



Budget Workshop #2

Budget & Revenues Update

2025-2026 School Year

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Board of Education Presentation
February 12, 2025

- **Budget Updates**
 - **Administrative & Capital Components**
 - **2025/2026 Preliminary Budget as of 2/12/25**
 - **Revenues – State Aid & Tax Levy**
 - **Overall estimated revenues as of 2/12/25**
- **Budget Status**
- **Voter Propositions for Consideration**
- **Budget Development Timeline**

2025/2026 Budget Updates



Changes & Impact to Overall Preliminary Budget:

- Salaries - ongoing retirements & replacements or attrition
- Teachers' Retirement System Rate finalized
 - rollover had 10% - now 9.59%
- Health Insurance updates
 - Medical – 6.5% rate increase for 907/PPO plans (rollover had +10%)
Rate finalized
 - Prescription drug – CASHIC estimate is 5% rate increase for 907/PPO plans (rollover had +15%)
Rate to be finalized end of March
- Tuition – updated based on private/public placements

2025/2026 Budget Updates



Changes & Impact to Overall Preliminary Budget:

- **BOCES Services**
 - Most rates released – budget updated (includes BOCES Tuition)
Still need cross-contracts (costs from other BOCES)
 - CTE cost increase expected – 5 year average student FTE (31 to 37)
Increased based on average student FTE/cost per student (\$14,436/student)
Impact to Budget, +\$60,115
- **Worker's Compensation Insurance Premium, -\$18,229**
- **Capital Project BAN – estimated principal & interest, +\$20,000**
 - If proposition approved, BAN issued for start up costs
 - BAN first two years, then Serial Bond once project finalized
(Short-term debt → Long-term liability)

2025/2026 Administrative Component



Administrative Budget Highlights:

- General Liability Insurance Premiums – Industry-anticipated increases
- Replacement of Extra Classroom software – discontinue BOCES service and contract direct with new vendor
- 2 Retirement/replacements resulted in budget reduction
- Additional funds set-aside for professional development costs
- BOCES Services – updated known costs

2025/2026 Capital Component



Capital Budget Highlights:

- **Equipment budget** – replacement of aging equipment & building aid eligible equipment
- **2010 Serial Bond paid off** → issue 2026 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) principal & interest cost for capital project start up costs (if referendum passes)
- **Materials & Supplies** – increase in parts cost (currently & expected)
- **BOCES Services** – visitor management system cost incorporated, will be reviewing Health & Safety services vs. billable hours (known cost based on projected hours)

Buildings & Grounds Equipment Requests



Concern – Outdoor Equipment

- ▶ Maintain Equipment Budget
 - Replace Aging Equipment over time - Obsolete parts/ discontinuation of machine(s)
 - Functionality Durability
 - Longevity & Cost-efficiency



Solutions/Proposed Purchases

- ▶ 2nd Ventrac Tractor With Hitch system vs. replacing 2 machines
 - One Ventrac for each school bldg.
 - Use in all seasons
 - Various accessories can be used for both machines
 - Machine & accessories – NYS Contract pricing

Buildings & Grounds Equipment Requests



Proposed Purchases

- ▶ Ventrac System
 - Machine Cost, \$33,000
 - Attachments for Ventrac Tractor
 - Cab (for winter months), \$8,800
 - MJ840 Contour Mower, \$6,200
 - RV602 Vacuum collection system, \$10,000



Buildings & Grounds Equipment Requests



Proposed Purchases

■ Attachments for Ventrac Tractor

- EB480 Aerator, \$3,000
- EC240 Sod Cutter, \$1,000
- KD Snowplow blade, \$3,000



- ▶ Ventrac System
 - Total Cost, \$65,000

Buildings & Grounds Equipment Requests



Proposed Purchases

- ▶ Dump Trailer \$10,000
Bewise DLPX12 Tandem Axle Low Profile Dump Trailer
 - Attaches to Pick up Truck
 - Need when removing or picking up materials & supplies
 - (i.e., ball fields, mulch, etc.)
 - Convenience/time-saving



Buildings & Grounds Equipment Requests



Buildings & Grounds
Equipment Proposal, \$75,000

NYS SAFE Act equipment
(ES Security upgrades – IP Intercom Camera + Phone), \$5,509

