



**2023-2024  
BUDGET  
June 12, 2023**

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# **JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **FY 2023-2024 BUDGET**

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# JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2023-2024

### **BUDGET MESSAGE**

#### **Introduction**

The district provides educational services to students in pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Facilities include five elementary schools, one junior high school, and one senior high school.

#### **The Budget Process**

Developing and maintaining the district's budget is a year round process. The fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends June 30, but work actually begins in the prior year.

Once school has begun in the fall, planning for the following year begins. Preliminary enrollment and staffing projections are made. New or changing expenditure needs are identified in curriculum and student services. The capital project plan is reviewed to identify those major repairs and improvements that may be made in the coming year.

Late in the calendar year, preliminary revenue estimates are formulated. Enrollment, staffing, program changes and major projects listings are reviewed and refined. During the winter months, analysis and revision of all the information gathered continues.

In early spring, enrollment projections and staffing needs, along with program changes are finalized. Teacher contracts for the coming year are printed and distributed.

Preliminary budget information is presented to the Board at the May meeting for discussion. The final budget document is presented at the meeting in June for approval.

The school district budget is a working document that will be constantly reviewed and updated. In future months, the Board will be presented with proposed budget amendments to respond to changing needs.

# JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2023-2024

### **Accounting and Reporting**

The accounts of the district are organized on the basis of legally established funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures on the modified cash basis of accounting. District resources are allocated to, and accounted for, in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The district revenues and expenditures are maintained in four major funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the district and accounts for expenditures for non-certified employees, pupil transportation cost, operation of plant, student body activities, community services, the food service program, and any expenditure not required or permitted to be accounted for in other funds.

The Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund accounts for revenues derived from specific taxes or other earmarked revenue sources. This fund accounts for expenditures for certified employees involved in administration and instruction, and includes revenues restricted by the state and local tax levy allocations for the payment of teacher salaries and benefits.

The General Fund and Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund are collectively referred to as the Operating Fund.

The Debt Service Fund receives revenues from the debt service tax levy and other earmarked revenue sources, and uses those funds to make principal and interest payments on the district's long-term debt. Money in this fund cannot be used for any other purpose.

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for major capital expenditures. Bond proceeds are placed in this fund and can be used only for land acquisition, building construction and other major capital expenditures outlined in the bond issue documents.

# JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2023-2024

### Revenues

#### Property Taxes

Property taxes are based on assessed valuation, which is the value placed on real estate and personal property in the district. By May 31, the county assessor must provide assessed valuation amounts for the year, with updated numbers reported in the summer and fall.

The district's tax levy must be filed with the County Clerk prior to October 1. Before establishing the tax rate, the district is required to conduct a public hearing to allow citizens to be heard on the proposed new rate. Public notice must be made at least seven days prior to the hearing.

This is a reassessment year where the county assigns new values to all residential and commercial property. The district is required to adjust its tax rates to insure total property taxes do not increase more than inflation, which this year is 6.5%. Residential property values increased 44.6 percent, which reduces the tax rate to \$4.9737. Commercial real estate increased 17.0 percent, so the estimated tax rate has been lowered to \$6.0485. The personal property rate remains unchanged at \$5.7934.

The actual tax rate will be calculated in late September, using the most up to date numbers available at that time. Using current data, the 2023-2024 real estate blended tax rate will be \$5.3416 and the breakdown is:

General Fund	\$4.3516
Debt Service Fund	<u>0.9900</u>
Total Tax Levy	<u>\$5.3416</u>

Due to this reassessment, property tax revenue in the General Fund will increase about \$700,000 and the Debt Service Fund will see a \$360,000 increase.

#### Prop C Sales Tax

There is a state-wide 1% sales tax collected that is sent to the State, who redistributes it to school districts on a per pupil basis.

#### State Funding

Most of the funding from the state is based on student attendance and enrollment. This, along with other data, must be reported to the state by June 15.

# JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2023-2024

Prior to the 2006-2007 school year, the state revised their method of funding school districts. The Jennings School District was receiving more money per student under the old formula than the new one. So the district is considered “hold-harmless” and continued to receive the per student amount under the old formula. The hold harmless amount for Jennings is about \$5,607 per student.

The district is paid based on the highest average daily attendance (ADA) number from the current and two preceding years plus the 2023 summer school ADA numbers. These amounts are weighted, or increased, for districts with high free and reduced lunch percentages.

From 2019-2020 to 2021-22, there was a drop of about 200 in the weighted ADA. That decrease has now flowed through to the formula. Therefore, revenue under the formula will be drop over \$1 million.

### Federal Revenue

Federal revenues have increased significantly due to CARES Act funding. Most of these funds are placed in the Special Revenue Fund to pay for certified staff salaries.

### **Expenditures**

Major changes to the 2023-2024 operating budget over the current year include:

- Most employees will receive step raises.
- Employees on the top step will be given a 1 percent increase.
- An 8.0 percent increase in the cost of employee health insurance.
- No significant change in number of staff positions.

### **Fund Balances**

For the 2022-2023 school year, the district is estimating an operating surplus of \$90,886. So the projected end of the year operating fund balance will increase to \$12.3 million, which is about 37 percent of expenditures for the year.

# JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2023-2024

### **Bonded Indebtedness**

In April 2016, voters approved a \$3 million bond issue for additional renovations and improvements. The bonds were sold in July 2016, along with \$5.8 million in refunding bond that were used to retire older higher interest debt.

In April 2020, the district issued \$4.445 million in bonds to refinance older bonds resulting in additional interest savings.

The district's total bonded indebtedness is \$9,495,000. Principal and interest payments are made from the Debt Service Fund. The levy in the Debt Service Fund is sufficient to make the required payments.

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This final budget will be presented for approval from the Board of Education at the June 12, 2023 meeting.

A school district budget is a working document that will be constantly reviewed and updated. During the year, the Board will be presented with proposed budget amendments to respond to changing needs.



# **REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCE**

The first page is a summary of all funds combined, followed by a separate page for each of the individual funds.

**JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUMMARY OF 2023-2024 BUDGET  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCE**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>
Estimated Balance 6-30-2023	11,546,272	697,035	769,825	1,057,247	14,070,379
Revenues	17,153,238	16,265,772	1,468,603	563,750	35,451,363
Expenditures	15,411,911	17,916,213	918,050	528,225	34,774,399
Balances Before Transfers	13,287,599	(953,406)	1,320,378	1,092,772	14,747,343
Transfers	(953,406)	953,406	-	-	-
Budgeted Balance 6-30-2024	12,334,193	-	1,320,378	1,092,772	14,747,343
Operating Funds					
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>90,886</u>				

**FUND BALANCE ANALYSIS - COMBINED GENERAL & SPECIAL FUNDS**

Estimated Balance 6-30-2023	12,243,307
Revenues	33,419,010
Expenditures	33,328,124
Transfers	-
Budgeted Balance 6-30-2024	12,334,193
Balance as a Percent of Expenditures	37.01%

**JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCES  
TOTAL ALL FUNDS**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2020-2021
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Property Taxes	7,692,995	6,573,787	6,506,528	6,845,891
Sales Tax (Prop C)	3,321,200	3,260,174	3,256,454	2,808,024
Other Local	1,501,584	1,221,462	932,592	1,077,096
County	397,339	394,339	418,506	399,209
Basic Formula	13,691,535	14,904,053	14,914,531	14,866,858
Other State	33,218	283,218	47,214	45,048
Federal	8,793,492	9,229,808	9,179,819	3,218,266
Other	20,000	20,000	27,378	6,361
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>35,451,363</b>	<b>35,886,841</b>	<b>35,283,022</b>	<b>29,266,753</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Administration	3,659,295	3,683,449	3,101,553	3,346,240
Instruction	15,879,704	16,443,575	14,919,955	13,370,344
Support Services	4,526,646	4,776,646	3,132,222	3,943,258
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	4,795,419	4,799,919	4,369,969	3,769,109
Transportation	532,396	532,396	206,193	91,821
Food Service	1,829,699	1,828,203	1,675,763	809,705
Community Services	2,144,965	2,159,965	1,821,099	1,687,721
Construction/Renovation	450,000	450,000	847,555	192,902
Debt Service	956,275	1,510,116	1,210,127	1,190,982
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>34,774,399</b>	<b>36,184,269</b>	<b>31,284,436</b>	<b>28,402,082</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>676,964</b>	<b>(297,428)</b>	<b>3,998,586</b>	<b>864,671</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	14,070,379	14,367,807	10,369,221	9,504,550
<b>PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>14,747,343</b>	<b>14,070,379</b>	<b>14,367,807</b>	<b>10,369,221</b>

**JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCES  
GENERAL FUND**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2020-2021
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Property Taxes	6,267,193	5,510,832	4,349,002	3,618,991
Sales Tax (Prop C)	2,075,750	2,037,609	2,035,284	1,755,015
Other Local	785,229	597,293	378,182	552,485
County	328,789	328,789	355,196	222,698
Basic Formula	4,079,222	4,429,513	4,480,098	4,441,718
Other State	33,218	283,218	47,214	45,048
Federal	3,568,837	3,661,995	3,048,299	2,308,259
Other	15,000	15,000	27,378	6,361
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>17,153,238</b>	<b>16,864,249</b>	<b>14,720,653</b>	<b>12,950,575</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Administration	1,810,793	1,834,947	1,654,638	1,560,350
Instruction	2,570,108	2,786,638	2,055,537	1,405,084
Support Services	2,602,226	2,852,226	1,844,013	2,413,353
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	4,795,419	4,799,919	4,369,969	3,769,109
Transportation	532,396	532,396	206,193	91,821
Food Service	1,789,699	1,782,506	1,655,937	809,705
Community Services	1,311,270	1,326,270	1,108,310	987,863
Construction/Renovation	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>15,411,911</b>	<b>15,914,902</b>	<b>12,894,597</b>	<b>11,037,285</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,741,327</b>	<b>949,347</b>	<b>1,826,056</b>	<b>1,913,290</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	<b>(953,406)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,273,887)</b>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>11,546,272</b>	<b>10,596,925</b>	<b>8,770,869</b>	<b>8,131,466</b>
<b>PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>12,334,193</b>	<b>11,546,272</b>	<b>10,596,925</b>	<b>8,770,869</b>

**JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCES  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2020-2021
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Property Taxes	-	-	115,489	2,156,744
Sales Tax (Prop C)	1,245,450	1,222,565	1,221,170	1,053,009
Other Local	165,354	81,961	5,184	10,822
County	18,000	15,000	10,102	151,304
Basic Formula	9,612,313	10,474,540	10,434,433	10,425,140
Other State	-	-	-	-
Federal	5,224,655	5,567,813	6,131,520	910,007
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>16,265,772</b>	<b>17,361,879</b>	<b>17,917,898</b>	<b>14,707,026</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Administration	1,848,502	1,848,502	1,446,915	1,785,890
Instruction	13,309,596	13,656,937	12,864,418	11,965,260
Support Services	1,924,420	1,924,420	1,288,209	1,529,905
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-
Food Service	-	5,697	1,160	-
Community Services	833,695	833,695	712,789	699,858
Construction/Renovation	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>17,916,213</b>	<b>18,269,251</b>	<b>16,313,491</b>	<b>15,980,913</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(1,650,441)</b>	<b>(907,372)</b>	<b>1,604,407</b>	<b>(1,273,887)</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	<b>953,406</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,273,887</b>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>697,035</b>	<b>1,604,407</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>697,035</b>	<b>1,604,407</b>	<b>-</b>

**JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCES  
DEBT SERVICE FUND**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2020-2021
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Property Taxes	1,425,802	1,062,955	1,049,204	1,070,156
Sales Tax (Prop C)	-	-	-	-
Other Local	17,526	8,733	7,105	5,191
County	25,275	25,275	24,548	25,207
Basic Formula	-	-	-	-
Other State	-	-	-	-
Federal	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,468,603</b>	<b>1,096,963</b>	<b>1,080,857</b>	<b>1,100,554</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Administration	-	-	-	-
Instruction	-	-	-	-
Support Services	-	-	-	-
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-
Food Service	-	-	-	-
Community Services	-	-	-	-
Construction/Renovation	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	918,050	1,352,550	924,536	905,042
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>918,050</b>	<b>1,352,550</b>	<b>924,536</b>	<b>905,042</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>550,553</b>	<b>(255,587)</b>	<b>156,321</b>	<b>195,512</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>769,825</b>	<b>1,025,412</b>	<b>869,091</b>	<b>673,579</b>
<b>PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>1,320,378</b>	<b>769,825</b>	<b>1,025,412</b>	<b>869,091</b>

**JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCES  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2020-2021
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Property Taxes	-	-	992,833	-
Sales Tax (Prop C)	-	-	-	-
Other Local	533,475	533,475	542,121	508,598
County	25,275	25,275	28,660	-
Basic Formula	-	-	-	-
Other State	-	-	-	-
Federal	-	-	-	-
Other	5,000	5,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>563,750</b>	<b>563,750</b>	<b>1,563,614</b>	<b>508,598</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Administration	-	-	-	-
Instruction	-	-	-	-
Support Services	-	-	-	-
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-
Food Service	40,000	40,000	18,666	-
Community Services	-	-	-	-
Construction/Renovation	450,000	450,000	847,555	192,902
Debt Service	38,225	157,566	285,591	285,940
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>528,225</b>	<b>647,566</b>	<b>1,151,812</b>	<b>478,842</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>35,525</b>	<b>(83,816)</b>	<b>411,802</b>	<b>29,756</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,057,247</b>	<b>1,141,063</b>	<b>729,261</b>	<b>699,505</b>
<b>PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>1,092,772</b>	<b>1,057,247</b>	<b>1,141,063</b>	<b>729,261</b>

# **SCHEDULE OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**



**JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE  
AS OF JULY 1, 2023**

DATE	Issue 2016		Issue 2020		TOTAL		FISCAL YEAR TOTAL
	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	
Sep-23		88,525		74,500		163,025	
Mar-24	240,000	88,525	350,000	74,500	590,000	163,025	916,050
Sep-24		84,925		67,500		152,425	
Mar-25	395,000	84,925	225,000	67,500	620,000	152,425	924,850
Sep-25		77,025		63,000		140,025	
Mar-26	-	77,025	250,000	63,000	250,000	140,025	530,050
Sep-26		77,025		58,000		135,025	
Mar-27	160,000	77,025	500,000	58,000	660,000	135,025	930,050
Sep-27		74,625		48,000		122,625	
Mar-28	95,000	74,625	600,000	48,000	695,000	122,625	940,250
Sep-28		73,200		36,000		109,200	
Mar-29	275,000	73,200	450,000	36,000	725,000	109,200	943,400
Sep-29		69,075		27,000		96,075	
Mar-30	110,000	69,075	650,000	27,000	760,000	96,075	952,150
Sep-30		67,425		14,000		81,425	
Mar-31	90,000	67,425	700,000	14,000	790,000	81,425	952,850
Sep-31		66,075				66,075	
Mar-32	830,000	66,075			830,000	66,075	962,150
Sep-32		53,625				53,625	
Mar-33	855,000	53,625			855,000	53,625	962,250
Sep-33		40,800				40,800	
Mar-34	880,000	40,800			880,000	40,800	961,600
Sep-34		27,600				27,600	
Mar-35	905,000	27,600			905,000	27,600	960,200
Sep-35		14,025				14,025	
Mar-36	935,000	14,025			935,000	14,025	963,050
TOTALS	5,770,000	1,627,900	3,725,000	776,000	9,495,000	2,403,900	11,898,900
Int. Rates Range	3.00%	4.00%	3.00%	4.00%			