

**ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE/
BUDGET MODIFICATION AUTHORITY**

Budget

The purpose of the annual tax budget is to identify adequate financial resources for the education program and to provide a basis for accountability in fiscal management. The District budget is also the legal basis for the establishment of tax rates.

Public school budgeting is regulated and controlled by Ohio law and requirements of the Board of Education. A budget is required for every fund that a district uses in its yearly operation.

The Superintendent/staff are responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and presentation of the budget to the Board for adoption.

Appropriations

As permitted by law, at the start of the fiscal year, the Board may pass a temporary appropriations measure to provide for meeting the ordinary expenses of the District until such time as the Board approves the annual appropriations resolution for the year, which is not later than October 1. If, by October 1, the county budget commission has not certified all amended certificates of estimated resources to the Board (or submitted a certification that no amended certificates are necessary), the Board can delay action on the annual appropriation measure until such time as the certificates are received.

The Treasurer files both the temporary and final appropriations measures at the proper times with the office of the County Auditor.

The Superintendent/designee notifies each school administrator and/or department head of the allocations approved for expenditure.

The legal level of control for the appropriations measures is to be at the fund level.

Amendments to the appropriations measures require an explanation and justification to the Board.

Budget Modifications

During the final quarter of the fiscal year, appropriations are examined, and the year-end status of each fund is estimated. Before the close of the fiscal year, the Board authorizes the Treasurer to transfer moneys from within each fund as permitted by state and/or federal statutes and from the general fund to other funds as permitted by state and/or federal statutes.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent and the Treasurer to examine the appropriations and make the necessary recommendations to the Board.

LEGAL REFS.: O.R.C. §§9.34; 3311.40; 3313.18; 5705.14; 5705.15; 5705.16; 5705.28;
5705.29; 5705.35-5705.412

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