

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT #55  
Sweet Home, Oregon  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

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The Board of Directors of the Sweet Home School District will hold a public hearing on the District's 2026-2027 Budget from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. During this time the Board shall receive comments from the public on the budget. If there are no comments, the Board will proceed with the regular School Board Meeting. The public hearing will close at 7:00 p.m.

District Office Conference Room

June 8, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

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| 1. Call the meeting to order/pledge   | M. Adams   | Action          |
| 2. Public Comment   |            |                 |
| 3. Agenda approval/changes  | M. Adams   | Action          |
| 4. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments   |            |                 |
| A. Certified & Classified Representatives   | Presidents |                 |
| B. Student Report   |            |                 |
| C. Superintendent's Report  | T. Martin  | Information     |
| 1. Enrollment/Attendance Update   |            |                 |
| 2. Principal Report-Strategic Plan Progress   |            |                 |
| A. <i>Pillar 1 - Safe &amp; Engaging Schools - Bully Report</i>   |            |                 |
| B. <i>Pillar 2 - Thriving Students &amp; Prepared Citizens</i>  |            |                 |
| C. <i>Pillar 3 - Academic Success for All- Wayfinder - Brian Brands</i>   |            |                 |
| D. <i>Pillar 4 - Connected School Community - YouTube 101- Michelle Bidwell</i>   |            |                 |
| 5. Consent Agenda   | M. Adams   | ALL Action      |
| A. Approve minutes from the May 11, 2026 School Board Meeting, May 20, 2026 Budget Meeting  |            |                 |
| B. Approve Summer School Hires: Admin: Josh Dargis; Teachers: Amber Rosa, Michelle Hatchard, Marci Sullens, Cheryl Jones, Brittany Kauffman, Tori Clark, Lindsay Janzer; Subs: Ryan Adams (Admin), Krista Hart, Meagan Taylor |            |                 |
| C. Approve hire of Kylee Brown, Advanced Math Teacher at the High School for the 2026-2027 school year  |            |                 |
| D. Approve hire of Katlynn Teter, Special Ed Teacher at Oak Heights for the 2026-2027 school year   |            |                 |
| E. Approve hire of Laura Jacobsma-Opdahl, Title 1 Teacher at Foster Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year  |            |                 |
| F. Approve hire of Lillyanna Walker, Special Ed LRC at the High School for the 2026-2027 school year  |            |                 |
| G. Approve hire of Shelly Nelson, 3rd Grade Teacher at Oak Heights for the 2026-2027 school year  |            |                 |
| H. Approve transfer for Joan Tolle from Oak Heights Special Ed class to the Jr. High School for the 2026-2027 school year   |            |                 |
| I. Approve hire of Hailey Johnson, 1/2 blend classroom teacher at Hawthorne Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year  |            |                 |
| J. Approve hire of Hailey Upton, Language Arts teacher at the High School for the 2026-2027 school year   |            |                 |
| K. Accept Resignation of Todd Barrett, Principal at Oak Heights Elementary effective June 1, 2026   |            |                 |
| 6. Information/Discussion   |            | ALL Information |
| A. Budget Update  | K. Strong  |                 |
| 7. Action Items   | M. Adams   | Action          |
| A. <b>RESOLUTION #2526-5</b> Close Public Hearing with a motion to adopt the 2026-2027 approved budget (should be close to 7:00 p.m.)   |            |                 |

8. Board Comments

Information

9. Executive Session

1. ORS 332.061(1)(a) - To review the expulsion of a minor student from a public elementary or secondary school

10. Return to regular session

11. Late Items

12. Future Agenda Items

M. Adams

ALL

- A. June 5, 2026 - Graduation - 7:00 Husky Field
- B. Board Officers Meeting \*\*\*\*\* **MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026**, please note date change
- C. Work Session- July 13, 2026 3:00-6:00pm in the Boardroom
- D. Board Meeting - July 13, 2026- 6:30 pm in the Boardroom
- E. Summer Conference- July 16th -9:00-3:30 - Lane Community College, Eugene

13. Adjournment

M. Adams

Action

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT  
6/1/2026

Grade	Enrollment by Grade												5/31/26	Last Month 4/30/2026	Previous Years				
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			12	5/30/25	5/30/24	5/30/23	
FO	24	37	28	47	44	43	49								272	273	267	301	321
HW	37	37	31	50	42	31	43								271	273	260	279	294
HO	17	19	18	27	25	24	28								158	158	169	168	174
OH	25	27	50	40	45	39	45								271	273	305	309	332
CH	22	18	22	21	19	20	21								143	143	142	139	135
JH								155	173						328	332	348	384	373
HS										168	184	159	157		668	677	668	674	654
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>2111</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>2159</b>	<b>2254</b>	<b>2283</b>	

Board Vice Chairman Dale Keene called the **Regular meeting** of the board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:30 p.m. May 11, 2026.

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### **Board Members in Attendance**

Mike Adams, Dale Keene, Rachel Maynard, Dustin Nichol, Chris Hiaasen, Robert Webster, Mary Speck, Amanda Carter ZOOM, Jenna Northern ZOOM Absent:

### **Staff Members in Attendance**

Superintendent: Terry Martin; Administrators/Supervisors: Kevin Strong Barbi Riggs, Ralph Brown, Aaron Huff, Josh Dargis, Shelley Nurrey, Mark Looney, Nate Tyler, Lisa Leatham Certified: Jarid Adams, Shelley Strong Classified; Michelle Bidwell; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

**Other Attendance:** Scott Swanson, New Era, ESPY parents and Grandparents, Luke Augsburger, Chelsey Augsburger

1. Called the meeting to order/pledge -ESPY Students led pledge
2. ESPY Awards- This award is given to students who are doing well academically and have an exceptionally positive attitude about school. They demonstrate respect and responsibility towards staff and their peers. They show courage by not conforming to Peer pressure and refuse to accept anyone who bullies. The School Board and the District want to recognize these students by celebrating their success at the beginning of each Board Meeting. Students received a Certificate, met each of our Board members and their names were announced on the web.