Total Equipment Budget, \$80,509
Change of +\$5,009, or +6.63%

2025/2026 Prelim. Budget as of 2/12/2025



Three Part Budget Component- 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget					
Budget Component	PRELIM. BUDGET 2025/2026	APPROVED BUDGET 2024/2025	Change \$	Change %	% of Budget
Administrative	2,246,758	2,216,513	30,245	1.36%	8.92%
Capital	4,039,778	4,194,319	(154,541)	-3.68%	16.04%
Program	18,891,930	18,489,168	402,762	2.18%	75.03%
Total	25,178,466	24,900,000	278,466	1.12%	100.00%

- ▶ Overall Budget \$25,178,466
- ▶ Increase of +\$278,466, or +1.12%

2025/2026 Prelim. Budget as of 2/12/2025



Administrative Component- 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget

Function	Code	2025/2026	2024/2025	Change \$	Change %	% of Admin Component
Board of Education	1099	32,975	33,000	(25)	-0.08%	1.49%
Central Administration	1299	277,025	263,760	13,265	5.03%	11.90%
Finance	1399	389,666	376,366	13,300	3.53%	16.98%
Legal Services	1420	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%	0.23%
Public Information/Printing	1480	118,442	114,379	4,063	3.55%	5.16%
Other Central Services	1670	22,600	22,500	100	0.44%	1.02%
Insurance	1910	113,082	95,524	17,558	18.38%	4.31%
School Association Dues	1920	8,000	8,000	-	0.00%	0.36%
Other Special Items (BOCES Admin. Costs & Bond Expenses)	1989	89,595	82,467	7,128	8.64%	3.72%
Regular School Supervision	2020	465,744	490,238	(24,494)	-5.00%	22.12%
In-Service Education	2070	106,577	82,503	24,074	29.18%	3.72%
Employee Benefits	9098	618,052	642,776	(24,724)	-3.85%	29.00%
Total, Administrative Budget		2,246,758	2,216,513	30,245	1.36%	100.00%

▶ Admin Budget \$2,246,758 Increase of +\$30,245, or +1.36%

▶ Overall Budget \$25,178,466 Increase of +\$278,466, or +1.12%

2025/2026 Prelim. Budget as of 2/12/2025



Capital Component- 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget						
Function	Code	2025/2026	2024/2025	Change \$	Change %	% of Capital Component
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	1699	1,531,689	1,449,262	82,427	5.69%	34.55%
Refund of Taxes	1964	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%	0.02%
Inter-fund Transfer to Capital	9530	100,000	100,000	-	0.00%	2.38%
Employee Benefits	9098	613,711	606,410	7,301	1.20%	14.46%
Debt Service-Serial Bonds	9799	1,793,378	2,037,647	(244,269)	-11.99%	48.58%
Total, Capital Budget		4,039,778	4,194,319	(154,541)	-3.68%	100.00%

- ▶ Capital Budget \$4,039,778 Decrease of -\$154,541, or -3.68%
- ▶ Overall Budget \$25,178,466 Increase of +\$278,466, or +1.12%

2025/2026 Prelim. Budget as of 2/12/2025



Program Component- 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget						
Function	Code	2025/2026	2024/2025	Change \$	Change %	% of Program Component
Legal Services	1429	25,000	25,000	-	0.00%	0.14%
Instruction	2999	11,322,395	11,140,124	182,271	1.64%	60.25%
District Transportation	5599	1,444,685	1,445,758	(1,073)	-0.07%	7.82%
Employee Benefits	9098	6,064,850	5,843,286	221,564	3.79%	31.60%
Inter-fund Transfer to Federal	9530	35,000	35,000	-	0.00%	0.19%
Total, Program Budget		18,891,930	18,489,168	402,762	2.18%	100.00%

To be further examined/reviewed for the March BOE Budget Workshop

- ▶ Program Budget \$18,891,930 Increase of +\$402,762, or +2.18%
- ▶ Overall Budget \$25,178,466 Increase of +\$278,466, or +1.12%

2025/2026 Prelim. Budget as of 2/12/2025



Expenditures at a Glance - 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget

Description	2025/2026 Preliminary Budget	2024/2025 Approved Budget	Change \$	Change %	% of Total Budget
Salaries & Benefits	17,324,069	16,939,758	384,311	2.27%	68.81%
Contractual Services & Tuition	2,663,617	2,380,890	282,727	11.87%	10.58%
BOCES Services	2,456,651	2,604,913	(148,262)	-5.69%	9.76%
Debt Service/ Inter-fund Transfer to Capital	1,893,378	2,137,647	(244,269)	-11.43%	7.52%
Inter-fund Transfer to Federal/Food Service	35,000	35,000	-	0.00%	0.14%
Equipment/Materials & Supplies/Instructional Materials	805,751	801,792	3,959	0.49%	3.20%
Total Budget	25,178,466	24,900,000	278,466	1.12%	100.00%

NOTE: Rollover budget was \$25,456,046 (a decrease of -\$277,580)

School Tax Levy/Property Tax Cap Information



Tax Cap/Tax Levy Limit Info						
	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Tax Levy Limit \$	\$ 9,954,385	\$ 10,053,929	\$ 10,053,929	\$ 10,104,199	\$ 10,255,762	\$ 10,409,598
Increase in \$	\$ 98,558	\$ 99,544	\$ -	\$ 50,270	\$ 151,563	\$ 153,836
Increase in %	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.50%	1.50%	1.50%

- ▶ 2025/2026 Proposed Tax Levy Increase of 1.50% (+\$156,144)
 - Past 6 years under the maximum allowable amount
 - Maximum tax levy amount dependent on tax cap calculation

Tax Levy Limit	\$	10,648,377
IF BOE ADOPTED MAXIMUM	\$	238,779
An increase of		2.29%

Tax Levy Limit	\$	10,565,742
Increase of (\$)	\$	156,144
Increase of (%)		1.50%

Middleburgh Meadows PILOT



- ▶ 15 Year PILOT agreement – 25/26 is Year 9
 - ✓ Formula-driven; can vary slightly each year but actual amount determined by number of unoccupied units ready for sale
 - ✓ \$2,000 per unit for each unit “constructed but not sold”
 - ✓ Part of the Property Tax Cap Calculation (reduces allowable amount)
 - Once units are sold, become part of school tax base / no longer part of the PILOT calculation.
 - The more built but remain unsold, the greater the PILOT amount.

Payments made past two years plus estimated:

- 23/24: \$19,110 (year 7 – estimated 3 units, actual 6 units)
- 24/25: \$15,697 (year 8 – estimated 6 units, actual 2 units)
- 25/26: \$16,653 (year 9 – estimating 2* units)

*anticipated per Schoharie County IDA

2025/2026 Estimated State Aid as of 2/12/2025



STATE AID CATEGORY	2024/2025 APPROVED BUDGET \$	2025/2026 ESTIMATED STATE AID	DIFF IN \$, 24/25 V 25/26	DIFF IN %, 24/25 V 25/26
FOUNDATION AID	\$ 8,507,756	\$ 8,677,911	\$ 170,155	2.00%
TRANSPORTATION AID	\$ 1,502,595	\$ 1,449,323	\$ (53,272)	-3.55%
BUILDING AID	\$ 1,392,607	\$ 1,135,424	\$ (257,183)	-18.47%
HIGH TAX AID	\$ 347,920	\$ 347,920	\$ -	0.00%
BOCES SERVICES	\$ 800,872	\$ 766,061	\$ (34,811)	-4.35%
HIGH COST (PUBLIC) EXCESS COST	\$ 90,943	\$ 120,702	\$ 29,759	32.72%
PRIVATE EXCESS COST	\$ 128,649	\$ 161,608	\$ 32,959	25.62%
HARDWARE AID	\$ 9,203	\$ 8,790	\$ (413)	-4.49%
SOFTWARE AID	\$ 9,752	\$ 9,318	\$ (434)	-4.45%
LIBRARY AID	\$ 4,069	\$ 3,888	\$ (181)	-4.45%
TEXTBOOK AID	\$ 36,341	\$ 36,115	\$ (226)	-0.62%
TOTAL STATE AID	\$ 12,830,707	\$ 12,717,060	\$ (113,647)	-0.89%

