

**Board of Education Meeting  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022  
High School Library  
6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Matthew Dreher, Arrived 6:50 p.m.  
Wayne Evans, Jr.  
Jason Fernau  
Lawrence Ryan  
Dorothy Sellers  
Katie Whittemore  
Timothy Turbiak

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent of Schools  
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jason Fernau called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET**

Mr. Slentz stated the presentation would be an extension of previous presentations that would include required elements. He stated Mr. Sirianni would give concrete specific examples of tax rates and tax bills when there is a change in equalization rates in a town. Mr. Slentz reminded everyone Districts establish the levy, and towns set the rates.

Mr. Slentz discussed the 2022-2023 District budget. He discussed the ongoing development and implementation of academic and social emotional learning across all four elementary education schools. He stated there was ongoing development and implementation of a common set of responses and actions to students not meeting academic or behavioral expectations at each grade level.

Mr. Slentz discussed the mental health staffing in each of the schools including Spa Academy. He discussed the expansion of program options for students that qualify for special education services. He discussed the ongoing development and implementation of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years/Program for grades 6-8. He discussed the ongoing expansion of High School pathways to graduation across a continuum of student interest and need.

Mr. Slentz discussed a fully staffed music and art programs at all buildings. He also discussed interscholastic sports options for all three sport seasons.

Mr. Sirianni shared the total budget and the components of General Support, Instruction, Transportation, and Undistributed elements.

The functional area of Instruction was highlighted and explained. Mr. Sirianni shared current and next year figures and changes.

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Mr. Sirianni discussed the revenues included for the District including property taxes, PILOTS, State Aid, tuitions/Federal Aid, miscellaneous, and fund balance. He explained changes in the Malta equalization has created a loss in PILOT money from Global Foundries. Mr. Sirianni shared the Global PILOT assessment schedule through 2029. He discussed the potential of the new building coming to Global Foundries and the potential revenue.

Mr. Sirianni shared a breakdown of the State Aid revenue including Foundation, BOCES, excess cost, categorical, transportation and building aid. Mr. Sirianni shared a State Aid as percent of total revenue, and shared historical information.

Mr. Sirianni shared the projected tax rates of each of the towns. Mr. Sirianni discussed the apportionment to towns and the setting of the rates. He shared the projected level of assessment/equalization rate for each of the towns. Mr. Sirianni explained how equalization rates change. Mr. Sirianni explained impact on apportionment and equalization rates.

Mr. Fernau offered a statement that the District was providing a good environment and being a good employer for everyone. He stated the District was trying to balance everything. He reminded everyone the Ballston Spa School District has maintained a constant percentage increase from year to year.

Mr. Slentz reminded everyone all documents would be available for further explanation on the website.

Everyone was reminded The Reader would go out next week with budget information.

Ms. Sellers stated many hours had gone into balancing the budget to make sure students got what they needed for a balanced education. She stated Mr. Sirianni and his team always do an excellent job.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUDGET**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jason adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board