Drawing for the Chrome Book - Student: Martin Chelstad

### 3. Public Comment: Luke Augsburger -

Commended the school board for recognizing ESPY Winners

Board policy BBF-Board Member Standards of Conduct 4, 6, 10, 17, 18

4. Respect the right of other Board members to have opinions and ideas which differ;
6. Make decisions only after the facts are presented and discussed;
10. Be open, fair and honest — no hidden agendas;
17. Respect the right of the public to attend and observe Board meetings;
18. Respect the right of the public to be informed about district decisions and school operations as allowed by law;

Transparency has been disregarded, for the past 2 months we have had the opportunity to correct the issue that has gone undone. The meeting minutes the last two months that have been ok'd did not have correct quotes during board public comment. Mr. Augsburger is hoping we could look into that. He also commented that some people do not have access to YouTube or sometimes the recordings are muddy. These standards of conduct have been established and agreed upon by this and past boards and should be followed by all elected board members. Would like to return our attention back to students; literacy rate, grad rates

Mary Speck shared that she also has had trouble accessing YouTube. Mike Adams agreed and will look into this

### 4. Agenda approval/changes

Chairman called for changes and/or approval of the agenda

**Motion No. 26-25: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the agenda as amended. Board Member Mary Speck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**  
Robert Webster- yes

Chris Hiaasen -yes  
 Rachel Maynard- yes  
 Amanda Carter- yes - zoom  
 Mike Adams- yes  
 Dale Keene - yes  
 Jenna Northern- yes- zoom  
 Mary Speck - yes  
 Dustin Nichol -yes

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

- A. Certified & Classified Representatives. No Classified Representatives  
 B. **Natalie Godell** and **Lael Walkins** reported on junior high activities, including Spirit Week, themed dress-up days, the selection of class officers, and the upcoming Tiger Olympics.

**Cannon Klump** provided the high school report, sharing that May Week activities are underway. The band will be participating in the community parade, and Unified Kickball is scheduled for next week. He also highlighted a successful CTC program event that included participation from other districts. Upcoming events include Senior Night, team sports awards night, the Senior Parade on June 4, 2026, and Baccalaureate.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment/Attendance Update: Hawthorne Elementary reported the highest attendance for the month at 92.88%. We will be handing out ice cream for Hawthorne's attendance this month.
2. Strategic Plan Progress
  - A. *Pillar 1 - Safe & Engaging Schools - Bully Report was handed out for all to review.*
  - B. *Pillar 2 - Thriving Students & Prepared Citizens -Ralph Brown- Principal shared information on SHHS Graduation Rates. Graduation Rates have improved. Over 90% of the CTE kids graduate (Dustin Nichol). Lot's of good things for kids in Sweet Home.*
  - C. *Pillar 3 - Academic Success for All- Summer School - We were selected to have summer school and received funds \$250,000 for three years. Some of our most experienced teachers are teaching this year. Already 59 students have signed up.*
  - D. *Pillar 4 - Connected School Community- Hawthorne Act of Kindness - M. Looney - Second grade student Kian Barter made a comment about how his dream job would be to serve fire fighters. The Hawthorne counselor set up a date and time to make his dream come true.*

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the April 13, 2026 School Board Meeting  
 Take note- Info on the motion last month regarding policies did pass. A unanimous vote is not needed on the 2nd reading to pass.
- B. Approved hire of Tomas Rosa, Athletic Director at the High School effective August 31, 2026
  - C. Approved hire of Stephanie Rabago, Assistant Principal at the High School effective August 1, 2026
  - D. Approve hire of Kai Schlegelmann, Elementary Teacher at Hawthorne Elementary Effective August 31, 2026
  - E. Accepted Resignation of Sommer Edmonds, 3rd grade teacher at Oak Heights effective June 30, 2026
  - F. Accepted Resignation of Deanna Neuschwander, 1st grade teacher at Foster Elementary effective June 30, 2026
  - G. Accepted Resignation of Gillian Coplin, 2nd grade teacher at Oak Heights Elementary effective June 30, 2026

- H. Accepted Retirement of Cathy Brands-Hawken, Special Education Teacher at the Jr. High School effective July 1, 2026
- I. Approved out of state field trip from the Josai Club to travel to Tokyo, Japan June 12, 2026-June 25, 2026
- J. Approved out of state field trip from The High School FFA to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana October 23 - 31, 2027
- K. Accepted resignation from Laura McCaffrey, 1st grade teacher at Hawthorne Elementary effective June 30, 2026
- L. Approved hire of Meghan Taylor, 5th grade teacher at Foster effective August 31, 2026
- M. Approved hire of Ashely Duffitt, 2nd grade teacher at Foster effective August 31, 2026
- N. Approved hire of Jessalynn Weigant, 1 / 2 blend teacher at Foster effective August 31, 2026
- O. Approved hire of Elias Stuckart, Science Teacher at the High School effective August 31, 2026

**Motion No. 26-26: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the consent agenda. Board Member Dustin Nichol seconded the motion.**

Mary Speck asked for discussion. Mike Adams agreed to discussion before the vote

- Mary Speck shared that when it comes to the minutes the Board has nothing to fear and we should be held accountable if the public says something about the board performance, that should not be hidden. She stated that Robert Egner- don't recall his comments stating what was in the minutes and Rachel's comments or concerns don't seem to reflect what she said.

