

**BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59  
SPECIAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING  
Monday, June 10, 2024 5:50 PM**

**Mission Statement**

*"The mission of Bennington Public Schools is to provide educational opportunities in a safe, caring environment that will prepare all students to meet the challenges of the future."*

- I. Call Special Public Budget Hearing to Order
- II. Presentation of 2023-2024 Amended Budget
- III. Conduct Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Amended Budget
- IV. Adjournment

**NOTICE: COPY OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT:** The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. The Act is posted on the wall of the Board room.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC FORUM:** Getting Started: When it is your turn to speak during the public forum portion of the agenda, please come forward to the table situated immediately in front of the Board, sign your name and address on the sign-in sheet and state your name to the Board of Education. Time Limit: You may speak only one time and must limit comments to 5 minutes or less. Personnel or Student Topic: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that our policies require that such concerns initially be directed to the administration for consideration. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments you may make about individual staff members or students. You are cautioned that slanderous comments are not protected just because they are made at the Board meeting. General Rules: Please remember that this is a public meeting for the conduct of business of the Board of Education. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.

BY: BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (28-0059)**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 13-511, that the Bennington School Board will meet on the 10th day of June, at 5:50 PM, at the Bennington District Office for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to amending the budget which was originally adopted on the 11th day of September, 2023. Due to unforeseen circumstances, actual expenditures for the current fiscal year will exceed budgeted expenditures unless the current fiscal year budget of expenditures is revised. The amended budget amount of \$135,846 is for paying off the qualified capital purpose bonds early, which was unforeseen when the budget was finalized. The originally adopted budget of expenditures cannot be reduced during the remainder of the current fiscal year to meet the need for additional money because the district paid off the qualified capital purpose bond early and the additional expenses were unforeseen when finalizing the budget. There will be no impact on the district tax levy. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours.

**Summary of Proposed Amended Budget**

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements	Actual/Estimated Disbursements	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (6)
	2021-2022 (1)	2022-2023 (2)	2023-2024 (3)			
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 242,604.00	\$ 242,250.00	\$ 4,350,141.00	\$ -	\$ 3,891,330.00	\$ 463,445.00

**Summary of Originally Adopted Budget**

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements	Actual/Estimated Disbursements	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (6)
	2021-2022 (1)	2022-2023 (2)	2023-2024 (3)			
General	\$ 42,445,786.00	\$ 49,647,978.70	\$ 52,751,851.00	\$ 8,717,522.56	\$ 37,203,376.56	\$ 24,511,108.00
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,717,498.00	\$ -	\$ 2,717,498.00	\$ -
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 291,271.00	\$ -	\$ 291,271.00	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activities	\$ 745,157.00	\$ 905,548.00	\$ 1,349,354.00	\$ -	\$ 1,349,354.00	\$ -
School Nutrition	\$ 2,732,294.00	\$ 3,005,524.00	\$ 4,083,239.00	\$ -	\$ 4,083,239.00	\$ -
Bond	\$ 4,693,327.00	\$ 7,978,951.00	\$ 15,148,345.00	\$ -	\$ 6,481,918.00	\$ 8,753,967.00
Special Building	\$ 32,602,591.00	\$ 12,621,769.00	\$ 13,898,809.00	\$ -	\$ 12,675,314.00	\$ 1,235,854.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 242,604.00	\$ 242,250.00	\$ 4,214,295.00	\$ -	\$ 3,755,484.00	\$ 463,445.00
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Student Fee	\$ 18,453.00	\$ 7,887.00	\$ 48,364.50	\$ -	\$ 48,364.50	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 83,480,212.00	\$ 74,409,907.70	\$ 94,503,026.50	\$ 8,717,522.56	\$ 68,605,819.06	\$ 34,964,374.00

Breakdown of Property Tax	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
	\$ 9,217,412.00	\$ 25,746,962.00	\$ 34,964,374.00