Annual Meeting

September 17, 2025

Election of Chairperson

Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Approval of 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda
4. Budget Introduction
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Budget Hearing
7. Public Comment on the Proposed Budget
8. Adoption of Tax Levy
9. Scheduling of Next Year's annual Meeting
10. 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval
11. Adjournment

South Milwaukee School Board

Member	Title	Service Began	Term Expires
Sophia Williams	President	2018	2028
Angie DeFord	Vice President	2021	2027
Nathan Jurowski	Clerk	2023	2026
Patrick Hintz	Member	2020	2026
Andy Simmons	Treasurer	2024	2027
Steve Hansen	Member	2025	2028
Brian Genduso	Member	2025	2026

Meetings are held twice a month. Minutes and agendas can be found on the district website

Budgeting begins with:

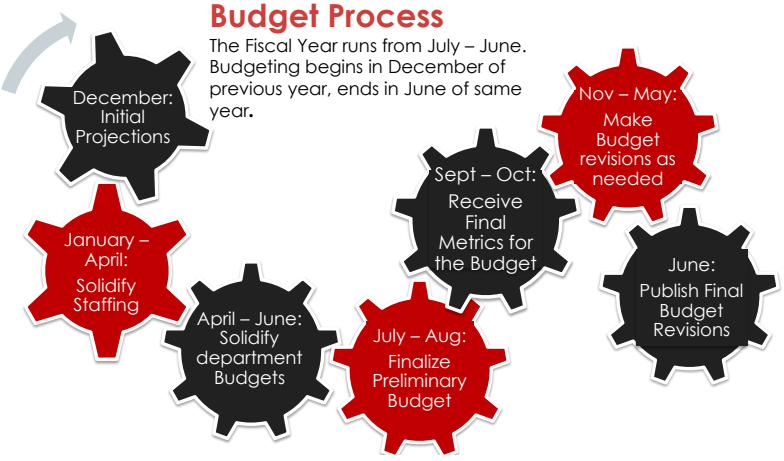
Our Mission:
The School District of South Milwaukee acts with a relentless commitment to remove barriers so that students are cared for and learn without exception

District Strategic Plan:

- Student Experience
- Employee Experience
- Communication and Engagement
- Fiscal Stability and Facility Planning

Budget Process

The Fiscal Year runs from July – June. Budgeting begins in December of previous year, ends in June of same year.



Treasurer's Report

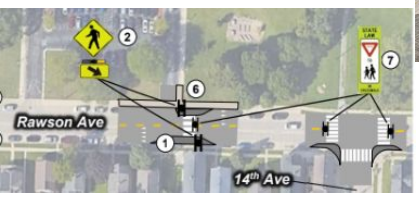
24-25 Budget Summary

GENERAL FUND	Unaudited 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	8,716,681.01
Ending Fund Balance	**8,859,435.02**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	12,944,895.20
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	3,324,064.50
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	1,720.00
State Sources (Source 600)	28,859,459.92
Federal Sources (Source 700)	1,788,331.83
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	67,166.12
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**46,985,637.57**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	
Instruction (Function 100 000)	17,969,544.45
Support Services (Function 200 000)	15,632,744.58
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	13,240,594.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**46,842,883.56**

- F10 Rev: $46,985,637.57
- F10 Exp: $46,842,883.56
- $142,754.01 added to Fund Balance

Major Budget Items in 24-25

- Rawson Crosswalk
- STEM Staffing / Spaces
- Technology Upgrades
- Camera / Safety Upgrades
- Surest Transition



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Summary of 2025 Budget Session:

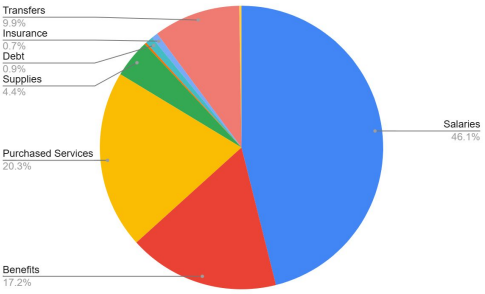
- Largest variable for the 25-26 Budget was the state biennium budget
  - $325 Revenue Limit increase remained in law - allowing for more consistent budgeting for future years
    - Typically a revenue limit increase was supplemented by a general aid increase - this did not happen in this cycle.
  - Special Education Categorical Aid reimbursement will increase from 33.3% in 24-25 to 45% by the end of the Biennium
    - Additional dollars allowed resource to be put towards Co Curricular pay adjustments, and the updated Operations Staffing Plan
- Self-Funded Health Insurance Plan changed to Surest for 2025
  - The Health Plan changes are on track to save the district $900,000 as compared to the previous plan year.