**Motion No. 26-27: Board Member Mary Speck moved to take the minutes out of the consent agenda and update board minutes. Board Member Rachel Maynard seconded the motion. The motion failed 7-2.**

- Dustin Nichol inquired whether board minutes are required to be word-for-word records. Julie Emmert clarified that while minutes are not verbatim, they should reflect the substance of the conversation. Draft board minutes are in the board packet sent out prior to the board meetings. It is then that people should review the minutes before the board approves them. All questions and possible updates are welcome and appreciated at this time.

Robert Webster- no  
 Chris Hiaasen -no  
 Rachel Maynard- yes  
 Amanda Carter- no - zoom  
 Mary Speck - yes  
 Dustin Nichol -no  
 Mike Adams- no  
 Dale Keene - no  
 Jenna Northern- no- zoom

RETURNED TO PREVIOUS  
 MOTION

**Motion No. 26-26: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the consent agenda. Board Member Dustin Nichol seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-2.**

Robert Webster- yes  
 Chris Hiaasen -yes  
 Rachel Maynard- no  
 Amanda Carter-yes -zoom  
 Mike Adams- yes

Dale Keene - yes  
 Jenna Northern-yes - zoom  
 Mary Speck - no  
 Dustin Nichol -yes

7. Information/Discussion

- A. Budget Update- Kevin Strong gave an update on budget and selected line items.  
 Answered questions from the board.

8. Action Items - none

9. Board Comments - Rachel Maynard noticed that we only have 3 people on the budget committee. Kevin Strong explained that it is a 12 member committee including the board.

10. Executive Session - ORS 192.660 (2) (b) complaints made against an employee

Adjourned for executive session 7:25 pm

11. Return to regular session 8:16pm

12. Action

- A. Approve the personnel action as recommended - ORS 192.660 (2) (b)

***Motion No. 26-28: Board Member Dale Keene moved to make a dual take no action against the Superintendent dismissal of charges. Board Member Dustin Nichol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously***

Robert Webster- yes  
 Chris Hiaasen -yes  
 Rachel Maynard- yes  
 Amanda Carter- AB  
 Mike Adams- yes  
 Dale Keene - yes  
 Jenna Northern- AB  
 Mary Speck - yes  
 Dustin Nichol -yes

13. Late Items: Superintendent Martin reminded the board to let Julie Emmert know if you are attending graduation and if you will be bringing a guest.

14. Future Agenda Items

- A. May 20, 2026 - Budget Meeting, 5:00 pm in the Boardroom  
 B. June 1, 2026 - Board Officers Meeting - 3:30 in the Superintendents Office  
 C. June 5, 2026 - Graduation - 7:00 Husky Field  
 A. June 8, 2026 - Board Meeting, 6:30 in the Boardroom

15. Adjournment at 8:20pm

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*Signature, Board Chairman*

*Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary (This meeting was also recorded and saved supt/board/audio)*

**SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55**

Sweet Home, Oregon

Board Chairman Mike Adams called the Budget Committee Meeting, Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2026 in the District Office Conference Room.

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**Board Members in Attendance**

Mike Adams, Dale Keene, Dustin Nichol, Mary Speck, Chris Hiaasen, Robert Webster, Rachel Maynard, Amanda Carter (ZOOM) Absent: Jenna Northern

**Budget Members in Attendance**

Mike Reynolds, Kevin Hill, Jason Redick

**Staff Members in Attendance**

Superintendent: Terry Martin; Administrators: Kevin Strong, Darel Bidwell, Michelle Bidwell, Josh Darwood; Classified: none Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

**Other Attendance: Scott Swanson, New Era**

2. Welcome and introduction of the Budget Committee members, staff, and patrons led by Mike Adams, Chairman of the Board.

**3. Explain the makeup of the Budget Committee including Quorum requirements**

Business Manager Kevin Strong reviewed the Budget Committee Operating Procedures. Shared that the new proposed budget book has the updated Bond Measure inserted

**4. Election of Budget Committee Officers**

- a. Chairperson
- b. Secretary

***Motion No. 26-29 – Board Member Dale Keene nominated Mike Reynolds chairman. Board Member Kevin Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-1***

Mike Adams yes, Dale Keene yes, Dustin Nichol yes, Chris Hiaasen yes, Robert Webster yes, Rachel Maynard yes, Amanda Carter yes, Mike Reynolds yes, Kevin Hill yes, Jason Redick yes, Mary Speck - no

***Motion No. 26-30– Board member Dale Keene nominated Jason Redick for secretary. no second- the motion dies***

***Motion No. 26-31 - Board member Mary Speck nominated Rachel Maynard for secretary. Budget Committee member Mike Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously***

**5. Presentation of Budget Message 2026-27 and Budget Highlights**

Terry Martin

Superintendent Martin read the budget message  
Budget Message - 5/20/2026

I would like to begin this budget message by thanking Sweet Home's voters for passing the bond measure. This investment will allow the District to improve school safety, update facilities, and strengthen career preparation opportunities for Sweet Home students. While we are very excited about the bond, this year's budget message is primarily about the district's operating budget. Statewide, school districts are facing a challenging financial environment. Daily, there are news reports regarding multi-million dollar shortfalls, layoffs, furlough days and program reductions.

