

State College Area School District

2021-22 Budget Development – October 19, 2020

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

December 2 Finance Committee

- Budget Development

December 7 Board Discussion

- Administration will present initial proposed preliminary budget including recommendation to 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 application is March 1.

January 411 – Board Action Required

- Adopt Resolution Authorizing Proposed Preliminary Budget Display and Advertising or adopt opt out resolution state district will not raise the rate of any tax by more than index)
- *Adopt resolution authorizing proposed preliminary budget or opt out resolution.*

January 13 Finance Committee

- Budget Development

January 28

- District deadline to make 2021-2022 Proposed Preliminary Budget on form PDE-2028 available for public inspection or adopt opt out resolution.

February 2

- Deadline to submit to PDE copy of opt out resolution and related proposed tax rate increases.

February 5

- Publish notice of intent to adopt 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget.
- Publish and post on district website notice of intent to apply to PDE for referendum exceptions.

February 10 Finance Committee

- Budget Development

February 15 – Board Action Required

- Approve Preliminary Budget (N/A if adopt opt out)
- Presentation of referendum exception calculation for board discussion. (N/A if adopt opt out)
- Budget Development Discussion

February 20

- Submit to PDE Preliminary Budget and related proposed tax rate increases (PDE-2028, including Real Estate Tax Rate Report. (85 days prior to primary election) (N/A if opt out)

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- PDE deadline to file referendum exception request (75 days prior to primary election)

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- Deadline for residential property owners to submit homestead application to county assessment office.

March 10 Finance Committee

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March 15 – Board Meeting

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March 24

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

April 14 Finance Committee

- Budget Development

April 19 Board Meeting

- Presentation of district proposed final budget for 2021-2022

May 3 – Board Action Required

- Approval of district Proposed Final Budget for 2021-2022 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 12 Finance Committee

- Budget Development

May 18

- Primary Election Day

May 18

- 20 days prior to final budget adoption - Proposed Final Budget on Form PDE-2028 available for public inspection

May 24 Board Meeting and Budget Hearing

- Public hearing for district final budget for 2021-2022

May 28

- Publish notice of intent to adopt Final Budget (10 days prior to final budget adoption)

June 7 – Board Action Required

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