

## Budget Committee

### Organization, Membership and Terms of Office

The High Desert Education Service District (ESD) Budget Committee will consist of the 9 members of the Board and 10 electors who are appointed by the Board from component district boards, or designees of component district boards, as required by law. Terms of the appointed members of a Budget Committee in an ESD that prepares an annual budget will be three years each with appointments made so that, as nearly as practicable, the terms of one-third of the members expire each year. Terms of the appointed members of a Budget Committee in an ESD that prepares an biennial budget will be four years with appointments made so that, as nearly as practicable, the terms of one-fourth of the members expire each year. The Board will establish appropriate timelines and procedures for nomination and appointment of Budget Committee members.

A majority of the constituted committee is required for passing an action item. Majority for a 19-member Budget Committee is 10. Therefore, if only 10 members are present, a unanimous vote is needed for passing an action item.

### Presiding Officer and Orientation of Budget Committee

1. Organization: The Budget Committee will hold its first regular organizational meeting on a day set by the Board. A presiding officer shall be elected from among its members at this meeting. Such meeting may be prior to or on the date the budget message and document are presented.
2. Background Information: Budget Committee members will be provided with data for the ensuing year and other pertinent material bearing on the preparation of a budget.

### Meetings of the Budget Committee

The Budget Committee shall hold one or more meetings to receive the budget message, the budget document and to provide members of the public with an opportunity to ask questions about and comment on the budget document. The budget officer shall announce the time and place for all meetings, as provided by law. All meetings of the Budget Committee are open to the public. Minutes shall be taken, made available and retained in accordance with the Public Meetings Law.

### Function of the Budget Committee

It is the function of the Budget Committee to approve budget estimates for the ESD's own expenses and for its operational and administrative services in accordance with the local service plan and as previously determined by the Board. The Budget Committee will recommend levels of spending, but will not determine programs.

### Final Action

The Budget Committee will approve a proposed budget document for submission to the Board.

### END OF POLICY

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#### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 174.130](#)  
[ORS 192.610-192.710](#)  
[ORS 294.305-294.565](#)

[ORS 334.240](#)

[OAR 581-024-0262](#)