I am encouraged to report that Sweet Home's 2026-2027 budget does not include cuts like those occurring elsewhere. Here are some of the steps we are taking to help avoid those outcomes. First, we remain committed to operating with a lean administrative structure. Sweet Home does not maintain some of the additional administrative positions or departments found in districts of similar or slightly larger size. For example, we do not have an assistant superintendent, and existing staff cover multiple areas of responsibility. This allows the district to operate without separate human resources, technology, communications, or executive operations directors. We also do not maintain a separate DEi, social justice, or inclusion department as part of our administrative structure and we have not contracted out for project management services. By limiting administrative overhead, we are able to direct more resources toward schools, classrooms, and services for students. Second, we are working diligently to maximize non-tax revenue sources. One example is investment earnings. During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, Sweet Home generated more investment earnings on a per-student basis than most other school districts in the state. This reflects the district's ongoing effort to manage available resources carefully so we can direct more resources to our students and schools. Third, we continue to budget conservatively and plan beyond a single fiscal year. We avoid using temporary resources to create permanent obligations. We review staffing, programs, and operating costs on an ongoing basis and have tried to make gradual adjustments before financial challenges become more disruptive. As a result, the 2026-2027 budget is largely a status quo budget. However, it is important to be clear that Sweet Home is not immune from the same financial pressures affecting districts across Oregon. The gap between state funding and rising operational costs continues to narrow.

Along with maintaining financial stability, our focus remains on helping students succeed. A status quo budget does not mean the district is standing still. It means we are working to protect core programs while continuing to improve the support and opportunities available to students.

The district will continue focusing on early literacy, academic intervention, attendance, and career-connected learning. These areas are important because they directly affect whether students are prepared for the next grade level, graduate on time, and leave Sweet Home schools ready for college, career training, employment, military service, or other postsecondary opportunities.

We also recognize that students and families may need different pathways to stay engaged and successful in school. Among our new offerings for the upcoming school year will be an online learning option for students, provided in partnership with Edmentum, an established K-12 online learning provider known for its digital curriculum, personalized learning tools, and support for students working at different levels.

While we believe the most complete educational experience happens in the classroom, where students benefit from direct instruction, relationships with staff, and daily interaction with their peers, this new program will provide families with another educational option while continuing to keep students connected to Sweet Home schools.

Please note that we occasionally receive inquiries about the total budget amount. It is important to recognize that actual spending each year is typically well below the total amount budgeted. The adopted budget establishes the District's legal spending authority and sets an absolute spending limit for each fund and major function. Our financial goal is to remain well within the overall budgeted spending limits each year. In addition, the voter-approved bond increases the total budget amount because bond proceeds and related capital project expenditures must be included in the budget. I encourage you to review the accompanying budget summary for additional information.

We also occasionally receive questions about individual line items within the budget. The full budget document includes this level of detail so readers can see what makes up the totals for each fund and major function. This information is provided for clarity and general understanding. However, the legally adopted budget is established at the fund and major function level, not at each individual line item.

Thank you for the opportunity to work for our students. It is a pleasure to serve.

Mary Speck- Clarifying question: What caused the change with Edmentum between the old and new proposed budget booklet. Superintendent Martin responded.

Rachel Maynard: Online question - would we deny students to other online programs? Superintendent Martin said we could but mostly we want families to have more options. With Edmentum the district will continue to receive funding for the students.

Jason Redick - HS On Track - would this help them. Superintendent Martin replied yes.

Mike Reynolds - Staffing - Kevin shared that we have in the budget one staff member and the program.

Chris Hiaasen - Dollar amount is worth it after staffing and paying for the program equal the amount that we get per student. Kevin Strong and Superintendent Martin both explained that yes, we do. What makes this program better than other programs? Superintendent Martin shared that the district with this program gets the funding for the student.

**6. Budget Questions**

Kevin Strong

1. What is a licensed Extra Duty Cover? Answer: Licensed Extra Duty is primarily for coaching and extracurricular activities stipends. We typically budget the full amount to license extra duty. If someone besides a licensed staff member coaches or advises an extracurricular activity, the amount is charged to classified extra duty.
2. Are we doing away with Talented and gifted programs? I noticed that we had no FTE allotted to it. Answer: We continue to have an active Talented and Gifted program. For example, earlier this month, OMSI staff came to the Sweet Home and provided a hands-on learning experience for students, giving them the opportunity to explore engineering and scientific principles by building their own scribbling “jitterbug” robots. Using a motor, battery, marker, and a handful of craft supplies, students designed robots that created original designs through motion and vibration. The activity was funded through a grant from the Chhintimini Foundation, which is associated with the Oregon Community foundation. Last year, a portion of the salary of the staff member who oversees the TAG program was changed to TAG. This year, her full salary is charged to counseling.
3. Do conference charges (OSBA) for the Board fall under General Fund- Board of Education- Other Non-Instructional Professional and Technical Services? Answer: Conference charges for the board fall under General Funds- Board of Education - Travel
4. How is our Planned Reserve calculated? Is it a percentage of expected revenue? Answer: Our planned reserve is the beginning fund balance + budget revenues- budgeted expenditures. It is often expressed as a percentage of current year revenue. For 2026-2027. The General Fund Planned reserve equals 9.1 percent of current year revenue. Mary Speck - Is this actual money? Yes, it is a savings account for the future. It is our beginning balance. We get our first state payment by July 15. Mike Reynolds what is the comparison from other years. Right now we are in the 20% range year end budget.
5. Mary Speck- PERS- will it continue to go up. The district pays every dollar another 30 cents going to PERS that is lower than some districts. Looking ahead - he feels optimistic - PERS. Depends on how PERS invests. As a district we have taken steps to buy down PERS to help with this.
6. Mary Speck - Anything glaring? The bond is the biggest thing. Most things are the same. We are trying to stay ahead of any issues. We did receive the Summer School Grant.
7. Jason Redick - Bus fuel - We budgeted higher last year and that is saving us this year.
8. Rachel Maynard - questions on line items that have money in actual but 0 in proposed. Two years of actuals and now are 0. Kevin explained the different line items. Look at the full picture. We are trying to look at the overall picture. The last page is really one needed. The rest of the lines are for clarity and focus.
9. Dale Keene - budgeted for State mandates on future years - No

**7. Bond Impact on the 2026-2027 Budget**

Kevin Strong

1. Debt Service Fund (Fund 300) - No Change. Therefore, no change to property tax data.
2. Capital Projects Fund (fund 400)

Capital Projects Fund Revenue

Bond Proceeds

Beginning Fund Balance

Capital Projects Fund - Facility Improvements  
Capital Projects Fund - Operating Contingency

85 % in 3 years after receiving bond.

