
Elwood Union Free School District

2017-18 Budget Presentation #1



Overview

- ❑ Citizen Finance and Budget Advisory Committee (CF/BAC)
- ❑ General Budget Overview
- ❑ 2016-17 School Budget Status
 - ❑ Expense
 - ❑ Revenue
- ❑ Budget Timeline for 2017-18



CF/BAC Role

- ❑ Advisory capacity under the direction of the Board of Education
- ❑ Provide broad perspective and various expertise through review of district assets and liabilities, annual budget and future budgets
- ❑ A consensus of committee members with regular attendance can make advisory recommendations to the BOE
- ❑ Matters that speak directly to issues protected by collective bargaining agreements will not be under the purview of the CF/BAC
- ❑ Committee recommendations are not a pre-requisite function of the boards budgetary proposal



Budget Guidelines

☐ Key Acronyms

- ☐ SED = State Education Department
- ☐ CPI = Consumers Price Index
- ☐ ERS = Employee Retirement System
- ☐ TRS = Teachers Retirement System
- ☐ EBALR = Employee Benefit Accrued Liability



Budget Guidelines

☐ Definitions

- ☐ Property Tax Cap – With some exceptions, the State's Property Tax Cap limits the amount local governments and most school districts can increase property taxes to the lower of: two percent; or the rate of inflation. Formula to be followed to determine the district specific limit.
- ☐ Fund Balance – known as the savings account
 - ☐ Unassigned Fund Balance – savings seen from prior year unexpended budget and additional revenues
 - ☐ Restricted Fund Balance – funds set aside by the board for specific purpose
 - ☐ EBLAR; ERS; Unemployment
- ☐ Appropriations – expenditures
- ☐ Encumbrance – budget expense set aside for a specific purchase; also known as a purchase order



Budget Guidelines

- ☐ School districts work on a fiscal budget year starting July 1 ending June 30
- ☐ State Aid projections are released typically late January with a final State budget due April 1
- ☐ ERS rates and projections are received in September
- ☐ TRS rates are received in November
- ☐ Health insurance projected rates are received in November
- ☐ Budget projections begin in October at the building levels with presentations to the board starting in December
- ☐ All budget information is posted online under the Business Department Page



2016-17 Budget Status

☐ Year End June 2016

- ☐ Fund Balance increased overall by \$1.1 million
- ☐ Unassigned Fund Balance is \$2.1m (3.6% maximum allowed 4%)
- ☐ Deficit decreased by \$3m overall

☐ Projected Year End 2017

- ☐ Anticipated Revenue from BK Elwood, LLC (\$500,000)
- ☐ Anticipated Revenue on back State Aid (up to \$1m)
- ☐ Spending anticipated to be within budget



School Budget

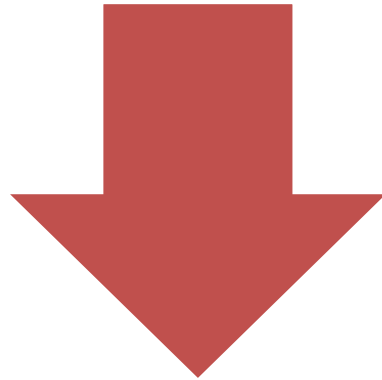
- ❑ The school budget is an expense based budget
- ❑ It is developed around projected revenues and estimated expenses for the fiscal period from July 1 until June 30 of the next year
- ❑ Expenses can not exceed revenues



School Budget

Revenues:

Property Taxes
State Aid
Other



Expenditures



Revenues



Expenditures:

General Support
Instructional
Transportation
Undistributed



2017-18 Budget Timeline

October 2016

May 16, 2017

Process Begins

Budget development process begins

Business Office projects revenue and identifies budget expenses for all categories not covered by Principals/Directors

Meet with Principals/Directors to review budget process

Budget Presentations to the Board and the Community

Business Office works internally with Administration to arrive at proposed budget to be presented

Balance expenses and revenues to ensure a realistic and responsible budget

By April 21, BOE must adopt proposed budget for public vote

Annual Budget Vote



Next Budget Hearing/CFBAC meeting
will be on January 12 at 7:30 pm

