

Board Policy

Code No. 703.1

BUDGET PLANNING

Prior to certification of the budget, the Board will review the projected revenues and expenditures for the school district and make adjustments where necessary to carry out the education program within the revenues projected.

A budget for the school district shall be prepared annually for the Board's review. The budget shall include the following:

- The amount of revenues from sources other than taxation;
- The amount of revenues to be raised by taxation;
- An itemization of the amount to be spent in each fund; and,
- A comparison of the amount spent and revenue received in each fund for like purposes in the two prior fiscal years.

It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Financial and Business Services, in conjunction with the Superintendent, to prepare the budget for review by the Board prior to the April 15 deadline each year.

Prior to the adoption of the proposed budget by the Board, the public shall be apprised of the proposed budget for the school district. Prior to the adoption of the proposed budget by the Board, members of the school district community shall have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed budget. A public hearing for the proposed budget of the Board shall be held each year in sufficient time to file the adopted budget no later than April 15.

The proposed budget filed by the Board with the Board Secretary and the time and place for the public hearing on the proposed budget shall be published in a newspaper designated for official publication in the school district. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Financial & Business Services to publish the proposed budget and public hearing information at least ten (10) days but not more than twenty (20) days prior to the public hearing.

The Board shall adopt and certify a budget for the operation of the school district to the county auditor by April 15. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Financial and Business Services to file the adopted and certified budget with the county auditor and the Iowa Department of Management.

The Board may amend the current budget for the fiscal year in the event of unforeseen circumstances. The amendment procedures shall follow the procedures for public review and adoption of the original budget by the Board outlined in these policies.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent and the Director of Financial and Business Services to bring any budget amendments necessary to the attention of the Board to allow sufficient time to file the amendment with the county auditor no later than May 31 of each year.

Legal Reference: [Iowa Code §§ 24; 257; 279.8; 297; 298; 618.](#)

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Cross Reference: 214 *Public Hearings*
 703 *Budget*
 704 *Revenue*
 705 *Expenditures*

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