

# Ontario School District 8

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## Budget Committee

### Organization, Membership and Terms of Office

The district budget committee will consist of the five members of the Board and electors appointed by the Board as required by law. Terms of the appointed members of a budget committee in a district that prepares an annual budget will be three years each with appointments made so that, as nearly as practicable, the terms of one-third of the members expire each year. The terms shall be staggered so that as near as practicable, one-fourth of the terms of the appointive members end each year. The Board will establish appropriate timelines and procedures for appointment of budget committee members.

A majority of the constituted committee is required for passing an action item. Majority for a 10-member budget committee is six. Therefore, if only six members are present, a unanimous vote is needed for passing an action item.

### Presiding Officer and Orientation of Budget Committee

1. Organization:
  - a. The budget committee will hold its first regular organizational meeting on a day set by the Board;
  - b. A presiding officer shall be elected from among its members at this meeting;
  - c. Such meeting may be prior to or on the date the budget message and document are presented.
2. Background Information:
  - a. The district will provide upon request a budget orientation for committee members;
  - b. Budget committee members will be provided with data for the ensuing year, such as the Board's educational plan, and other pertinent material bearing on the preparation of a school budget.

### Meetings of the Budget Committee

The budget committee shall hold one or more meetings to receive the budget message, the budget document and to provide members of the public with an opportunity to ask questions about and comment on the budget document. The budget committee shall announce the time and place for all such meetings, as provided by law. All meetings of the budget committee are open to the public.

## **Function of the Budget Committee**

It is the function of the budget committee to approve budget estimates for an educational plan previously determined by the Board. No new program should be considered for the budget estimate that has not previously been submitted to the Board and approved as a part of the educational plan. The budget committee will determine levels of spending, but will not determine programs.

## **Final Action**

The budget committee will approve an estimated budget document for submission to the Board.

END OF POLICY

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## **Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 174.130](#)

[ORS 192.610 - 192.710](#)

[ORS 294.305 - 294.565](#)