Next Steps to Keep in Mind:

- There are still large variables to be ironed out in the 25-26 budget:
  - 3rd Friday of September pupil count – helps finalize Revenue Limit
  - Aid Certification – October 15th – final factor in determining tax levy / mill rate
- As factors change, the board is notified and the budget may be adjusted
- District Administration continues to work tirelessly in order to leverage grants, assess staffing, and be good stewards of public resources.
- **The Board will review budget revisions at the October 15th meeting which will reflect these changes**

Presentation of 25-26 Budget

All Fund Expenses



Expense Types:

Salaries	$28,639,304
Benefits	$10,701,045
Purchased Services	$12,643,093
Supplies	$2,714,763
Capital Objects	$133,850
Debt	$552,120
Insurance	$445,800
Transfers	$6,148,683
Other	$163,007
Total:	$62,141,665

*Purchased Services includes:
- ~3.3 Mil. OE Out Payment
- ~1.3 Mil. Voucher Payment
- ~2.0 Mil. Capital Improvements

The Budget is made up of Multiple Funds

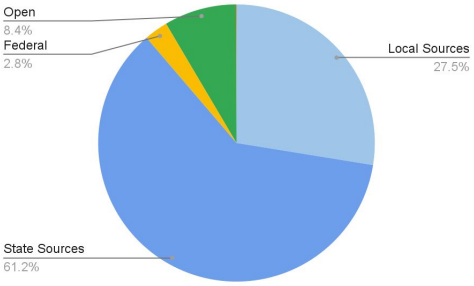
- The Largest, by far, is Fund 10 - the General Fund
- Most other funds are self sufficient, or receive their revenue from F10

Fund 10 Revenue

F10 Revenue:

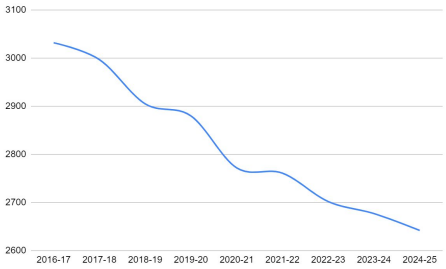
Local Sources	$12,841,040
State Sources	$28,516,310
Federal Sources	$1,292,247
Open Enrollment:	$3,935,708
Other:	$30,000
Total Revenue:	46,615,305.00

The vast majority of the school district's revenue (State Aid and Property Tax) is determined by the Revenue Limit



How the Revenue Limit is Calculated

- The primary driver is ***Membership***
  - Membership ***is not*** Enrollment
  - Membership is the number of our resident students plus students open enrolling to another district, prorated at their full time equivalency (FTE)
  - This year's FTE membership is projected to be 2,572, as compared to 2,603 last year
  - The three year FTE Average is used to calculate the Revenue Limit

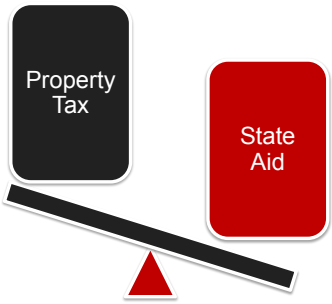


SDSM's 25-26 Revenue Limit

3 Year FTE Membership Average (2,644 FTE's) × Maximum Revenue Per Pupil ($13,202) + One Time (Non Recurring) Exemptions ($3,830,899) (Primarily 2024 Ref, and Voucher Payment) + Recurring Exemptions ($0 currently - will certainly change with Transfer of Service) = Revenue Limit Authority ($38,735,824)

Revenue Limit, State Aid, and Property Tax

- The Revenue Limit is the maximum amount of money the district can receive from State Aid and Property Tax
- If State Aid increases, Property Tax decreases, or vice versa.
- Revenue Limit Aid Estimate: ***$26,003,224***
  - *This amount ~160k less than last year*
- Revenue Limit F10/Debt Property Tax Estimate: ***$12,732,600***



