BoE Budget Workshop

Continued Discussion:

Revenues/Expenditures & State Aid Cuts

March 11, 2024

GWLUFSD Budgeting Overview
March 2024

Revenues	Budget (Expenditures)	If/Then & Other
Tax Levy Limit 4.27% - simple majority (>4.27, need 60%) GWL historical 2% Every $100,000 = 0.57 tax levy State Aid Proposed Foundation Aid Reduction $1.84M 24-25 ↓$920,000 25-26 ↓$920,000 (permanent) Potential **1 Time Use** Options *(Use it, lose it, never return)* Pandemic Gap Elimination $1.35M Liability Reserve $1M *adds $60000 to budget yearly to insure Reserve for Tax Certiorari $670,000 Retirement TRS Reserve $539,000 Unemployment $140,000	Ten Year Average Increase $700,000 (minus GAP Elimination years) $700000 = 3.99 tax levy Have been supplementing w/ reserves and each year's variance balance	Adding Teachers Per Teacher $150,000 (Salary, benefits, other) 0.86 tax levy +1 Elem* Tchr - COVID Grant Funded Tchr +3 Elem* Tchr – To get three per grade level and keep all current programs (Spanish, PLTW, RtI, TOSA) = $600,000 or 3.43 tax levy +1 Teaching Assistant, SpEd $100000 (0.57 tax levy) Admin Restructure Proposal If eliminate a district level position, there would have to be an administrator over that dept, increasing another admin's salary. A TOSA would then need to be hired, plus a lower level administrator. This would result in higher cost the district. Unanticipated Interest Earnings during 23-24 $600,000 extra (projected) These funds usually used for EOY 1 time purchases/projects

* Elem Teacher- defined by certification. PreK-6th grade teacher. NOT building assignment

Already adding 1 Teaching Assistant 23-24, which will need to be an added to the 24-25 budget

Scenario 1: Flat Aid Rate for 24-25, Average Increase to Budget, (current ask is to hold harmless for 24-25 and then create a 3-5 (more?) year planned reduction	Scenario 2: Aid Cut at full proposed amount of $920000, Average increase to budget
Year 1 (24/25) 3.99 (average ACTUAL budget levy equivalent increase) +0.57 (+1 teaching assistant) 4.56 - 2.00 (to tax payer, if that stays Board's limit) 2.56 ($450,000) - need to find / use PGE or other 1 time Year 2 and beyond: Plan once know the actual cut plan from state. *There are very few upcoming eligible retirees in positions where backfilling is not required. Attrition will **NOT** be enough.* *Reductions to budget will become a must and reliance on tax levy.*	Year 1 (24/25): Use interest earnings ($600000) + ~$30000 PGE Line Minimal EOY purchases, must now do all EOY items w/in budget (unless use other one time funds become available) Examine all expenditures for necessity 3.99 (average ACTUAL budget levy equivalent increase) +0.57 (+1 teaching assistant) 4.56 -4.27 to tax payer (tax levy limit) 0.29 (find ~$51,000) Then, minimally, establish own three year cut plan*: 30% of $1.8M each year $600000 in 25-26 $600000 in 26-27 $600000 in 27-28 *This plan we use all one-time funds, there is nothing left by end of 27-28. For 28-29 onward, the District relies solely on tax levy increases.
Neither of the above scenarios include adding the CoVid Grant Teaching Salary to the Budget (another 0.86 tax levy) Before move forward with Scenario 1 or 2 or other, think about this.....	
The cuts to aid ARE COMING. How do we lessen the impact over time? AND....How do we plan for unpredictability, minimize impact, and also ensure financial solvency over time/not end up with sole reliance on tax levy in 3-5 years? The state's response to assistance needed will be to regionalize school districts. If you don't want that, start making changes to your system now. (NYSED advice @ NYSCOSS 3/5/24)	

Considerations When Thinking about Reduction Possibilities:

- Retirement eligibility
- Which positions must be replaced which don't

In each scenario, what do we do about funding one time EOY purchases and smaller projects and no longer be able to?

WE MUST THINK ABOUT LONG TERM HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT NOW

Proposed End of Year Funds / Budget Additions

Curriculum & Instruction	
Charter bus services for field trips/student activities $16,116 (3 trips)	~~Pre K Classroom~~
Staffing / Class Sizes Discussions / Enrollment & Birth Rate	
Safety & Security	
ES Fire Alarm Upgrade $329,158	~~Clocks/Speakers/Speaker & Clock combo $88,530~~
~~Lockdown strobe lights/marquees @ doors $79,430~~	Camera Surveillance for Transportation Depo
Transportation	
*Electric Bus Mandate	
Buildings & Grounds	
MS Gym, Cafetorium, Music room duct cleaning $13,500	~~Blacktop Sealer & Line striping (2022) $36,359 + 12,150~~ ***move to 2025***
MS MultiPurpose Room ceiling sound baffles $27,500	
Other	
Review organizational structure, desire for continuity, opportunities for movement	Contract negotiations SRPs
Potential Income: Before/ After School Program	~~Contract negotiations Custodial Unit~~

Decision Time: Without knowledge of what state will do

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Next Steps:



Rollover budget as the basis for the new spending plan

Determine what we can economize on from our existing budget.

Mar 19	Committee Mtg	Detail of GWL Budget
Apr 3	BoE Workshop	First Draft of Budget
Apr 18	BoE Mtg	Final Budget Adoption/BOCES Budget Vote
		Property Tax Report Card
May 14		Public Hearing
May 21	BoE Mtg	Budget Vote & Election

Thank You!