

**Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 27, 2020  
District Office  
6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Chris Farnan - teleconference  
Jason Fernau - teleconference  
Melissa Glastetter - teleconference  
Lillian McCarthy - teleconference  
Jeanne Obermayer - teleconference  
Michael O'Donnell - teleconference  
Dorothy Sellers- teleconference

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dorothy Sellers called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 pm, and then explained the purpose of the meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED FY2021 BUDGET**

Kenneth Slentz started by explaining that tonight's presentation would be similar to the last meetings presentation and also he directed the public to the District's website for more information. He then began the presentation by reviewing the current difficulties during the pandemic, and discussing the mission and vision of the District. He also discussed the concept of students getting a meaningful diploma. He discussed the priorities set by the District earlier in the current school year.

Mr. Slentz then discussed the context in which the budget was being developed. He reviewed what makes this year's budget development unique. He further focused on state aid and the fall reopening of school. He reviewed staff reductions included in the budget and what reductions are anticipated in the fall. He then turned the presentation over to Mr. Sirianni.

Mr. Sirianni began by discussing operational cost cutting measures associated with utilities and revenue enhancements. He discussed the four parts of the budget. He pointed out that the total budget was increasing by 1.3%. Then, starting with General Support, he reviewed each section in more detail.

Mr. Sirianni next reviewed the District's projected revenue. In particular, he discussed the PILOT funding, tuition revenue, interest earnings, and state aid. He discussed how important state aid is as it is 31% of total revenue.

Mr. Sirianni discussed the Tax Levy Cap Calculation. He shared the allowable Tax Levy Cap of 6.7% in comparison to the recommended Tax Levy of 3.5%. He stated that traditionally the District

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has not used all of the allowable levy and stated the practice would be maintained with the recommended levy.

Mr. Sirianni discussed the Global PILOT assessment schedule, the growth of the District's tax base, and the impact of this on tax rates. He shared the projected tax rates and changes for each of the towns. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Slentz.

Kenneth Slentz discussed the timeline for the budget vote and board elections. He stated the budget vote and the election would be held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated voting would occur by mail in ballot or drop box only. He stated all ballots must be received by 5:00 on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated all voters must be registered with the county, or register on Voter Registration Day, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Slentz stated that much more information was available on the District's website. He also stated the residents could call the District Office with questions.

Ms. Sellers thanked everyone who worked on the budget and asked for a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY, Jeanne Obermayer seconded by Lillian McCarthy to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board