The Approved Board of Education Budget is \$\frac{\\$61,775,694}{\}\$, which represents a \$\frac{2.52\%}{\}\$ increase.

Budget Increases for the Past Five Budget Cycles

Fiscal Year	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	5-Year
						Average
Percentage	1.66%	1.23%	.87%	-0.10%	2.08%	1.15%

Major Operating Budget Guidelines

- Review line items and reallocate funding, based on expenditure history, to fund priority needs.
- Include known costs, and project anticipated contractual settlements, associated with employee contracts.
- Align staffing profiles in accordance with enrollment projections, class size policy, state mandates and programmatic needs.
- Align per pupil core allocation funding levels for students based on projected Pre-K 12 enrollments.
- Where possible, pre-purchase electricity and diesel fuel, while estimating pricing based on the natural gas market.
- Realize efficiencies in the following areas: energy conservation, preventative facilities maintenance, collaborative staffing arrangements with the Town of Madison, participate in purchasing consortiums.
- Prepare for new state guidelines and legislation
- Support and prepare for district reconfiguration to K-5/PreK-5
- Continue to provide the funding for special education services which are outlined in students' individual education plan.
- Include health insurance funding projections

Efforts Funded

Academics - DHHS FabLab Instructional Supplies

Continuation of Advanced Placement Student Support Program (Year 2 of two-year pilot period)

Safety & Security - Continuation of Armed Security previously funded through a special appropriation

Maintenance - Increase annual maintenance funding by \$50,000

Addition of Construction Manager (Funding split 50/50 with the Town)

Budget Challenges/Decreases

- 7 paraprofessional FTE Reduction due to unfilled positions and reduction in force (\$118,832)
- Decrease of approximately 2.6 teaching positions due to declining enrollment and completion of the curriculum writing schedule (\$211,325)
- Decrease in cost of the Early Retirement Program (\$64,534)
- Increase in health insurance costs due to a rise in claims experience \$751,365
- Decrease in debt service (\$544,730)
- Rising cost of electricity, trash and recycling, natural gas, and custodial supplies \$163,666
- Overall budget reduction from the BOF (\$75,000)

Board of Education's Approved 2023-2024 Budget

Summary by Department

Account	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 BOE Approved Budget	Change	Budget Impact
General Education	\$33,898,092	\$34,358,687	\$490,595	0.81%
Special Education/Student Services	\$11,283,637	\$11,756,254	\$472,617	0.78%
School Facilities/Daily Services	\$5,194,958	\$5,495,388	\$300,430	0.50%
Planned and Cycled Maintenance	\$389,500	\$439,500	\$50,000	0.08%
Health Insurance/ Self-Funding	\$7,991,700	\$8,743,065	\$751,365	1.25%
Operational Budget	\$58,757,887	\$60,822,894	\$2,065,007	3.43%
Debt Service / School Bonds	\$1,497,530	\$952,800	(\$544,730)	-0.90%
Total Budget	\$60,255,417	\$61,775,694	\$1,520,277	2.52%