

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
EEO Category: Professional
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SCHOOL BUSINESS EXECUTIVE I

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional business management position located in a school district with less than a 2,000 student population. The incumbent in this position is responsible for supervision and performance of assigned functions, usually including budgeting, purchasing, accounting, and reporting. Activities are carried out in accordance with school district policies under the direction of the chief school officer. The work requires the maintenance of close liaison with instructional and non-instructional department heads. Supervision is exercised over the work of business office and other assigned staff. The incumbent performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Accounting

1. Establishes accounting records and procedures to conform to district policy, state and federal requirements and installs procedures for encumbrance, expense accounting, and distribution of revenues into proper fund accounts.
2. Supervises the collection of revenue by establishing procedures for the district tax collector, treasurer, and assigned personnel.
3. Supervises the maintenance of grant accounts in order to make required reports to funding agencies.
4. Makes fund transfers between accounts to cover unanticipated expenditures.
5. Develops and supervises the maintenance and control of property classification and inventory systems for fixed assets and supplies.

Reporting

1. Supervises preparation and transmits periodic financial reports to appropriate federal and state authorities.
2. Prepares a variety of special reports on district operations at the request of the Board, Superintendent, state and federal agencies.
3. Supervises the preparation of the monthly internal financial reports and explains them to the board.
4. Provides information and staff assistance to the district treasurer for preparation of the annual financial report for the state education department and for public inspection.
5. Directs studies of financial transactions to prepare cost analysis reports for the board.

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Budgeting

1. Reviews and consolidates all budget requests and revenue sources to prepare and develop the budget document.
2. Explains tentative budget to school board, community groups and news media to improve their understanding.
3. Upon notification of an actual or potential change in resources or appropriations, evaluates the current or planned activities of the district, and on the basis of this evaluation recommends to the Board or to the taxpayers those particular budget cuts or supplementary budget cuts or supplementary budget amounts which should be considered by them.

Facilities, Operations, Maintenance, and Safety

1. Directs, through supervisory staff, district facilities operation, maintenance, security, safety activities and a preventive maintenance program.
2. Schedules, reviews, and participates in periodic staff inspections of districts facilities to determine needed improvements, replacements, and correction of safety hazards.
3. Maintains communication links with suppliers of plant services and materials to develop current information for decision making on purchasing and product utilization.

Financial Planning

1. Prepares long and short term financial plans for use by administrators and board who consider educational needs, population projections, plant development plan, staffing needs, and revenue projections.
2. Develops monthly cash flow statement to aid to determining cash available for investment and/or borrowing needs.
3. Determines sources for current temporary borrowing and employs competitive bidding to obtain best interest rates based on repayment conditions and potential for reinvestment of borrowed funds.
4. Determines best available investment instruments and obtains quotations on interest rates considering investment amount, time of investment, prevailing interest rates.
5. Establishes annual calendar of payments on loans to assure availability of funds to meet debt service requirements.
6. Develops plans for long-term borrowing by use of capital notes and/or serial bonds including the preparation of repayment schedules, development of data for bond sale prospectus, and arranging for sale of bonds in cooperation with bond consultants.

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7. Provides fiscal, statistical, and business management information in support of state and federal grant applications for district projects

Food Service

1. Coordinates fiscal management and reporting functions of food service programs through the establishment of a system of controls to assure compliance with federal, state and board requirements.

Insurance Management

1. Develops the district risk management program on the basis of evaluation of exposures and makes recommendations to the board.
2. Maintains an insurance register for ready access to policy information.
3. Periodically audits insurance coverage against inventories, appraisals, liabilities, and replacement cost.

Personnel (Non-Instructional)

1. Directs the maintenance of personnel records to control employee pay, vacation, sick leave, insurance, and retirement files for use in personnel transactions and resolution of personnel transactions and resolution of personnel problems.
2. Delegates and supervises continuous communication with municipal civil service agency for reporting of personnel transactions and to assure conformance with civil service law and rules.
3. Provides financial and other data to a negotiator, negotiating team, fact finder, mediator and arbitrator, before, during and after contract negotiation.
4. Prepares and delivers to instructional and non-instructional employee organization representatives data authorized by the board for use in contract negotiation and administration.

Purchasing and Inventory Control

1. Establishes a calendar of purchasing activities to assure timely ordering and delivery of goods and services.
2. Writes specifications based on requests for supplies, services and equipment, and consultations with users to assure correct vendor delivery of bid and non-bid items.
3. Determines needs for formal bidding, purchases through state contracts sources exempt from bidding law and those obtainable by direct purchase.
4. Directs the issuance of purchase orders to vendors.

5. Assures conformance with specifications by establishing of inspection, receipting and reporting procedure for deliveries from vendors.
6. Uses a file of state contracts and other sources exempt from bidding law to obtain supplies and equipment best available through these sources.
7. Places bid advertising in accordance with law and opens and analyzes bids to determine low bidder conformance to specifications and recommends bid award to board.
8. Interviews vendors to discuss product lines, quality levels, and product availability.

Data Processing

1. Directs and coordinates planning and production activities and establishes data processing policies.
2. Directs and reviews project feasibility studies.
3. Conducts continuous audit of data processing a cost/benefit to determine need for program improvements.
4. Reviews and recommends specifications for data processing contracts with banks, BOCES or other providers.
5. Analyzes district activities and potential activities in terms of cost, and time involved to determine practicality of the use of data processing equipment and personnel.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of accounting methods and budgetary procedures; Thorough knowledge of the techniques of monitoring expenditure of funds; Thorough knowledge of debt and investment management; Good knowledge of business administration procedures; Good knowledge of the techniques of solving financial problems; Good knowledge of the principles of cost analysis; working knowledge of the principles of personnel supervision; Working knowledge of purchasing and inventory practices; Ability to plan and coordinate the work of others; Ability to identify and anticipate financial problems and needs; Ability to readily acquire familiarity with laws, regulations and policies; Ability to identify and set priorities; ability to verbally explain and defend budgets; Ability to interpret financial reports; Skill in organizing and consolidating narrative and tabular information into a clear, logical, fiscal plan, demonstrated skill in communicating effectively both orally and in writing; Skill in human and public relations; Good judgment; Thoroughness; Dependability.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- (A) Possession of Bachelor's Degree including or supplemented by twenty-four (24) semester credit hours in accounting, business education, or business administration **AND** three (3) years of business administration experience which must include accounting and budgeting duties, in which one (1) year of which shall have been in a supervisory capacity; **OR**
- (B) Possession of Associate's Degree in accounting or business administration **AND** five (5) years of business administration experience which must include accounting and budgeting duties, two (2) years of which shall have been in a supervisory capacity; **OR**
- (C) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **AND** seven (7) years of business administration experience which must include accounting and budgeting duties, three (3) years of which shall have been in a supervisory capacity.

NOTE: Degree(s) must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If the degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, the candidate must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. Candidates will be required to pay the evaluation fee.

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