Fund 10 Expenditures

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	9,095,131.52	8,716,681.01	8,859,435.02
Ending Fund Balance	**8,716,681.01**	**8,859,435.02**	**8,859,435.02**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	10,612,702.53	12,944,895.20	12,841,040.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	3,416,847.02	3,324,064.50	3,935,708.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	23,378.93	1,720.00	0.00
State Sources (Source 600)	27,312,264.21	28,859,459.92	28,516,310.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	4,200,223.32	1,788,331.83	1,292,247.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	201,552.45	67,166.12	30,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**45,766,968.46**	**46,985,637.57**	**46,615,305.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	18,146,124.69	17,969,544.45	19,045,707.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	15,191,573.05	15,632,744.58	16,007,846.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	12,807,721.23	13,240,594.53	11,561,752.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**46,145,418.97**	**46,842,883.56**	**46,615,305.00**

Referendum Expenditures

- In 2024-25:
  - Rawson Crosswalk
  - Brought on additional STEM Staff
  - $300,000 Security Camera Upgrade
  - $300,000 put into Technology
- In 2025-26
  - 3.79% Increase for Staff
  - Updating STEM Spaces
  - Funding Curriculum

Fund 27 / Special Education Fund - Summary

Revenue:

- $5,234,365 - Transfers In
- $10,000 - Transit of Aids
- $2,890,000 - State Aid *
  - $730k more than last year
- $1,082,871 - Federal Grants

$9,217,236

Expenditures:

- $6,940,860 - Instruction
- $2,210,376 - Support Services
- $66,000 - Non Program Transactions

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Debt and Community Service

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	989,225.93	339,362.44	337,993.07
Ending Fund Balance	355,899.53	353,274.99	337,993.07
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,572,693.60	546,282.55	552,120.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	4,206,020.00	532,370.00	552,120.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	2,024,089.41	2,044,125.24	2,626,616.48
Ending Fund Balance	**2,044,125.24**	**2,626,616.48**	**2,626,616.48**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**1,698,436.83**	**2,413,940.16**	**2,129,208.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**1,678,401.00**	**1,831,448.92**	**2,129,208.00**

Mill Rate:

Within the Revenue Limit	Fund 10 Levy:	$12,189,040
	Non Ref. Debt (F38):	$543,560
Outside the Revenue Limit	Ref. Debt (F39):	$0
	Com. Srvc (F80:)	$1,380,200

Total Levy: $14,112,800

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TIF Out Equalized Value (Property Value):	$1,824,979,400.00

X 1000

Mill Rate: $7.73 per $1,000 of property value

Historical Mill Rates:

- 19-20: $10.92
- 20-21: $10.97
- 21-22: $10.17
- 22-23: $8.33
- 23-24: $7.95
- ***24-25: $7.73***
- ***25-26: $7.73***

Practical Application:

2024-25	
Home Value:	$230,000
Mill Rate:	7.73
School Property Tax:	$1,778

2025-26	
Home Value:	$230,000
Mill Rate:	7.73
School Property Tax:	$1,778

- This homeowner would not see an increase on their school district portion of their property tax
- NOTE: The key variable is how much the homeowner's property value changes relative to South Milwaukee's property value (if it increase at the same rate - no change)

2025-26 Budget Summary:

- Balanced Budget for Fund 10
- Mill Rate: $7.73 per $1,000 of property value
- Funding prioritized towards strategic plan and referendum objectives

- Challenges ahead:
  - Declining Enrollment
  - Community Recreation Center Discussion
  - Continued work on Referendum Initiatives

Public Comment - Hearing on the Budget

Opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the budget as presented

Motion to Approve Tax Levy

_____ move to approve a property tax levy for the 25-26 school year in the total amount of $14,112,800:

Fund 10 - General Fund - $12,189,040
Fund 38 - Non-Referendum Debt - $543,560
Fund 80 - Community Service - $1,380,200

Motion to Schedule next year's annual meeting

The 2025-26 annual meeting is to be held on the second board meeting in September 2026 wit the exact date to be determined at a later board meeting

Approval of minutes from the 24-25 Annual Meeting

Adjournment

Notice of OPEB Trust

The School District does maintain a trust for Other Post Employment Benefits. At the close of the 2024-25 fiscal year the trust had a balance of $3,085,852.68. The net investment return for the 2024-25 fiscal year was $218,288.60. In addition to the investment return the allocation of OPEB contributions to Fund 27 provides additional special education aid to be received.

The total disbursements for the 2024-25 fiscal year were $823,973.60. Funding is allocated every payroll to fund the disbursements. The investment manager for the Trust is Prudent Man Advisors, LLC (PMA). The trust is administered by CESA 6 and baking is through Midwest Institutional Trust Company.

Questions?