

# **Budget Development Process**

## November/December 2024

Distribute Budget Worksheets

January 21, 2025

- Presentation #1:
  - → Review of the Budget Process
  - → Long Term Planning
  - → Recap of Reserves

# **School Budgeting Process**

### **Roll Over Based Budgeting**

- Each account code is based on the prior years budget amount
- District Goals/Priorities
- Program proposals are reviewed along with costs and results
- Each administrator must justify their expenditures (Facilities, Building Principals, IT, Athletics)

# **Known Budget Increases**

Health Insurance increase

25-26 – 8.5% (estimated – East End Health Plan)

## Retirement System

24-25 - TRS current rate 10.11%

25-26 - TRS rate (estimated) 10%

(Updated bulletin to be issued in Feb.)

24-25 - ERS current rate 15.2%

25-26 - ERS rate 16.5%

# **Known Budget Increases**

- New York State Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) 25-26 - Estimated 15% increase (Same as in 24-25)
- Capital Project \$17 million dollar Bond Principal and Interest (20 Year) Long-term Loan

25-26 – Estimated only interest @ 4.25% rate due to our excellent Moody's credit score – subject to change and increase.

### Sunrise Bus

25-26 Contractual Increase – Based on CPI% (New amount announced end of February.

Currently @ 3.9%

## Reserves

- Reserves provide a mechanism to save money for a specific purpose in the future
- Helps provide financial stability
- Continue to utilize reserves as revenue streams
- Authorized by General Municipal, Education Law and Board Policies
- Most reserves are funded by budgetary surplus

## **Reserve Funds**

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Reserve Fund Type	Need voter approval to fund	Need voter approval to expend	Purpose
Retirement Contribution (TRS)	No	No	Funds employer retirement contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS).
Retirement Contribution (ERS)	No	No	Funds employer retirement contributions to the Employee Retirement System (ERS).
Property Loss and Liability	No	No	Once established, fund may not be reduced below estimated liability
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	No	No	Funds retirement payouts and contributions, as authorized by Board resolution. Fund established by budget appropriation or reserve fund transfer.

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Capital			Funds construction projects and major capital expenditures, etc.
(§ 3561)	Yes	Yes	Amount, duration, and purpose for the fund must be voter approved.
			Funds repairs. Before expenditure, proposed repairs must be
Repairs	Yes	No	disclosed at a public hearing, except in emergencies. Funds for
			emergencies must be repaid to reserve fund in two years.
Workers'			Funds compensation and other benefits and payment for
Compensation	No	No	administering self-insurance program.
Unemployment			Reimburses State Unemployment Insurance for claims made by
Insurance	No	No	former employees
Insurance			Funds liability, casualty, and other types of losses. No more than 5%
Reserve	No	No	of budget may be set aside on an annual basis

- **Financial Information** Unassigned Fund Balance: the amount of money the district may keep in the bank without designating it for a specific \* purpose. Capped at 4% of budget.
- Appropriated Fund Balance: set aside to reduce subsequent tax levy \*
- General Fund surplus:(deficit) revenues less expenditures \*

	6/30/18	6/30/19	6/30/20	6/30/21	6/30/22	6/30/23	6/30/24
Unassigned Fund Balance (4%)	758,996	774,112	800,495	816,403	865,098	948,395	1,015,000
Appropriated Fund Balance(Assigned to 6/30/2023 Budget)	440,000	440,000	456,600	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000
General Fund Surplus (Assigned to our Reserves - Includes Earned Interest)	340,631	334,904	396,140	548,950	1,880,194	705,494	2,026,993

## Reserves

Reserve	Balance 6/30/23	Out (Spent)	In (Replenished) Including Int.	Increase/ (Decrease)	Balance 6/30/24
Capital*	1,983,995		866,006	2,850,000	2,850,000
Repair	1,053,547	500,000	1,296,453	1,850,000	1,850,000
Insurance	55,909		5,955	61,864	61,864
Property Loss	38,381		23,405	61,786	61,786
Retirement-ERS	734,132	185,300	38,640	587,472	587,472
<b>Retirement-TRS</b>	488,333		25,701	514,034	514,034
Workers' Comp	256,940		13,523	270,463	270,463
Unemployment	122,791		6,462	129,253	129,253
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	1,192,540		62,762	1,255,302	1,255,302
Total	5,926,572	685,300	2,338,909	2,437,475	7,580,174

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Capital*	850,250	1,100,505	1,457,394	1,045,682	1,656,130	1,983,995	2,850,000
Repair	632,518	525,703	536,045	597,999	1,098,266	1,113,054	1,850,000
Insurance	32,997	21,964	21,969	21,974	54,984	55,909	61,864
Property Loss	Incl. above	11,042	11,045	11,046	37,746	38,381	61,786
<b>Retirement-ERS</b>	530,543	536,702	556,863	560,002	879,309	734,135	587,472
<b>Retirement-TRS</b>	N/A	140,000	240,042	340,102	480,253	488,334	514,034
Workers' Comp	293,331	277,418	277,501	267,571	252,689	256,940	270,463
Unemployment	36,198	36,209	64,220	70,727	120,759	122,791	129,253
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	1,242,375	1,192,747	944,059	725,793	976,116	1,192,540	1,255,302
Total	3,618,212	3,842,290	4,109,138	3,640,896	5,556,252	5,986,079	7,580,174

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# **Budget Vote Upcoming**

### January (Late) 2025

Meetings with Department Heads to Review Budget Proposals

### February 11, 2025

Presentation #2:

Provide Board with Draft of Line by Line
General Support, Operation & Maintenance, Security, Utilities,
Transportation, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, Fund Transfers &
Capital Expenditures

# **Budget Vote Upcoming**

### March 18, 2025

- Presentation #3:
  - Curriculum & Instruction (Admin)
  - Staffing Analysis
  - Expenses and Revenues Update
  - Tax Cap & Budget Expense and Revenue Overview

### April 23, 2025

- Presentation #4:
  - **Budget Adoption**
  - Anticipated Floyd Memorial Library Budget Presentation

# **Budget Vote Upcoming**

- May 13, 2025
  - Presentation #5:
     Budget Hearing
- May 20, 2025
  - Budget Vote & Election