

Tentative budget general fund talking points

5/14/26 informational meeting

5/28/26 approval meeting

- We have been meeting as a budget committee since February 2026 discussing the FY27 budget.
- General fund budget for FY27 is 58.4 million with 12 million in on-behalf payments
- Annette creates the tentative budget doing the following:
 1. Annette reviews revenue from the current year and changes budget amounts based on trends if applicable.
 - Included 4% tax increase of \$700,000 initially
 - Included increase in SEEK allocation of \$40 per kid
 2. Annette rolls over salaries currently and adds step increases and/or raises if applicable (FY27 has step increases only).
 - Salary and fringes make up approximately 81.50% of the general fund budget.
 - Summer program for summer 2027 has 400K budgeted so far in general funds with an additional 200K title 1 funding.
 3. All other personnel budget lines are reviewed and adjusted based on trends if applicable.
 4. Adjust non-personnel budgets:
 - Adjust SBDM allocation to \$100 per kid
 - Review budget and adjust/take out any one-time costs
 - Add any new items to be paid out of general fund to the budget

- Adjust bond payments and lease payments to the budget if applicable
- Adjust contingency
- Adjust retirement rate if applicable – CERS going from 18.62 % FY26 to 17.43% FY27.
- Adjust department budgets each year - they are reviewed in detail with the budget committee.
- Adjust other miscellaneous budget lines

Annette reviews/determines estimate ending balance on current year as this will be beginning balance of new FY27 year. The budget committee comes up with plan on how to balance the budget on “paper”. **FY27 is 12.6 million in cuts.** This is based on a worse-case scenario.

Remind them about beginning balance gets all allocated out except contingency and emergency/timing money. Over the last several years, we have had salary/fringes money left over, non-personnel money left over and more revenue than what was budgeted.

How we balanced the 12.6 million (MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS):

- Added 725K (5%) SEEK revenue left over from FY27
- Added nothing at this time estimated revenue from FY26 over what was projected in FY26
- Added 1.311 million for projected salary/fringes left over from FY26
- Adjusted salary & fringes for FY27 by 1.311 million based on left over salary & fringes in FY26
- Decreased contingency to roughly 3% and not 10% - 4 million

- Added 100K of big-ticket non-personnel budget items not spent in FY26 (4th SRO)
- Capital Funds Request (CFR) for FY27 will be processed at roughly 432K during the year – will decrease general fund expenses for FY27
- Take out ½ million raises for FY28
- Include 4% tax increase – roughly 700K in revenue
- Take out fund 2 cuts at 200K
- Decrease 4 positions within SBDM allocations based on kid count – 200K
- Decrease 4 positions outside the allocation – 200K
- Decrease 6 staff positions through attrition in work force – 309K
- Increased SEEK funding in FY27 to 100% - 725K (district usually budgets at 95%)
- Decrease superintendent's emergency budget to 200K

THIS IS ONLY ON PAPER THE CUTS, WILL MONITOR OVER THE SUMMER WHEN ALL EXPENSES AND REVENUE ARE IN FOR THE FY26 BUDGET.