

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:19 P.M. by Board Chair Riley Holman.

Members attending: Chris Irwin, Hannah Wellette, Yvette Moynier, Riley Holman, Keith Payne, Lalori Lager, Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Business Manager Hilary Irwin.

Member absent: Sarah Wadsack, Nicole Blanks, Jessica Warden.

Also present: Employees Carrie Holman and Tonya Casarez.

Riley Holman was appointed as meeting Chair, and Lalori Lager was appointed as Secretary.

Hilary Irwin 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 definitive income number from the State of Oregon. The budget landscape includes the following elements:

- Statewide, enrollment is trending down; Monroe is experiencing the same trend.
- Every student represents approximately \$10,000 in funding for the district.
- Currently, the district will not be filling two positions that will be vacant.
- Roughly 85% of our budget is allocated on payroll and associated costs.
- Each year a percentage of funds are included into the following accounts in order to keep up:
  - Facilities
  - PERS
  - Curriculum/textbooks
  - Technology

Hilary Irwin led the committee through all revenue sources. She explained where funds come from and what they are used for. Members reviewed expenses together. Questions were asked and answered; clarification was provided. The Board asked if there were additional funds from the state. Bill Crowson explained that the state has a stability fund that, at this time, they do not plan to use.

**Public Comment:** None.

Chris Irwin moved to approve the Monroe School District proposed budget for 2026-27 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$16,526,730 unappropriated ending fund balance total of \$80,858 for a total budget of \$16,607,588. Second: Keith Payne. Motion carried 6/0.

Keith Payne 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: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 6/0.

Chris Irwin moved to approve the tax levy amount of \$89,783 for the General Obligation Bond Debt Service. Second: Keith Payne. Motion carried 6/0.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 P.M.

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Riley Holman, Presiding Officer

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Lalori Lager, Budget Committee Secretary