



The following questions were asked during public comment and were addressed, if possible, during Board discussion.

1. How is the LPES world language program going to work? We will look at various options to provide a world language program to the elementary school. We are still investigating our options.
2. What is the plan to reduce the amount of out of district placements? There is no plan to reduce the number of placements. Student who need those services will continue to receive those services.
3. Why have debt service amounts gone up? During the meeting I was not confident in my response. I confirmed with our incoming business administrator that the bonds for the referendum are paid back on a schedule set forth and provided to us by our bond counsel. One of the tasks for our incoming business administrator will be to review this information with our bond counsel and Finance Committee.
4. The class sizes mentioned in the presentation were questioned for their accuracy. The numbers mentioned on slide 15 of the presentation are averages based on our current enrollment at each grade.
5. Will the consolidation of bus routes mean my child my not get a bus next year? By consolidating the bus routes we hope to place students on a different route. Anyone who is eligible for a bus based on our current protocols, will continue to receive a bus pass, even if routes are consolidated.
6. Will my child who is going to Morris County Vocational School for high school be able to finish his program? The district pays tuition for all of our high school students to attend the high school they are attending, including Morris County Vocational School. This will have no impact on the schools our high school students attend.
7. Can the Board choose to go over the 2% budget cap by putting the budget out to vote by the community? There are deadlines when this needs to be done and the Board is aware that since the community approved the referendum a few years ago, it was reluctant to ask the community to vote to increase taxes again so soon.
8. General payroll is up from last year and the years preceding years before that. Why was thee a big increase? The payroll reported this year was done use gross payroll numbers. For at least four years prior, the numbers used were net payroll numbers. The numbers should be reported using gross payroll numbers.