

Board of Education Policy

CONTINGENCY BUDGET

The School District budget for any school year or any part of such budget, or any proposition involving the expenditure of money for such school year, shall not be submitted for a vote of the qualified voters of the District more than twice in any school year.

If the original proposed budget is not approved by District voters at the Annual District Meeting and Election, the Board has the option of either resubmitting the original budget, or submitting a revised budget, for voter approval at a special meeting held at a later date; or the Board may, at that point, adopt a contingency budget and levy a tax for teachers' salaries and ordinary contingent expenses as enumerated in the law, but pursuant to the restrictions set forth in the law. If the Board decides to submit either the original or a revised budget to the voters for a second time, and the voters do not approve the second budget submittal, the Board shall adopt a contingency budget and levy a tax for those expenditures mandated pursuant to law and/or for those services necessary to maintain the educational program, pursuant to the restrictions set forth in the law.

The contingency budget will include the sum necessary for teachers' salaries (i.e., professional educator positions certificated by the State Education Department which include teachers, administrators, teaching assistants, and professional specialists in the various areas of pupil personnel services) and ordinary contingent expenses as determined by the Board in accordance with law including, but not limited to, the purchase of library books and other instructional materials associated with the school library; and expenses incurred for interscholastic athletics, field trips and other extracurricular activities. Ordinary contingent expenses include, but are not limited to, legal expenses incurred by the District; expenditures specifically authorized by statute; and other items necessary to maintain the educational program, preserve property, and assure the health and safety of students and staff. As deemed necessary, school counsel may be consulted for review as to those items considered ordinary contingent expenses prior to Board adoption of the contingency budget.

In accordance with law, the contingency budget will reflect the statutory expenditure limits imposed on the administrative component of the contingency budget as well as the total spending authorized in the overall contingency budget.

With regard to overall District spending, the contingency budget, as a whole, shall not result in a tax levy greater than the tax that was levied for the prior school year.

Additionally, the administrative component of the contingency budget shall not comprise a greater percentage of the contingency budget exclusive of the capital component than the lesser of:

- a. The percentage the administrative component had comprised in the prior year budget exclusive of the capital component; or
- b. The percentage the administrative component had comprised in the last proposed defeated budget exclusive of the capital component.

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Should the Board of Education adopt a contingency budget, it will officially pass a resolution reflecting such action; and that resolution shall incorporate by reference a statement specifying the projected percentage increase or decrease in total spending for the school year, and explain the reasons why the Board disregarded any portion of an increase in spending in formulating the contingency budget.

Reference: Education Law §§ 2002, 2023, 2023-a, 2024, and 2601-a
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