Sweet Home voters approved a \$4 million bond for capital improvements in 2017. The remaining fund balance was due to an insurance settlement the district received related to the capital improvements and is now fully spent. A new \$40 million bond was approved by voters 2026.

Need to update our investment policy.

Rachel Maynard asked if we have a phase plan- The board will be a big part of the planning.

Mike Adams - when will the bond money be given to us. Late this year 2027.

**8. Budget Discussion**

Mike Reynolds

**9. Action Items**

Mike Reynolds

***Motion No. 26-32:** – Board Member Rachel Maynard moved to approve the 2026-2027 proposed budget as presented. Board Member Mary Speck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously*

Superintendent Martin thanked Kevin Strong for this budget and his expertise and Josh Darwood for what he does as well.

**10. Adjourned at 6:03 p.m.**

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Signature, Budget Chairman

Julie Emmert, Board Secretary

Meeting was also recorded and saved

2026 - Summer School Hires

Administrator – Josh Dargis

Teachers:

Amber Rosa

Michelle Hatchard

Marci Sullens

Cheryl Jones

Brittany Kauffman

Tori Clark

Lindsay Janzer (PE)

Subs:

Ryan Adams (principal)

Krista Hart

Meagan Taylor

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT 55

RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE

CANDIDATE NAME: Kylee Brown

POSITION: SHS Math

JOB #: 4-2627

DATE: 5/14/26

BUILDING: Sweet Home HS

ADMINISTRATOR: Brown / Huff

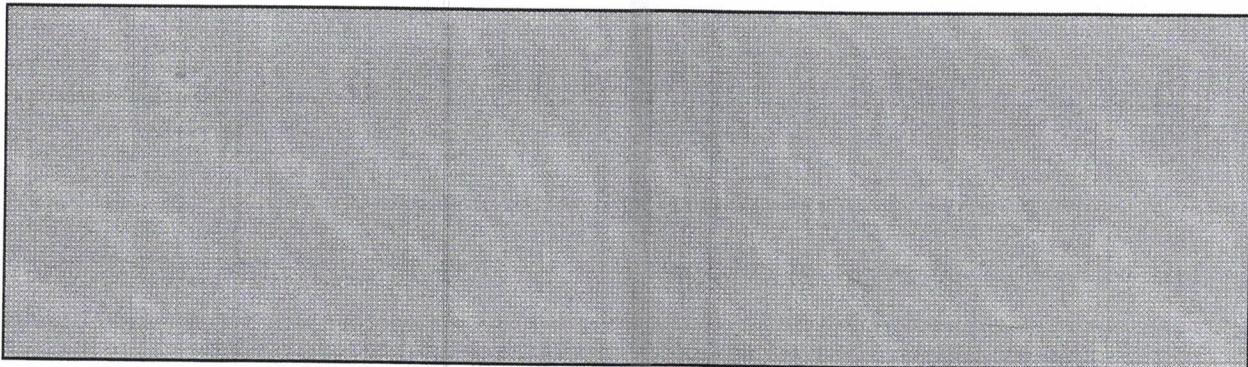
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Is this candidate in the process of obtaining an Oregon License?	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Type of Endorsement: Advanced Math

Have three reference checks been completed? yes  no

Effective Date: Fall 2026

Other Information:



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 Board approval date: \_\_\_\_\_

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SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT 55

RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE

CANDIDATE NAME: KATE TETER

POSITION: OAK HEIGHTS RESOURCE ROOM

JOB #: 24-2627

DATE: 5-26-26

BUILDING: OAK HEIGHTS

ADMINISTRATOR: BRAND

Does this candidate hold a current Oregon License?	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does this candidate hold an Out-of-State License?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this candidate in the process of obtaining an Oregon License?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Type of Endorsement: MATH/ELA & 12th SPED

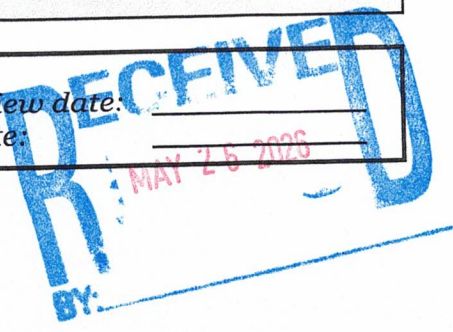
Have three reference checks been completed? yes  no

Effective Date: ~~8-31-26~~ 8-31-26

Other Information:

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SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT 55

RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE

CANDIDATE NAME: Laura Jacobsma-Opdahl

POSITION: Title I Teacher-Foster

JOB #: 9-2627

DATE: 5/11/26

BUILDING: Foster

ADMINISTRATOR: Shelley Nurre

Does this candidate hold a current Oregon License?	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does this candidate hold an Out-of-State License?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this candidate in the process of obtaining an Oregon License?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Type of Endorsement: Elem. Multiple Subjects

Have three reference checks been completed? yes  no

Effective Date: Fall 2026

Other Information:

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 Board approval date: \_\_\_\_\_

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SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT 55

RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE

CANDIDATE NAME: LILLIAN WALKER

POSITION: SHAC LRC

JOB #: 12-2627

DATE: 5-26-26

BUILDING: HEATH SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATOR: BRAND

Does this candidate hold a current Oregon License? yes  no

Does this candidate hold an Out-of-State License? yes  no

Is this candidate in the process of obtaining an Oregon License? yes  no

Type of Endorsement: SPED

Have three reference checks been completed? yes  no

Effective Date: 8-31-26

Other Information:

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SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT 55

RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE

CANDIDATE NAME: Shelly Nelson

POSITION: OH Elementary Teacher

JOB #: 16-2627

DATE: May 19, 2026

BUILDING: Oak Heights

ADMINISTRATOR: Barb Riggs

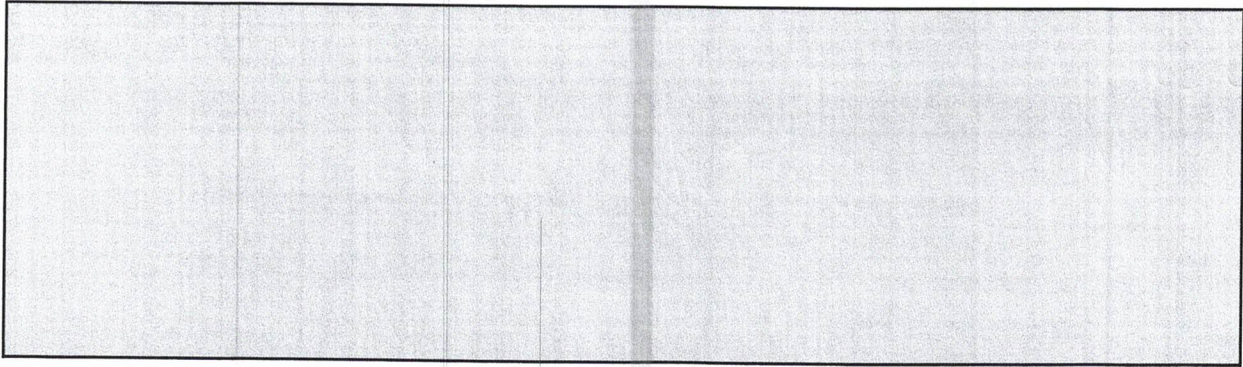
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Does this candidate hold an Out-of-State License? yes [ ] no [checked]
Is this candidate in the process of obtaining an Oregon License? yes [ ] no [ ]

Type of Endorsement: Elementary Education Prek-12

Have three reference checks been completed? yes [checked] no [ ]

Effective Date: Fall 2026

Other Information:



Office use only: Superintendent review date: [signature] Board approval date: June 8, 2025

**SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT 55**

**RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE**

CANDIDATE NAME: Joan Tolle

POSITION: JH SPED LRC Teacher

JOB #: 22-2627

DATE: 5/21/2026

BUILDING: Junior High

ADMINISTRATOR: Nate Tyler

*Transfer*

Does this candidate hold a current Oregon License?	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does this candidate hold an Out-of-State License?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this candidate in the process of obtaining an Oregon License?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

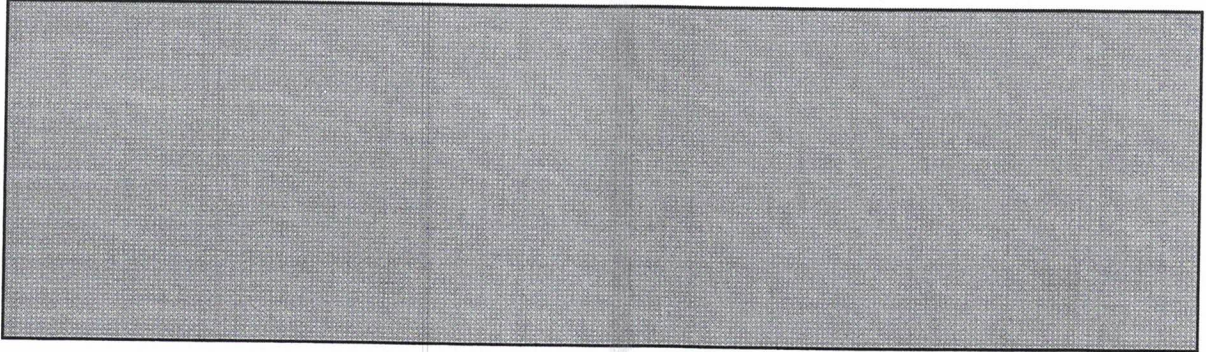
Type of Endorsement: Special Education + Elementary

Have three reference checks been completed?      yes       no

Effective Date: 8/31/2026

*Current employee requesting transfer*

Other Information:



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 Superintendent review date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board approval date: \_\_\_\_\_



**SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT 55**

**RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE**

CANDIDATE NAME: Hailey Johnson

POSITION: 1/2 Grade Elem. teacher @ Hawthorne

JOB #: 23-2627

DATE: 5/27/26

BUILDING: Hawthorne

ADMINISTRATOR: M. Looney

Does this candidate hold a current Oregon License?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this candidate hold an Out-of-State License?	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this candidate in the process of obtaining an Oregon License?	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Type of Endorsement: ECE/ECH PreK-6/MED MBA Dual K-12 SED.

Have three reference checks been completed? yes  no

Effective Date: Fall 2026 2 via Terry.

