

BUDGET INFORMATION IN THE COMMUNITY:

Learn more about the proposed school budget by attending community budget presentations in each of the local towns. School district representatives will present information and answer questions from interested residents at 6:30 pm on May 2nd at the Ballston Town Hall, May 9th at the Milton Community Center or May 11th at the Malta Community Center. Or attend a “Drop-in Session”, at the District Office, 70 Malta Avenue, on May 9th from 4:00 – 5:30 pm for an informal discussion with the Superintendent. In addition, please call the district’s budget hotline with specific questions for the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 884-7195 ext. 1320. Questions and comments may also be sent via the district website at www.bsbsd.org.

LEARN MORE

May 2 at 6:30 pm, Budget Presentation,
Ballston Town Hall

May 4 at 6:30 pm, Mandated Budget Hearing,
High School Library

May 9 from 4-5:30 pm, Drop-In Session,
Superintendent’s Office

May 9 at 6:30 pm, Budget Presentation,
Milton Community Center

May 10 at 7:00 pm, Meet the BOE Candidates
Night, High School Library

May 11 at 6:30 pm, Budget Presentation,
Malta Community Center

SCHOOL PRIDE DAY:

The annual SCHOOL PRIDE DAY will be held on May 17, 2016 concurrently with the school district vote. Student artwork and projects will be on display at the High School and at the Malta Town Hall throughout the day. The Middle School and High School Student Art Show will be held at the High School along with student musical performances in the cafeteria and old fashioned Ice Cream Social.

The annual Penny Harvest grant presentations will be held at 6:15 pm, followed by a High School Spring Concert at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. All performances are free and open to the public.

A community wide barbeque is also being sponsored by the Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the High School for dine-in or take-out. Additional information and tickets are available in school and district offices. Come join the festivities and enjoy dinner while hearing the student performances.



Ballston Spa Central School District



***Continuing Our Commitment to
Academic Excellence***

An Overview of the 2016–2017 Budget Proposal & Board of Education Elections



VOTE

Tuesday

May 17, 2016

7:00 am - 9:00 pm

Ballston Spa High School Library

(for Charlton, Ballston, &
Milton residents)

&

Malta Town Hall

(for Malta residents)

CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

The Board of Education recently approved a proposed budget of \$88,459,730 for the 2016-2017 school year after many discussions throughout the budget development process during the past several months. The fiscal plan sustains our investment in teaching and learning and supports our budget and district goals while containing costs through attrition and efficiency. Advanced and support opportunities continue to grow, including 18 additional courses available for college credit at the High School and math support classes and labs at the Middle and High Schools.

Expanded partnerships with Proctors and SPAC will provide new pilot courses in Digital Media and Dance, with our teachers working side by side with industry professionals. The adopted budget also includes support for all current district wide co-curricular and extra-curricular programs at all levels, and maintains the facilities planning and improvement process to complete capital improvement projects.

As the second proposition on the ballot (the budget is first), we are asking for voter approval to continue facilities renovation projects at the Middle and High Schools, reinvesting cost savings from the current projects. The district is proposing to restore the north parking lot at the Middle School (adjacent to the tennis courts), add public restrooms to the old bus garage next to the stadium field, along with other athletic improvements including installing dugouts at the Varsity Softball Field, renovating the Middle School Weight Room to create a cardio space and equipment for the High School Weight Room.

Additional information and further budget details are located on the district website in the 2016-2017 Budget Planning section of the Board of Education webpage.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

The adopted budget reflects a 2.4% budget increase, and a 1.9% tax levy increase, with a 0.9% average tax rate increase across the district (tax rates are set in August).

Residents are encouraged to learn more about the proposed budget and the school board election before the statewide budget vote on May 17, 2016. Several budget information sessions are scheduled before the vote, including a budget hearing and informational sessions in the community.

“The district has prepared a budget that supports our educational goals, maintains all extra-curricular and co-curricular programming and provides strong academic programs and opportunities for the children in our community.”

Joseph P. Dragone, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools.

For additional information, please visit
our website

www.bsccd.org

or call our Business Office
at 884-7195 ext. 1320

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT:

In addition to the school budget (which is Proposition I on the ballot) voters will consider the following separate propositions:

Proposition II: Capital Improvement Plan

The district will renovate and reconstruct various buildings, including site work at the Middle and High Schools at a maximum cost of \$1,100,000.

Proposition III: School Vehicle Replacement

The district will spend up to \$788,000 to purchase and replace school buses and vehicles.

Proposition IV: Ballston Spa Public Library

The district will be authorized to collect and contribute \$54,610 towards the expense of operating the public library.

Proposition V: Ballston Area Recreation Commission

A contribution of \$28,000 will be collected and provided to the area recreation commission to support the operations, including Saturday school and summer programs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS:

Three seats are available on the Board, each for a three-year term, commencing in July 2016. Interested voters will select from the following candidates at the polls: Sue Filburn, Dottie Sellers and Katie Thimineur.

A **Meet the Candidates Night** will be held in the Ballston Spa High School Library on May 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm so voters may hear from the candidates directly in a program coordinated by students from our Participation in Government classes.