

MEMORANDUM



TO: OSBA Membership
FROM: Chrissy Reitz, OSBA Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJ: OSBA Treasurer's Report for 2024-2025
DATE: Nov. 8, 2025

Welcome to the OSBA Annual Membership Meeting. I am Chrissy Reitz, Hood River School Board member, OSBA Clackamas Region representative, and your 2025 OSBA Secretary-Treasurer. I am here today to provide a brief overview of OSBA's current financial position and outlook. You have been provided with the Treasurer's Report for the 2024-25 fiscal year, which summarizes results from this year and outlines the 2025-26 budget.

The staff and board of OSBA continue to work hard on behalf of our members, striving to be a valuable resource and partner as we navigate today's challenging education landscape. We take our roles seriously, working to ensure you and your district receive a strong return on your investment and have the tools and support you need to help every student succeed.

The audit firm Jones & Roth is currently conducting the audit for the 2024-25 fiscal year and compiling the final financial statements. They will present the audit results to the OSBA Board of Directors in January 2026. For those interested, the audit report will be available on the OSBA website under the "About OSBA" tab after that meeting.

OSBA is unique among state school board associations in that we use earnings from a substantial investment portfolio to generate nearly half of OSBA's annual operating revenues. Given the current economic environment and the ongoing volatility of bond and equities markets, we continue to monitor and evaluate investment opportunities that will strengthen returns while preserving the long-term stability of the portfolio. With guidance from the Coraggio Group and valuable input from our members, we carefully examined our fiscal position and implemented a dues increase for the first time in more than 25 years. This decision was not made lightly. It reflects months of analysis, open dialogue, and thoughtful consideration of our financial landscape and the expectations of our members. The adjustment was a necessary step to maintain a strong and sustainable organization that continues to deliver the high-quality service and advocacy our members depend on.

Looking ahead, OSBA remains firmly committed to transparency, accountability, and responsible fiscal management. We will continue to explore investment opportunities that enhance OSBA's financial health and long-term stability. At the same time, we are mindful of the financial pressures facing our members, and we intentionally keep increases to service fees and event registrations as low as possible. Our goal is to balance sound fiscal

stewardship with sensitivity to the realities our members face, ensuring that OSBA continues to provide exceptional value and support to every district we serve.

As of June 30, 2025, our unrestricted reserve stood at \$10 million, our restricted reserve at \$17 million, and our permanent reserve at \$50 million. Cash on hand was approximately \$2.1 million. These reserve levels reflect OSBA's commitment to maintaining a strong financial foundation. During 2024-25, our total cash and investments remained relatively stable despite ongoing economic and financial market volatility.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, operating revenues generated from investments, contracted services, the Property and Casualty Coverage for Education insurance pool (PACE), and other sources decreased by \$1 million to \$10.5 million, largely due to decreasing investment performance. Because the investment market is ever-changing, we do our best not to rely too heavily on investment income and have continued to seek other revenue streams that will enable us to remain financially stable.

Expenditures during the same period decreased by \$500,000 to \$9.4 million, with \$475,000 of this decrease attributable to labor-related costs resulting from departmental restructuring and a few open positions. As in your districts, staff costs comprise the largest portion of our expenses. This year's expenditures supported around thirty-eight full-time, part-time, and contract employees who provide services to OSBA's member districts statewide.

A Finance Committee, established by the OSBA Board, provides oversight of financial operations. Their responsibilities include reviewing and recommending investment policies, and monitoring and managing OSBA's assets. The committee meets quarterly to review financial performance and advise the Board on fiscal matters. My fellow committee members this year were OSBA President Chris Cronin, OSBA Vice President Dawn Watson, Klamath County board member Steve Lowell, Lane ESD Director of Business Services Olivia Meyers-Buch, Springfield 19 CFO Brett Yancy, Dayton School Board Member Kraig Albright, and Special Districts Association of Oregon CFO Mike Doherty.

In conclusion, OSBA's financial position remains stable. Our ongoing goals are to maximize member services while maintaining fiscal responsibility. The 2025–26 budget projects an overall 1.5 percent decrease, reducing our reliance on drawing from the investment portfolio's principal by roughly 40 percent compared to last year, though a budget shortfall will remain. We remain committed to using funds wisely and being a strong, reliable partner for our members.

Thank you.