Other Information:

Licensed in Ohio -

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Superintendent review date: _____
Board approval date: _____

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**SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT 55**

**RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE**

CANDIDATE NAME: Hailey Upton

POSITION: High School Language Arts

JOB #: 15-2627

DATE: 5/27/26

BUILDING: SHHS

ADMINISTRATOR: Ralph Brown

Does this candidate hold a current Oregon License?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this candidate hold an Out-of-State License?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this candidate in the process of obtaining an Oregon License?	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Type of Endorsement: Standard

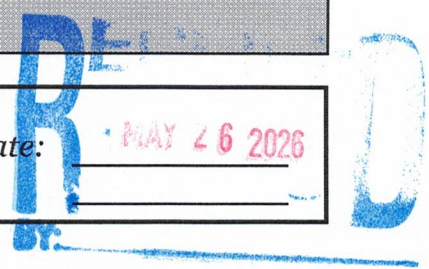
Have three reference checks been completed?      yes       no

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information:


Certificate upon completion

Office use only:  
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 Board approval date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Personnel Notification

**To:** Sweet Home School District Board of Directors

**From:** Terry Martin, Superintendent 

**Date:** June 1, 2026

**Subject:** Resignation of Oak Heights Elementary School Principal

Please be advised that Todd Barrett has resigned from his position as Principal of Oak Heights Elementary School, effective June 1, 2026.

The district has initiated the recruitment process to fill this vacancy for the upcoming school year. Further updates regarding the leadership transition at Oak Heights will be provided as they become available.

YTD GENERAL FUND SPENDING COMPARED TO ADOPTED BUDGET & YTD SPENDING LAST YEAR

BY OBJECT CODE  
5/31/2026

Function	Budget	Actual	% of Budget
1000 Instruction	18,783,808	13,090,806	69.7%
2000 Support	14,996,875	11,874,068	79.2%
3000 Community	499,191	427,827	85.7%
5200 Transfers	1,107,500	0	0.0%
	35,387,374	25,387,374	71.8%

OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	2025-26		YTD as of 5/31/26	Year-to-Year Increase/ <Decrease>	Spending as a % of budget
		Adopted Budget	YTD as of 5/31/25			
0111/0123	Licensed Salaries	7,659,031	5,119,848	5,172,114	52,266	67.5%
0112/0124	Classified Salaries	5,909,997	4,790,156	4,846,715	56,559	82.0%
0113/0114	Administrators/Managers	2,043,201	1,746,575	1,795,700	49,125	87.9%
0121	Substitutes - Licensed	465,000	338,213	389,061	50,848	83.7%
0122	Substitutes - Classified	433,000	476,117	526,758	50,641	121.7%
0132	Overtime	45,000	68,409	67,492	(917)	150.0%
0134/0135	Extra Duty	472,980	462,869	467,094	4,225	98.8%
0210/0213	Public Employees Retirement Sys.	5,038,563	2,884,345	3,454,636	570,291	68.6%
0220	Social Security	1,302,811	961,216	973,581	12,365	74.7%
0231	Worker's Compensation	158,435	87,873	89,800	1,927	56.7%
0232	Unemployment Compensation	255,453	25,023	24,874	(149)	9.7%
0233	Oregon Paid Leave	102,181	78,178	79,714	1,536	78.0%
0240	Contractual Employee Benefits	3,264,500	2,159,317	2,294,372	135,055	70.3%
0241	Tuition Reimbursement - Admin.	10,000	1,239	0	(1,239)	0.0%
0242	Tuition Reimbursement - Certified	20,000	19,034	0	(19,034)	0.0%
0243	Conference/Wrkshp Reimb. - Cert.	10,000	0	0	0	0.0%
0244	Conf./Wrkshp Reimb. - Classif.	2,500	0	0	0	0.0%
0245	District Paid Deferred Comp	17,700	14,286	14,385	99	81.3%
0249	Personal Choice Enroll Fee	2,000	1,235	922	(313)	46.1%
0312/0319	Intructional Services	285,000	9,951	6,442	(3,509)	2.3%
0321	Cleaning Services	20,000	18,099	12,708	(5,391)	63.5%
0322	Repairs and Maintenance Services	73,110	49,796	59,397	9,601	81.2%
0324	Rentals	8,000	2,943	767	(2,176)	9.6%
0325	Electricity	408,500	333,372	332,167	(1,205)	81.3%
0326	Fuel (Heating)	310,000	186,583	177,220	(9,363)	57.2%
0327	Water and Sewage	259,500	165,919	173,457	7,538	66.8%
0328	Garbage	104,000	83,111	93,582	10,471	90.0%
033X	Other Transportation	127,850	59,660	109,195	49,535	85.4%
0340	Travel	50,090	61,160	56,108	(5,052)	112.0%
0351/9	Telephone/Data Communications	177,500	115,071	154,833	39,762	87.2%
0353	Postage	25,000	11,757	11,376	(381)	45.5%
0354	Advertising/Public Notices	3,500	1,747	1,494	(253)	42.7%
0355	Printing and Binding	43,175	3,808	4,681	873	10.8%
0360	Charter School Payments	1,600,000	1,259,917	1,405,861	145,944	87.9%
0374	Other Tuition	165,000	55,400	198,252	142,852	120.2%
0381	Audit Services	41,000	32,870	40,150	7,280	97.9%
0382/0384	Legal & Negotiation Services	22,500	2,837	14,435	11,598	64.2%
0388/0389	Other Non-instructional Prof/Tech	755,000	525,784	397,961	(127,823)	52.7%
0410	Supplies and Materials (incl. bus fuel)	458,646	441,615	380,662	(60,953)	83.0%
0412/413	Supplies Tires & Vehicle Parts	85,000	40,829	59,563	18,734	70.1%
0414	Supplies Custodial	157,500	153,059	146,755	(6,304)	93.2%
0415	Supplies Maintenance	497,500	445,837	300,248	(145,589)	60.4%
0416	Supplies Grounds	42,000	28,362	23,158	(5,204)	55.1%
0417	Supplies Maintenance Vehicles	15,000	11,577	3,019	(8,558)	20.1%
0420	Textbooks	1,970	29,979	1,600	(28,379)	81.2%
0430	Library Books	17,900	6,106	7,356	1,250	41.1%
0440	Periodicals	2,405	1,401	239	(1,162)	9.9%
0460	Non-consumable Items	217,210	109,127	36,342	(72,785)	16.7%
0470	Computer Software	105,791	152,649	153,229	580	144.8%
0480	Computer Hardware	195,795	182,280	221,422	39,142	113.1%
052x/054x	Equipment Acquisition	80,000	46,946	14,500	(32,446)	18.1%
0640	Dues and Fees	118,080	130,473	51,532	(78,941)	43.6%
0651/5	Liability Insurance & Settlements	172,000	133,447	172,575	39,128	100.3%
0653	Property Insurance Premiums	422,000	338,443	373,197	34,754	88.4%
0711	Transfer to Josai	7,500	0	0	0	0.0%
0712	Transfer to Long Term Maint.	750,000	0	0	0	0.0%
0713	Transfer to PERS Reserve Fund	100,000	0	0	0	0.0%
0715	Transfer to Curriculum/Tech. Fund	250,000	0	0	0	0.0%
		<b>35,387,374</b>	<b>24,465,848</b>	<b>25,392,701</b>	<b>926,853</b>	<b>71.8%</b>

