

State College Area School District

2023-2024 Budget Development - Updated March 24, 2023

Key dates in the budget process based on PDE published filing requirements.

November 9 Finance Committee

- Administration will present budget projections including real estate tax increases at 0%, 2%, and 4.1% (Act 1 Index).

November 21 Board Discussion

- Administration will present budget projections including real estate tax increases at 0%, 2%, and 4.1% (Act 1 Index).

December 5 Board Discussion

- Administration will present an initial proposed preliminary budget including recommendation to adopt opt out resolution.

December 14 Finance Committee

- Budget Development - Proposed preliminary budget presented

December 19 Board Discussion

- Board discussion of proposed preliminary budget and adopt opt out resolution.

December 31

- District deadline to notify residential property owners not currently approved or whose approval is due to expire that the owner must submit a completed application to county assessment office to qualify for homestead exclusion. Deadline for submitting an application is March 1.

January 11 Committee of the Whole

- Budget Development

January 23 - Board Meeting Action Required

- Deadline to make 2023-2024 proposed preliminary budget available for public inspection or adopt resolution indicating will not raise the rate of any tax by more than index. (PDE deadline January 26)

January 28

- Deadline to submit a copy of adopted resolution

February 6 Committee of the Whole Action Required

- Adopt a preliminary budget if resolution is not adopted. (PDE deadline February 15)

February 11

- Deadline to submit 2023-2024 preliminary budget containing proposed tax rate increases to PDE. (Five days after adoption, N/A if opt out resolution adopted)

February 20 Board Meeting

- Budget Development

February 23

- Deadline to publish notice of intent to request approval for a referendum exception.

March 1

- Deadline for residential property owners to submit homestead application to County Assessment office.

March 2

- File Referendum exception request (N/A if opt out resolution adopted)

March 13 Committee of the Whole

- Budget Development

March 17

- PDE deadline to file referendum exception request (75 days prior to primary Election) (N/A if opt out resolution adopted)

March 20 Board

- Budget Development

March 22

- PDE to rule on school district request for referendum exception (55 days prior to primary election)

March 30 Finance Committee

- Budget Development

April 3 Committee of the Whole

- Budget Development

April 17 Board Meeting

- Presentation of district proposed final budget for 2023-2024

May 1 Committee of the Whole Action Required

- Approval of district Proposed Final Budget for 2023-2024 for board.
(Resolution and advertising - 30 days prior to final budget adoption; PDE Deadline May 31)
- School Board President to sign and send to PDE Certification of Use of PDE-2028

May 15 Board Meeting and Budget Hearing

- Public hearing for district final budget for 2023-2024
- Proposed Final Budget on Form PDE-2028 available for public inspection (PDE deadline 20 days prior to final budget adoption)

May 16

- Primary Election Day

May 25

- District publish notice of intent to adopt Final Budget (PDE deadline 10 days prior to adoption)

June 5 Committee of the Whole (Board action required)

- Adopt Final Budget on Form PDE-2028 (resolution)
- Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution
- Annual Tax Levy Resolution
- Installment Payment Plan Resolution
- (PDE deadline June 30)