

2020-2021 Budget Calendar and School Board Election

November 10, 2020

- Board of Education approves the Budget Calendar

November 2020 – January 2021

- Administration reviews and modifies current and projected enrollment, staffing, and budget assumptions regarding State Aid, retirement increases and health insurance increases

December 2020

- Multi-Year Finance Plan is updated

December 8, 2020

- Presentation: CSE/CPSE Trends & Projections - Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Polly Tavernia & Director of Pupil Personnel Nick Pepe

January 12, 2021

- Board examines the multi-year finance plan in public session to receive input from the public
- Discussion of prospective NYS Aid, Federal Aid and TRS & ERS retirement rates
- The Board receives an interim report on the budget development process to date, and discusses prospective tax cap, positions, and proposals associated with State Aid.
- Preliminary Tax Cap Limit calculation for discussion - Business Manager Parliament

February 9, 2021

- Superintendent presents Budget progress report to Board of Education
- Property tax base growth factor is established by the commissioner of Taxation and Finance on or about February 15. The BoE established a Tax Cap for the simple majority vote and is submitted the next day to the State Comptroller and the Commissioner of Education and Taxation and Finance by the District Treasurer.
- The Superintendent and Board discuss the budget development progress, and any/all areas in the budget that may be affected to reach the guidelines.
- Board establishes the spending and fund balance guidelines to be used by the Superintendent in development of a proposed budget.
- Administration presents preliminary forecast in the areas of: Enrollment, Scheduling, Buildings & Grounds, Transportation, Staffing, and Fund Balance Projections.

- The Superintendent presents a progress report on the budget development including potential areas affected to meet the guidelines.

March 1, 2021

- School districts must submit any information necessary for the calculation of the tax levy limit to the State Comptroller, and the Commissioners of Education and Taxation and Finance.

March 9, 2021

- The BoE establishes the acceptable tax levy limit either within or outside of the “Tax Cap” calculation by a simple majority vote and this submitted the next day to the State Comptroller and the Commissioner of Education and Taxation and Finance by the District Treasurer. Board exams draft contingency (adversity) budget and growth budget
- Health Insurance Rates

March 30, 2021 - April 3, 2021

- Districts must publish first of four legal notices of budget vote and board election, (i.e. 4 times during the 7 weeks (49 days) preceding the date of the election, the first notice being published not later than 45 days before the election). (The 45th day before the election falls on Saturday, April 3rd. If newspaper(s) of general circulation will publish the first legal notice on Saturday, April 3rd this complies with the deadline. However, better practice probably would be to publish on or before Friday, April 2, 2021, but not before Tuesday, March 30th - the 49th day before the election). Publication on Monday, April 5, 2021 probably also is permissible pursuant to Gen. Constr. Law §25-a 1).

Weeks of March 30, 2021 - April 10, 2021

- Board and community will receive electronic Budget Update on April 1st including NYS Legislative Aid Revenue Results (If a NYS Budget is agreed to.)

April 13, 2021

- Superintendent provides budget progress and revenue forecast updates (including adversity & growth)

April 19, 2021

- 1. School Board Candidate Nominating Petitions Due in the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. 30 days before election.
- 2. Voter submitted petitions (for propositions other than those required to be included in the notice of annual meeting) must be submitted 30 days before the vote. (30th day before election falls on Sunday, April 18th; therefore, Gen. Constr. Law controls and petitions are due on Monday, April 19th).

April 20, 2021

- Date for drawing by District Clerk for determination of order for listing Board candidates on ballot or voting machine.

April 22, 2021

- Voting on CEWW vacant board seats and tentative administrative budget
- Board of Education is mandated to adopt the proposed spending plan for voter consideration

April 23, 2021

- Report Card filed online with SED and transmitted to Press-Republican

May 4, 2021

- District must complete budget at least seven (7) days before public hearing

May 4-18, 2021

- Detailed Proposed Budget Statement and required attachments available and will be mailed to residents upon request and e-mailed to BCSD subscriber list (during the 14 days before vote and on day of vote)

May 11, 2021 Location: Learning Theater Time: 7:00 p.m.

- Budget Hearing

May 12, 2021

- Deadline for Mailing “Budget Notice” (6 days before vote).

May 17, 2021

- Set-up and inspection of election machines

May 18, 2021 Location: Learning Theater Time: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- Annual Budget Vote

Voter Registration: Registration will take place at the District Office, 197 Haynes Road between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Deadline to register to vote is May 11, 2021.

Absentee Ballots: Deadline to return an absentee ballot is May 18, 2021 by 5:00 pm.

Timeline - 2021 Budget Re-Vote

May 25- June 1

- Budget must be completed at least seven days prior to the budget hearing at which it is to be presented

June 1

- Deadline for Publication of the first of two required legal notices prior to budget re-vote

June 8

- Publication of second and final legal notice prior to budget re-vote

June 1-8

- Public Hearing to present budget 7-14 days prior to the re-vote

June 1-15

- Copies of the budget, together with attachments required by law, must be made available, upon request, to district residents during the fourteen days immediately preceding the re-vote (as well as at the public hearing on the re-vote, and on the day of the re-vote). Moreover, if changes have been made to the budget that was defeated by the voters on the first vote, copies of the budget disseminated prior to a re-vote must incorporate changes.

June 9

- Deadline for mailing “Budget Notice” (6 days before re-vote)

June 15

- Uniform Budget Re-vote Date

No district is compelled to hold a budget re-vote, but if it does, it must be held on the third Tuesday in June, unless the Commissioner of Education, at the request of the school district, certifies no later than March 1st that such vote would conflict with religious observances, in which case the revote must be held (if at all) on the second Tuesday in June.