

AGENDA

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

Public Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Vernonia Schools, 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call Budget Committee Meeting to Order
2. Welcome / Introductions
3. Election of Budget Committee Chair
4. Election of Budget Committee Vice Chair
5. Budget Committee Minutes 05/08/2025
6. Discussion of Budget Goals
7. Presentation of Budget Message
8. Budget Document Review
9. Next Budget Committee Meeting — May 14, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
10. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT Budget Committee Meeting – May 8, 2025 Vernonia Schools Library, 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Budget Committee of Vernonia School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Greg Kintz. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Budget Committee Present:** Greg Kintz, Amy Cieloha, Joanie Jones, Stacey Pelster, Tony Holmes, Javoss McGuire, Lisa Curry, Scott Laird, Alicia Mahoney, and Billi Kohler BOARD PRESENT
- Budget Committee Absent:** Susan Wagner BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Jim Helmen, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Michelle Eagleson, Elementary School Principal; Susanne Myers, Special Education Director; Marie Knight, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Kendra Schlegel, Licensed Staff; and Glenda Delemos, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** None VISITORS PRESENT
- 2.0 APPROVE MINUTES:** Amy Cieloha moved to approve the minutes of the 04/17/2025 Budget Committee Meeting. Stacey Pelster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. MINUTES APPROVED
- 3.0 BUDGET REVIEW & DISCUSSION:** Jim Helmen read a statement to the Budget Committee thanking the committee for their commitment to serving on the committee. He shared the importance that the committee members remain within the scope of the Budget Committee’s charge, which is to review and approve the financial framework for the coming year. BUDGET REVIEW & DISCUSSION
- The questions previously submitted by Budget Committee members and the subsequent answers provided by Marie Knight and Jim Helmen were reviewed.
- Discussion was held on the current status of the student body fund review. Marie Knight felt she’d be ready to provide additional information in June. Jim Helmen stated that the District is also developing processes throughout the review. Currently, there is nothing that has a negative impact on students. He has directed Marie to take the time necessary to do the review thoroughly and correctly.
- There were no other questions from the committee on the budget document.
- 4.0 APPROVE the 2025-2026 BUDGET:** Stacey Pelster moved to approve the Vernonia School District 47J budget for the 2025-2026 year as follows: 2025-2026 BUDGET APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
- General Fund - \$10,635,200
 - Special Revenue Funds - \$3,686,034
 - Debt Service Funds - \$ 1,180,000
 - Capital Project Funds - \$0
 - Total All Funds - \$15,501,234
- as presented with a tax rate of \$5.0121 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in support of the General Fund.
- They further moved that a tax of \$1,180,000 be approved for the service of bonded debt obligations of the School District. Scott Laird seconded the motion Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.
- 10.0 ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. MEETING ADJOURNED
- Respectfully submitted by Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant.

Budget Committee Chair

District Clerk