School District proposed budget for 2025-26 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$15,866,639 and unappropriated ending fund balance total of \$199,126 for a total budget of \$16,065,765. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 9/0.

Chris Irwin moved to approve the taxes provided for the proposed budget of a permanent tax rate of \$4.6341 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the General Fund operations. Second: Bill Wellette. Motion carried 9/0.

Sarah Wadsack moved to approve the tax levy amount of \$457,196 for the General Obligation Bond Debt Service. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 9/0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Riley Holman, Presiding Officer

Sarah Fay, Budget Committee Secretary