2024-2025 Budget Discussion
Board of Education Meeting
April 16, 2024
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SCSD Annual Budget Cycle Starts July 1st

**Evaluate**
- Assess Budget Data to Use in the Subsequent Year's Budget Planning Process

**Planning**
- Review Revenue & Expenditure Projections
- Monitor Budget Status

**Preparation**
- Develop School, Department, and District-wide Budget
- Obtain Stakeholder Input (School Faculty/Staff, PTA Council, Citizens’ Finance Committee, etc.)

**Monitor**
- Track Budget Process
- Monitor Revenues and Expenditures

**Implementation**
- Execute Adopted Budget

**Review and Coordinate**
- Compile Insights
- Prioritize Budget Desires
- Prepare Recommended Budget

**Adoption**
- BoE Adoption
- BoE Public Hearing
- Budget and Trustee Vote - May 21, 2024
2024-2025 Annual Budget

Revenues
- Property Taxes
- State Aid
- Sales Tax

Expenses
- Salaries & Benefits
- Transportation
- Debt Service
## 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2023-2024 Budget</th>
<th>Proposed 2024-2025 Budget</th>
<th>Annual $ Change</th>
<th>Annual % Change</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>School District Budget</strong></td>
<td>$106,228,824</td>
<td>$110,810,731</td>
<td>$4,581,907</td>
<td>4.31%</td>
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<td><strong>Use of Fund Balance/Reserves/Debt Service Transfer</strong></td>
<td>$538,256</td>
<td>$1,688,256</td>
<td>$1,250,000</td>
<td>285.22%</td>
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<td><strong>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</strong></td>
<td>$109,919</td>
<td>$113,216</td>
<td>$3,297</td>
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<td><strong>Revenues – Non-Property Taxes</strong></td>
<td>$18,865,568</td>
<td>$19,802,537</td>
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<td>4.97%</td>
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<td><strong>Tax Levy</strong></td>
<td>$86,715,081</td>
<td>$89,106,722</td>
<td>$2,391,641</td>
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<td><strong>Estimated Tax Rate</strong></td>
<td>$180.68</td>
<td>$187.62*</td>
<td>$6.94</td>
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*Tax rate is not set until August when assessments are finalized by the Town. Tax certiorarís that are settled between now and August could impact the tax rate.*
Proposed Revenue and Expenses

**2024-2025 Anticipated Revenue**
- Property Taxes including STAR:
  - $89,106,722 (80.41%)
- State Aid:
  - $15,387,729 (13.89%)
- County Sales Tax:
  - $2,040,000 (1.84%)
- Interest Income and Other Revenue:
  - $2,588,024 (2.34%)
- Appropriated Fund Balance:
  - $1,250,000 (1.13%)
- ERS Reserves:
  - $438,256 (0.40%)

**2024-2025 Anticipated Expenses**
- Instruction:
  - $38,600,218 (35%)
- Special Education:
  - $16,628,537 (15%)
- Transportation:
  - $6,039,298 (5%)
- Building & Grounds:
  - $7,172,062 (7%)
- Employee Benefits:
  - $27,746,742 (25%)
- Building Administration:
  - $3,521,519 (3%)
- Community Service:
  - $13,125 (0%)
- Central Administration:
  - $4,500,987 (4%)
- Debt Service:
  - $6,588,243 (6%)
- Interest Income and Other Revenue:
  - $2,588,024 (2.34%)
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2024-2025 Budget

$110,810,731

2025 Purchasing Power

$115,692,587

• The 2019-2020 budget of $93,677,220 is the equivalent in purchasing power to approximately $115,692,587 today.
• The 2024-2025 budget is $4,881,856 less than the equivalent purchasing power amount.
• Paying more for the same product.
CPI and Tax Levy

- **Inflation Rate (CPI)**
- **CPI Used in Tax Cap Calculation**
- **Actual Tax Levy % Increase**
- **Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Limit**

2020-21: 1.81%
2021-22: 1.23%
2022-23: 4.70%
2023-24: 8.00%
2024-25: 4.12%

- **2020-21**
  - 1.81%
  - 1.69%
- **2021-22**
  - 1.23%
- **2022-23**
  - 4.70%
  - 1.94%
- **2023-24**
  - 3.92%
  - 2.80%
  - 3.59%
- **2024-25**
  - 2.76%
If the budget is not approved by the voters, the district has the following options:

- Resubmit the same budget for another vote on June 18, 2024.
- Revise the budget and submit a revised budget for vote on June 18, 2024.
- Adopt a contingent budget with a tax levy increase of $0 from the previous year. No additional vote is needed.

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Potential Contingent Budget Impact

- Additional Instructional FTE reductions
- Athletic coaching position reductions
- No new equipment orders unless a health and safety concern
- No planned renovation projects by B&G staff unless a health and safety concern
- Limited use of school buildings by community groups
May 7, 2024 | Public Budget Hearing
May 21, 2024 | Budget Vote and Trustee Election

*The terms of School Board members Heidi Cambareri and Nick Mancini expire this year.*

*Petitions are available in the District Clerk’s office.*

*Anyone interested in filing a petition must do so no later than 5 p.m. on April 22\(^{nd}\).*

*Please contact District Clerk Nancy Corrado for information at 277-2403.*