

DAYVILLE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Budget Committee Meeting
May 12, 2026

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Committee meeting of the Dayville School District 16J was called to order by School Board Chairman Casey Fretwell at 6:00 p.m., in the Dayville High School Board Room. Those budget committee members present were: Casey Fretwell, Skip Inscore, Matt Hettinga, Jake Buce, Collin Rau, Dee Dee Kluser, Sue Cannon, Babette Larson, and Ruthie Moore.

Also present were Superintendent Tiffnie Schmadeka, Business Manager Emma Winkelman, and District Secretary Lori Smith.

Visitors: None

2.0 FLAG SALUTE

3.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3.1 **Budget Committee Chairperson** - Babette Larson nominated Dee Dee Kluser for Budget Committee Chairperson. Ruthie Moore seconded the nomination and there being no further nomination, the nomination carried with all committee members present voting yes.

3.2 **Budget Committee Vice-Chair** – Babette Larson nominated Ruthie Moore for Budget Committee Vice-Chair. Sue Cannon seconded the nomination and there being no further nomination, the nomination carried with all committee members present voting yes.

3.3 **Budget Committee Secretary** – Babette Larson nominated Sue Cannon for Budget Committee Secretary. Casey Fretwell seconded the nomination and there being no further nomination, the nomination carried with all committee members present voting yes.

4.0 PRESENTATION OF BUDGET MESSAGE (1:55)

Superintendent Tiffnie Schmadeka read the Budget Message which outlined the budget being proposed.

5.0 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET (4:45)

- i. Business Manager Emma Winkelman explained that the budget is the 'overall financial plan' for the district. Emma gave a briefing over the budget committee members roles including that they can recommend changes to the budget but may not affect staffing or any negotiated contract amounts.
- ii. With the assistance of a Power Point Presentation, Business Manager Emma Winkelman proceeded to go through the Dayville School District 16J 2026-2027 Budget totaling \$3,592,901. During the presentation
 - a. (14:40) Budget Committee Member Casey Fretwell asked what the district currently owes on the Bond Debt. Emma Winkelman didn't have the precise numbers but between \$400,000 and \$600,000. She offered to look up the exact amount, but Casey responded that it wasn't necessary. He was thinking if it was a smaller amount perhaps, we could just pay it off, but it's too much to consider that option.
 - b. Emma Winkelman explained the loss of Title 1 Funds due to the poverty level reported in the census. A brief discussion followed.
- iii. Business Manager Emma Winkelman wrapped up her Budget Presentation and asked if there were any questions or overall concerns with the budget as presented. She was complimented on her work, there were no questions or concerns.

6.0 BUDGET COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Committee Chairman Dee Dee Kluser asked if there was any other discussion. None was stated. At that time, she said she would entertain a motion for approval of the proposed budget.

7.0 APPROVE BUDGET, TAX RATE, TAX LEVY FOR GO BONDS

7.1 (53:30) Budget Committee member Sue Cannon moved to approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$3,592,901. Committee member Babette Larson seconded and the motion carried with all committee members present voting yes

7.2 (54:23) Budget Committee Member Ruthie Moore moved to approve the Permanent Tax Rate for 26-27 of \$2.2213 per \$1000 of assessed value. Committee member Babette Larson seconded, and the motion carried with all committee members present voting yes.

7.3 (54:50) Budget Committee Member Babette Larson motioned to approve and impose property tax levy for general obligation bonds of \$62,250. Committee member Ruthie Moore seconded, and the motion carried with all committee members present voting yes.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

(56:10) Budget Committee member Dee Dee Kluser adjourned the Budget Committee meeting. Business Manager Emma Winkelman and Superintendent Tiffnie Schmadeka thanked the Budget Committee for their service and time.