

SECTION: FINANCES

TITLE: BUDGET PREPARATION

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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603. BUDGET PREPARATION

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| <p>1. Purpose</p> | <p>The Board considers preparation of an annual budget to be one of its most important responsibilities because the budget is the financial reflection of the District's educational plan. The budget shall be designed to support the educational plan in a comprehensive and efficient manner, to maintain district facilities, and to honor district obligations.</p> |
| <p>2. Authority
SC 687</p> | <p>The Board recognizes its obligation to the taxpayers to approve only those expenses reasonably required to provide an educational program suitable to the needs and goals of this District and its students.</p> |
| <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility
SC 433, 601, 687
53 P.S. 6926.301 et seq
Pol. 604</p> | <p>In order to ensure adequate time for preparation and review of the proposed/preliminary budget, the Board directs the Superintendent and/or the Business Manager to present to the Board and/or the Board Finance Committee all available information associated with the budget at least 90 days prior to the primary election.</p> <p>In preparing the budget, the responsible administrators shall set general priorities for expenditures for staff necessary to maintain current programs, technology equipment and supplies necessary to maintain current programs, additional staff necessary to improve or expand current programs, and new technology, equipment and supplies necessary to improve or expand current programs.</p> |
| <p>53 P.S. 6926.302</p> | <p>As a component of budget preparation, the Superintendent and/or Business Manager shall notify the Board of the appropriate Index to be used in limiting tax increases for the budget year.</p> |

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53 P.S.
6926.301 et seq

Then presented for Board review, the proposed budget shall contain:

- estimated revenue and expenditure in each financial category for the previous fiscal year.
- estimated revenue and expenditures in each financial category for the upcoming fiscal year.
- student enrollment for the upcoming school year.
- explanation of each item of expense proposed, upon request.
- listing of all exceptions for which the district may be eligible.
- relation of the estimated tax increase to the Index limitation for the district.
- programs, services, or expenditures to be eliminated if referendum is rejected.
- increase, if any, of tax rate in relation to the Index.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 433, 601, 687

Taxpayer Relief Act – 53 P.S. Sec. 6926.301 et seq

Board Policy - 604

