

**Section 700 – Business Operation**  
**Annual Budget**  
**Budget Adoption Process**

**File: 702.03 – R3**

**BUDGET HEARING AND RESOLUTION CHECKLIST PROCEDURES**

The District shall give notice of the Budget Hearing and the Tax Request Hearing at least 4 days prior to the hearings, including the day of publication, in the newspaper of record and on the newspaper's website, if it has one. The hearing notice shall include the 10 required items as listed in Regulation 702.03R1. The hearings must be held separately from any regularly scheduled meeting. The Tax Request Hearing may be held following the Budget Hearing or on a later date. They shall not be limited by total time although time limits may be set for each speaker. Any member of the public who wishes to speak on the proposed budget statement or tax request must be allowed to address the board for a reasonable amount of time. The board must make at least three copies of the proposed budget statement available to the public and shall make a presentation outlining key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The Board meets to approve and adopt its proposed budget. The budget resolution shall include the 7 required items of information.

If the district's budget will increase its property tax more than the allowable growth percentage, prepare for the Joint Public Hearing by designating one representative to attend and supplying the 8 required information items to the clerk of the county in which the district's central office is located by September 5th. Wait to be notified of the date, time, and location of the Joint Public Hearing.

At the Joint Public Hearing, the presentation shall include the 7 items supplied to the county clerk including the phone number and email address for interested persons to contact the District. Any member of the public shall be allowed to speak at the Joint Public Hearing and shall be given a reasonable amount of time to do so.

The superintendent will ensure the budget is filed with and certified to the county levying board by September 30th as required with attached proof of publication and a copy of the resolution setting the property tax request shall be certified and forwarded to the county clerk by October 15th.