

Readsboro School District Special Budget Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
4:30 PM

Location: Readsboro School Gym & Remote

Attendees: Bill Bazyk, Cindy Florence, Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Jim Irace

Visitors: Emily Howard, Becky Richardson, Bruce Busa, Crystal Bolio, Asa Whitcomb Jones

I. Call to Order

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM

II. Changes to the Agenda -

None

III. Items for Discussion with Possible Action/Executive session

- FY26/27 Budget
 - Discussed Operating and non Operating Budget changes made since last version
 - Changes to operating budget included required building maintenance (front door & lead abatement) and micro school professional development funding.
 - Changes to non operating budget included board stipends, school board professional services (VSBA dues & legal fees) and school board liability insurance
 - Discussed effect on tax rate for both budget options

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Estimated/Tax Rate</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Increase above your current tax bill based on the following housesite value</u>		
				<u>100,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Current Year (FY26)	1,840,508	1.5808	-			
Non-operating (FY27)	1,931,739	1.9137	0.3329	332.90	665.80	998.70
Operating (FY27)	2,253,965	2.5129	0.9321	932.10	1,864.20	2,796.30

- Helen moved to approve the non-operating budget; seconded by Jim.
Motion passed, unanimously.
- Warning
 - The board reviewed and discussed the warning.
Helyn moved to approve the warning as written; seconded by Jim. *Motion passed, unanimously.*

- The Board amended the warning to include non-operating in the budget article.
- Jim moved to approve as amended; seconded by Helyn. *Motion passed, unanimously.*
- Annual Report Informational Document
 - The Board discussed information to be included in the annual report and informational insert. The Board will also include a report in the annual booklet and will get this to Bill by Friday.
- Timeline
 - Discussed need date for contents of annual report
- Principal's Annual Report
 - Discussed that it will be included in annual report
- Superintendent Annual Report
 - Discussed that it would be included in annual report

IV. Executive Session, if necessary

None

V. Return to Regular Session

N/A

VI. Hearing of Visitors / Public Comment

- Board received numerous questions from visitors throughout the meeting

VII. Next Scheduled Meetings

- Readsboro Regular Meeting – February 3, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

VIII. Adjournment

Helyn motioned to adjourn at 5:40; Jim seconded. *The board voted unanimously.*