



Griffith Public Schools

2021 Budget Public Hearing

Prepared for the Board of School Trustees and Griffith Taxpayers

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2021 Budget Funds

■ **Education Fund**

- “Foundation Funding” for 2020/2021 equals \$5,703 per student.
- Complexity Index utilizes a percentage of the population receiving SNAP/TANF or foster care services from the state. (658.93 per student)
- Griffith’s initial funding for 2020/2021 equals \$6,361.93 per student

■ **Debt Service Funds**

- Levy/Cash balance projections are calculated to avoid the expense of tax anticipation warrants.

■ **Operations Fund**

- Funded by local property taxes (levy)
- Combines Transportation, CPF, Bus Replacement & part of Education (Old General Fund)
- The maximum levy is set by the DLGF
- Transfers received from Education Fund

Five (5) Funds

2021 Advertised Budget

■ Education Fund	\$ 12,554,180
■ Debt Service Fund	\$ 5,320,289
■ Pension Bond Fund	\$ 374,950
■ Operations Fund	\$ 4,410,213
■ Rainy Day Fund	\$ 0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$ 22,659,632

LEVIED FUNDS

- The Budget numbers presented are our best estimate of what we require to run the district
- The Levy is the maximum amount we estimate will need to be raised from property taxes
- The Rate is inflated by design

LEVIED FUND	Budget	Levy	Rate
Debt Service	\$5,320,289	\$5,100,000	\$0.7556
Pension Debt	\$374,950	\$360,000	\$0.0533
Education	\$12,554,180	\$0	\$0.0000
Operations	\$4,410,213	\$2,600,000	\$0.3852
Combined	\$22,659,632	\$8,060,000	\$1.1941

Education/Operation Funds

- **Annual Education Fund revenue is set for every school district by the State according to the State school funding formula.**
 - The local school board has no control over the level of Education Fund Dollars allocated to the district
- **This is the district's primary operating fund**
- **The Education Fund is for instruction related items and Operation Fund is for non-instruction related items.**
- **The budgeting process looks at an 18 month time line beginning July 1, 2020**
- **Projections through December 31, 2021 include:**
 1. 2020-21 and 2021-2022 Student counts
 2. Benefit costs including health insurance, retirement, workers compensation, FICA
 3. Utility costs and weather-related expenses.
 4. Unanticipated major building repairs
 5. Special Education costs

Debt Service Fund

- **Debt Service Funds are for payment of district debt and cannot be used for any other purpose.**
 - 2020 we combined exempt debt and debt service to one debt service fund

- **Debt Service payment is from local property taxes.**
 - Includes some funding from Excise, FIT & CVET

- **Portion of textbook rental reimbursement not paid by State**
 - The District is reimbursed for part of the cost of textbook rental for free & reduced students
 - The reimbursement is less than 100% - the balance can be included in this levy

Pension Debt Fund

- **The Pension Bond Fund is to retire a Bond issued in 2005 to cover the cost of unfunded pension debt**

- **In 2004, the State charged school districts with reducing their “unfunded retirement liability.”**
 - This liability was typically tied to three staff benefits:
 1. Post-retirement employer-paid health insurance
 2. Early retirement incentive payments
 3. Lump sum payments for the unused sick days

- **Bond repayment amortization continues to 2025.**

Capital Projects Plan

- This will run through the Operations Fund, but for 2021 we will not budget capital projects as there is not enough cash to cover extras.
- New for 2020 we must list expenditures for capital assets or projects that exceed \$10,000. For 2021 I have advertised for two projects that will go over the allotted \$10,000.
- Most routine maintenance that falls within the capital expenditures are under \$10,000.

Bus Replacement Plan

- This runs through the Operations Fund. We have budgeted for no buses for 2021.
- We only need to budget for 5 years instead of 12 years.
- This is only for the purchase of vehicles for student transportation. **The State allows schools to replace busses every twelve years.**

Comments

- At this time we will take any public comment in regards to the 2021 Proposed Budget.



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2021 Additional Appropriation Public Hearing

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Additional Appropriations

■ Fund Name: Operations Fund

■ Salaries/Benefits	\$ 55,000.00
■ Professional/Tech Services	\$ 26,500.00
■ Instructional Supplies	\$ 12,250.00
■ Property/Equip/Other Dues/Fees	<u>\$ 406,250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 500,000.00

Fund Name: Education Fund

■ Salaries/Benefits	\$120,000.00
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Comments

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