- ▶ \$12,717,060
 - Decrease of -\$113,647, or -0.89%
 - 2% Foundation Aid Increase
 - Building Aid reduction due to falling debt (paid off 2010 Serial Bond)

Estimated State Aid
\$ (113,647) Decrease

Key: Expenditure-Driven expense (District projects aid on expenses - to be reviewed for budgeting)

2025/2026 Estimated Revenues as of 2/12/2025



Estimated Revenues - 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget

Description	Estimated 2025/2026	Approved 2024/2025	Change \$	Change %	% of Total Revenues
Appropriated Fund Balance/Reserves	1,149,629	1,149,629	-	0.00%	4.62%
Real Estate Taxes	10,565,742	10,409,598	156,144	1.50%	42.43%
State & Federal Aid	12,777,060	12,890,707	(113,647)	-0.88%	51.31%
Local Sources/Other Revenues	309,153	350,066	(40,913)	-11.69%	1.24%
Inter-fund Transfer from Debt Service Fund	100,000	100,000	-	0.00%	0.40%
Total, Estimated Revenues	24,901,584	24,900,000	1,584	0.01%	100.00%

Highlight = Further Review needed

Current 2025/2026 Budget Outlook



2024/2025

Approved Budget \$24,900,000

Preliminary Budget, \$25,178,466 (+\$278,466)

Estimated Revenues*, \$24,901,584 (+\$ 1,584)

**Tax Levy at +1.5%, State aid as presented, all other sources remain at 2024/2025 amounts.
Full review of revenues by the March BOE budget workshop.*

Budget Shortfall, -\$ 276,882

as of February 12, 2025

NOTE: *Rollover budget shortfall was -\$403,315*

2025/2026 Budget Development



Adjustments Still to do before finalizing Tentative budget in April:

- Budget Requests/requisitions - i.e., software/subscriptions, materials & supplies, contractual
- BOCES Services - Based on anticipated services/contracts/ subscriptions
- Out-of-district placements (tuition) – Finalize actual & anticipated placements
- Instructional Materials - To reflect maximum state aid
- Benefits – Rx rate to be finalized
- Fund Balance Projection – finalized appropriated FB amount
- Appropriated Reserves – determine reserve(s)/amount(s)
- Analyze state aid (legislative budget) & other/local revenue sources

Voter Propositions for Consideration



- ▶ School Bus Purchase - Total cost not to exceed \$484,000
 - As per Bus Replacement Plan – diesel engine buses
 - 2-65 passenger buses with Luggage Compartments
 - 1-30 passenger Wheelchair bus (**see *Wheelchair Bus* handout for more information**)

- ▶ Capital Project/Capital Reserve Proposition
 - \$8 Million total project cost
 - Withdrawal \$2.1M from 2023 Capital Reserve for no additional tax impact
 - Ability to continue funding reserve for next project after withdrawal (additional \$2M through 2033)
 - Anticipate a capital project every 5 years to maintain/upgrade buildings & grounds

- ▶ Repair Reserve Transfer
 - Per Reserve/Fund Balance plan - Reserve balance as of 12/31/2024, \$421,011
 - Transfer not to exceed \$600,000 (voter approval required/actual amount TBD by BOE)
 - Funds set-aside for one-time unanticipated repair expenditures

Budget Development Calendar 2025/2026



Meeting Date	Topic	Agenda Details
March 12th	Budget Workshop #3	Estimated Revenues Program Component Preliminary Budget & scenarios (if applicable) Fund Balance Projection for 6/30/25
April 9th	Budget Workshop #4	Review Proposed Budget & Estimated Revenues Approve Tentative Budget & Proposition(s) for Voter approval
April 21 st	Deadline to file Proposition/ Petition(s)	Due to District Clerk by 5 pm (2 BOE seats expire 6/30/2025)
April 23 rd	BOCES Annual Vote & Tentative Budget/proposition(s) Vote* <i>*If vote not completed on the April 9th BOE Meeting</i>	
May 7th Public Hearing	Annual Budget Hearing/BOE Election Information	
May 20th 12 pm – 9 pm	Annual Budget/Proposition Vote & BOE Election	