

**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

|                      |               |                           | <b>Increase above your current tax bill<br/>based on the following housesite value</b> |                |                |                |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Estimated/Tax Rate</u> | <u>Increase</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.*