The Board and the Budget Oversight & Process

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Questions?

- I don't understand the budget
- How does the budget get constructed? By who?
- What is our process for approving the budget?
- Do our stakeholders think we are transparent?
- Is there a link between the budget and the strategic plan and board goals?



Let's set the stage



Stakeholders Accountability/Transparency

Support and align Student achievement





Who are your Stakeholders?

- Parents and Students
- Staff
- Taxpayers
- Community members
- Local government
- Tribes and ethnic organizations





What is a budget?







What is a budget?

An estimate of **Revenue** & **Expenses**

A **fiscal plan** for you and your stakeholders





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Detail of all Revenue and Expenditures expected for a <u>future period of time</u>



The Budget is Dynamic

- Living, flexible management tool
- Based on best information at the time of development
- Variance from the original document is not necessarily negative





Does the budget align with your strategic plan and board goals?

- Mission & Vision
- Strategic plan for the district
- Annual board goals



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Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Goals: 2018-19

Goal 1: Advocate for a reliable education funding plan that meets the fiscal needs of the district by working with a wide variety of stakeholders, including local, state and federal decision makers.

Goal 2: Connect with a wide variety of stakeholders to strengthen positive relationships advocating for public education.

Goal 3: Support further development and implementation of the school climate and safety comprehensive plans.



Let's look at what is required of your Board





The Board and The Budget

- Approve an annual budget
- Regular **oversight** of the budget
- Approve budget adjustments
- Approval of purchases and transfers (check board policy for limits)
- Provides accountability to the public and the district



Budget Process

- Check your policy
 - Board Policy section 3000, Business & non-instruction
 - When must you submit to the state or locally? (State = July 15)
- City and Borough districts must submit budget to assembly usually by May 1st.





Budget Process, an example:

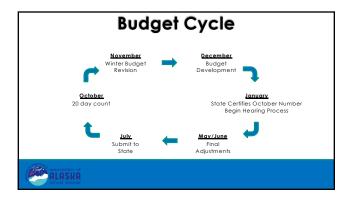
- Board sets initial parameters based on data and estimates
 - ADM (student count)
 - BSA (base student allocation)
 - · Intensive Needs Students (number)
- Use of fund balance (reserves)
- Initial draft budget compiled by Superintendent surplus or deficit
 - · Salary & benefits
 - Maintenance & operations
 - Activities
 - Food services
 Transportation



Budget Process, an example:

- Budget committee work
 - Admin teams work
 - Stakeholder work sessions
 - Local Government & tribal work sessions
 - Committee checks for alignment with strategic plan and board goals
- Recommendations to the board
- Public Hearing Process
- The board holds public hearings (1 to several hearings) to take input on proposed budget
- Board adopts a budget
- At a regular or special meeting, well noticed in advance, the board adopts the budget for the next fiscal year roll call vote





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Your budget was the best estimate at the time

An adjustment is a change to a previously approved budgeted amount, **revenue** or **expense**



Budget Adjustment

Initiated by the superintendent and required the <u>approval of the board</u>

Usually occurs about twice per year (mid year, end of year)



Regular Financial Reports

Your oversight responsibility

- Regular reports to the board
- These reports are a snapshot in time
- Show monthly revenue/expenditure
- Understandable to all



Financial Reports

What to look for

- Is the revenue side living up to expectations?
 - Revenue at or above projection?
 - Attendance rates at or above projection? State funding estimate still good?
- Are the expenditures following the budget?
 - Any significant variances between budget and actual revenues and expenditures?



Expense Report					
Accounts Summarized By Function	Current	YTD Encumbrance	YTD Expenditures	Remaining Balance	Percent Available
100 - REGULAR INSTRUCTION	9,447,887.99	115,743.99	674,653.71	8,657,490.29	91.63%
120 - BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL	223,098.30	0.00	8,985.39	214,112.91	95.97%
130 - ENRICHMENT	92,822.37	0.00	4,345.13	88,474.24	95,32%
140 - CORRESPONDENCE STUDY	173,029.92	80.00	7,439.69	165,510.23	95.65%
160 - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	336,066.32	9,055.14	21,854.82	305,156.36	90.80%
200 - SPECIAL ED INSTRUCTION	4,084,381.90	4,605.04	229,485.16	3,850,291.70	94.27%
220 - SPECIAL ED SUPPORT	731,671.79	267,704.75	35,252.84	428,714.20	55.59%
300 - PUPIL SUPPORT	177,121.55	1,500.00	7,346.53	160,275.02	95.01%
320 - GUIDANCE	472,028.66	0.00	20,255.58	451,773.08	95.71%
330 - HEALTH SERVICES	96,929.29	434.40	4,756.76	91,738.13	94.64%
350 - SUPPORT SERVICES	269,793.00	217,354.85	22,653.03	29,788.12	11.04%
351 - IMPROVEMENT INSTRUCTION	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	100.00%
362 - LIBRARY SERVICE	409,933.99	0.00	18,577.61	391,356.38	95.47%
400 - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	1,254,640.97	21,009.83	90,712.13	1,142,919.01	91.10%
450 - SCHOOL ADMIN, SERVICES	665,050.22	0.00	54,050.55	610,999.67	91.87%
510 - DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION	194,203.15	19,797.99	37,474.04	136,931.12	70.51%
511 - SCHOOL BOARD	\$1,137.40	14.784.55	1,044.98	35,307,67	69.05%
512 - SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	431,836.20	3,087,66	70,357,18	358,391,37	82,99%
518 - SAFETY AND SECURITY	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00%
550 - DISTRICT ADMIN, SUPPORT	298,119.66	2,786.08	83,630,13	211,703.46	71.01%
555 - DATA PROCESSING SERVICE	5 63,370,96	0.00	5,170,51	58,200.45	91,54%
556 - TECHNOLOGY SERVICE	364,221,64	10.234.58	111,286.31	242,700,75	66,64%
600 - MAINTENANCE/OPERATIONS	1,994,887.41	609,022.26	313,163.62	1,072,681.53	53.77%
700 - STUDENT ACTIVITIES	252,018.31	105,635,00	4,980.00	141,403,31	55,11%
780 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	5,468.00	0.00	0.00	5,468.00	100.00%
Report Total	22,094,719.00	1,402,836.11	1,827,498.70	18,864,384.19	
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Bud	get Report Narrative
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	City/Borough Appropriation – Remained unchanged.
	Misc. Local Revenue, E-Rate - All are anticipated to remain unchanged.
•	decrease in Quality Schools is due to the overal Student enrollment was forecasted to be at 3,424 students, but the October counter enrollment numbers ended up at 20,273, This is a decrease in enrollment of §6.8) students from projections and 48.8) students from last year's count.
	One-Time Funding from State of Alaska – The State of Alaska legislature issued a one- time funding to school districts at the end of the legislative session. This is an increase of \$387.33.



Annual Audit

- Snap shot data and practices
- Copy due to DEED each fall
- Budget to Actual
 - General Fund
 - Special Revenue Fund(s)
 - Capital Project Fund
- Management letter
 - Findings material vs. significant
- Fund Balance



Questions