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS,  
AND IMPOSING AND CATEGORIZING TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Board of Directors of Sweet Home School District #55** hereby adopts the budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 in a total sum of \$93,629,459 now on file in the District Business Office.

BE IT RESOLVED that the amounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and for the purposes shown below are hereby appropriated:

<u>GENERAL FUND (100)</u>		<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (200-299)</u>	
Instruction	\$19,307,846	Instruction	\$6,248,612
Supporting Services	15,516,037	Supporting Services	3,007,184
Enterprise & Community Services	570,453	Enterprise & Community Services	1,785,000
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	0	Facilities Acquisition & Construction	1,750,000
Transfers	1,107,500	Other Uses - UAL Payment to PERS	0
Debt Service	0	Operating Contingency	11,081,175
Operating Contingency	3,006,652		
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 39,508,488</b>	<b>Total Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$23,871,971</b>
<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND (300, 310, 320)</u>		<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (400)</u>	
Supporting Service	\$5,000	Instruction	\$ 0
Debt Service Fund Payments	4,397,925	Supporting Services	0
PERS UAL Payments	0	Facilities, Acquisition & Construction	12,252,000
*Unappropriated – Committed (PERS funds)	1,103,075	Operating Contingency	12,252,000
*Unappropriated – Restricted (GO fund)	239,000		
<b>Total Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>\$5,745,000</b>	<b>Total Capital Improvement Fund</b>	<b>\$24,504,000</b>
<u>TRUST AND AGENCY FUND (701-720)</u>		<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS</b> <u><b>\$92,287,384</b></u>	
Instruction	\$ 0	<b>TOTAL UNAPPROPRIATED ALL FUNDS</b> <u><b>\$1,342,075</b></u>	
Support Services	0		
Operating Contingency	0		
<b>Total Trust and Agency Fund</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>TOTAL BUDGET:</b>	<b><u>\$ 93,629,459</u></b>
*(Unappropriated funds are <u>not</u> appropriated)			

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Board of Directors of Sweet Home School District #55** hereby imposes the taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$5.0057 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations; \$0.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the local option; and in the amount of \$1,995,000 for bonds; and that these taxes are hereby imposed and categorized for tax year 2026-2027 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the district.

<u>Education Limitation</u>		<u>Excluded from Education Limitation</u>
General Fund	\$5.0057 /\$1,000	
Local Option	\$0.3000 /\$1,000	
Debt Service Fund		\$1,995,000

GASB Statement 54, issued by the Government Accounting and Standards Board, requires fund balances to be reported in classifications that “comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.”

The ending balance for all funds must be designated per the following categories set forth by GASB 54:

- **Non-spendable** – Funds which cannot be spent.
- **Restricted** – Amounts subject to externally enforceable legal restrictions (imposed by grantors, contributors, governmental regulations, etc.)
- **Committed** – Amounts whose use is constrained by limitations that a government imposes upon itself.
- **Assigned** – Intended use of resources established by the governing body itself, or by an official or officers to which authority is delegated by the governing body.
- **Unassigned** – Available for any purpose. (Reported only in the General Fund.)

**Assignments**

Authority to classify portions of ending fund balance as Assigned is hereby granted to the Superintendent and Business Manager.

**Spending as it Relates to Ending Fund Balance Policy**

The Board of Directors considers the spending of restricted fund balances on purposes for which such funds can be used to occur first when funds are spent for restricted and unrestricted purposes. When unrestricted classifications of fund balance are spent, the board will consider that committed amounts will be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors for the Sweet Home School District hereby make the following designations of FY 2025-2026 ending fund balances and revenues for specific uses in FY 2026-2027:

1. **Committed Fund Balances** – The ending balance of each of the following funds is “**Committed**” in accordance with the purposes stated for each fund or program in the FY 2026-2027 adopted budget:
  - PERS Debt Service Fund 310 for 2002 Series Borrowing
  - PERS Debt Service Fund 320 for 2003 Series Borrowing
2. The General Fund is unassigned. All other non-fiduciary funds are either assigned or restricted.

GASB 54 only applies to governmental funds. Trust and Agency funds do not report a fund balance in the basic financial statements.

The above resolution statements were approved and declared adopted on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

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Board Chairman Signature

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Superintendent Signature