BOLINAS-STINSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Bolinas Campus (2-8)
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3805 Shoreline Highway 1
Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Budget Advisory Committee Application

Bolinas-Stinson Union School District · Board of Trustees

About the Budget Advisory Committee

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) is an advisory committee to the Superintendent. It reviews the district's budget, revenue projections and spending priorities, and offers recommendations to the Superintendent. The Board of Trustees makes all budget decisions and is not obligated to adopt any BAC recommendation.

The BAC is not a Brown Act committee.

Only the parent and community seats require an application and Board appointment. All other members serve by position or are chosen by their organization; they complete Sections A, B and D to sign the member acknowledgments.

Seat	Number	How the seat is filled
Parent representative	1	Board appoints after reviewing applications
Community member	1	Board appoints after reviewing applications
Superintendent	1	Serves by position
Principal	1	Serves by position
Chief Business Official (CBO)	1	Serves by position
Board of Trustees representatives	Up to 2	Designated by the Board
Teachers union (BSTA) representative	1	Chosen by BSTA
Classified union (CSEA) representative	1	Chosen by CSEA
Foundation member	1	Chosen by the Foundation

The Board reviews parent and community applications and selects one member for each seat in open deliberation. Board selection of these two seats, rather than selection by the Superintendent, keeps the choice transparent and independent of district administration.

This application is for the BAC's ongoing advisory work. If the Board declares a fiscal emergency, the committee will be expanded with additional staff and community members for its crisis role.

Section A: Applicant information

Applicants and participants are expected to attend all meetings:

BAC1- Dec 8th- 4-5:30pm (preview 1st Interim)
BAC2- March 2nd - 4-5:30pm (preview 2nd Interim)
BAC3- March 30- 4-5:30pm (TBD if needed)
BAC4- May 4th- 4-5:30pm
BAC5- June 1- 4-5:30pm (preview adopted budget)
Participants are also encouraged to attend the Budget Workshop on November 3rd at 6pm.

Full name	
Mailing address	
Town (Bolinas, Stinson Beach, other)	
Phone	
Email	
Preferred contact method	
Date	

Section B: Membership category

Check the ONE seat you are applying for or have been designated to fill.

- ☐ **Parent representative** (application; Board appointment). Parent or guardian of a student currently enrolled in the district.
    - Student(s) grade level(s): _____
- ☐ **Community member** (application; Board appointment). Resident of the district community who is not a district employee.
    - Years living in the community: _____
- ☐ **District administrator** (serves by position): ☐ Superintendent ☐ Principal ☐ CBO
- ☐ **Board of Trustees representative** (designated by the Board).
- ☐ **Union representative** (chosen by the union): ☐ BSTA ☐ Classified union
    - Assignment / position: _____
- ☐ **Foundation member** (chosen by the Foundation).

Parent and community applicants: are you also a district employee, or the spouse or household member of one? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, explain:

Section C: Background and interest (parent and community applicants only)

The Board uses these answers to select the parent and community members. Administrators, Board representatives, and union and Foundation representatives skip this section. Keep each answer to about 150 words; attach your written responses.

1. Why do you want to serve on the Budget Advisory Committee?
2. What experience do you bring in budgeting, finance, accounting, nonprofit or business management, or public agencies?
3. How are you connected to the district's schools and community (volunteering, PTA or site council, local organizations)?
4. What budget priorities or questions would you most like the committee to examine?
5. How would you represent the views of the parents or community members you would serve, beyond your own?
6. Have you worked with a group to reach a decision related to limited financial resources? If yes, describe how you approached the work.

Section D: Commitments and signature

All BAC members, whether appointed or designated, initial each line.

- ____ **I understand the BAC is advisory only.** It advises the Superintendent and, during a Board-declared fiscal emergency, sends its recommendations to the Board. It has no authority to set priorities, make policy or make any budget decision.
- ____ **I understand that final budget decisions rest with the Board of Trustees alone.** The Board alone sets district strategic priorities and fiscal policy.
- ____ **I understand the Board is not obligated to adopt any BAC recommendation.** The Board may adopt, modify or decline any recommendation, in whole or in part, including recommendations the committee feels strongly about.
- ____ I understand the Board will receive reports on BAC meetings from the Board member(s) serving on the committee and/or the Superintendent.
- ____ I will offer my views as advice, and will respect the Board's decisions when they differ from the committee's recommendations.
- ____ I understand the BAC's work is limited to overall spending priorities aligned to the Board-adopted strategic plan, and the budget implications and tradeoffs within those priorities.
- ____ I will not use the BAC to advocate for individual programs or to press the Board to change its strategic direction. Individual personnel decisions, revenue sources, bond measures, labor negotiations and strategic plan revisions are outside the BAC's scope.
- ____ I can attend BAC meetings, held at least quarterly, for my full term and will review any materials in advance.
- ____ I will disclose any financial or personal interest that could conflict with my committee role.
- ____ I understand my application may be shared with the Board, including at a public Board meeting.

Signature	
Printed name	
Date	

Submitting your application

Return the completed application to the District office by **November 4, 2026** by email to district@bolinas-stinson.org or in person at the Bolinas campus office. The Board will consider parent and community applicants at its **November 10** regular meeting, and applicants are welcome to attend. Applicants will not be interviewed by the board.

Questions: Superintendent Leo Kostelnik, lkostelnik@bolinas-stinson.org, 415-868-1603

Office use only

Date received	
Seat (parent, community member, Foundation, board, administrator, CSEA, BSTA)	
Board meeting date considered	Nov 10, 2026
Action (appointed / designated / not selected)	
Term begins / ends	
Applicant notified (date)	