



DISTRICT PRESENTS 2024-2025 BUDGET AND VOTE INFORMATION

PROPOSED BUDGET FOCUSES ON REALLOCATING RESOURCES TO SUPPORT DISTRICT GOALS

Each year the Board of Education focuses on the development of various policies to guide our daily work in providing safe, healthy, and welcoming schools that are steeped in excellent learning opportunities for each of our students. Although often not thought of as a policy, the most important policy statement that the Board makes is the creation and approval of the annual budget. This provides the clearest public statement of the district's priorities relative to supporting the teaching and learning that takes place within our schools each day. The development of the budget intentionally supports long range planning and multi-year goals to ensure a consistent year to year approach. Each year this seven-month process begins in October and ends with the budget vote which is held statewide on the third Tuesday of May.



In the intervening months, a great deal of planning takes place to ensure that we are finding an appropriate balance between providing our students with the best possible programming while keeping tax increases as low as possible and delivering high value to the taxpaying public. Our current environment is one of increased costs and we have carefully examined how best to allocate our resources in order to provide the same breadth of programming, while being mindful of these costs. We believe that the budget that was presented to, and adopted by, the Board for the 2024-2025 school year accomplishes this balance while keeping a clear focus on budget goals to maintain and enhance our current programming by:

- Bridging learning gaps and continuing to provide sustainable support through responsible and consistent resource allocation practices;
- Maintaining support for additional student learning opportunities that provide diverse academic pathways;
- Continuing to maintain and create new learning opportunities for our special education students;
- Providing dynamic and innovative learning environments that focus on engagement and belonging to help students thrive academically and socially;
- Continuing to improve our district facilities to ensure a safe and secure campus for staff, students, and visitors.

After you read the information within this newsletter, we encourage you to review the additional financial information available on our website at: www.bsccd.org/about/financial-information.

We greatly appreciate the community's ongoing support of our students and staff and hope to see all eligible voters at one of our voting sites on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Gianleo Duca
Superintendent of Schools

Jason Fernau
President, Board of Education

Budget Vote Dates:

- May 8** Budget Hearing on 2024-25 Budget
- May 14** Voter Registration Day
- May 21** Budget Vote and Board of Education Election

Budget at-a-Glance

PROPOSED BUDGET

\$107,179,996

SPENDING INCREASE

2.8%

TAX LEVY INCREASE

4.1%

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT:

Voters will consider the following separate propositions on the ballot:

Proposition I: School Budget

The district will be authorized to expend the sum set forth in its estimate of expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$107,179,996 and to levy the necessary taxes therefore.

Proposition II: School Vehicle Replacement

The district will spend up to \$1,075,000 to purchase and replace school buses and vehicles.

Proposition III: Bus Lift Replacement

The district will spend up to \$595,000 to replace two bus lifts in the district's Transportation Facility.

Proposition IV: Ballston Spa Public Library

The district will be authorized to collect and contribute \$63,344 towards the expense of operating the public library.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

There are two (2) Board seats up for election this year. Additional details can be found on Page 3.

Ballston Spa High School Announces Top Students

High School Principal Matthew Robinson has announced Brooke Cearley as the Valedictorian and Julia McKinley as the Salutatorian for the Ballston Spa High School Class of 2024. They both have earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors with Mastery in Mathematics and Science. Brooke is excited to pursue a degree in Architecture at the University at Buffalo. Julia will be attending Stevens Institute of Technology in the fall, majoring in Environmental Engineering.

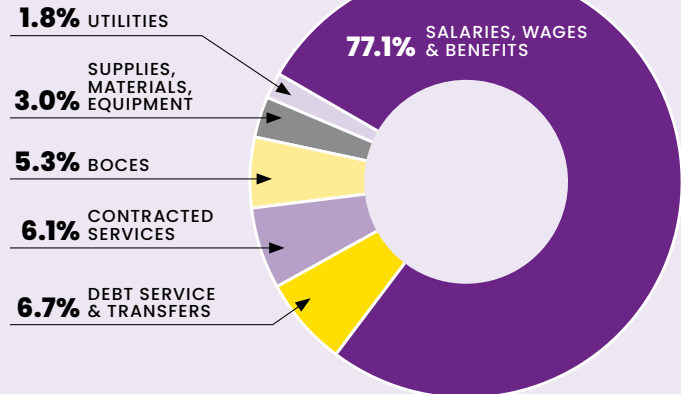
Join us in congratulating them as well as the following students who are among the top ten graduating Seniors in the Class of 2024, including Alexander Wade, Collin Casey, Lucas McManus, Hojin Yoon, Emma Ye, Gregory Kaatz, Isabelle Sikoryak and Maren Almansberger.

The Class of 2024 is currently completing the final quarter of their senior year and preparing for their future endeavors after graduation from Ballston Spa High School on June 25, 2024 at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.



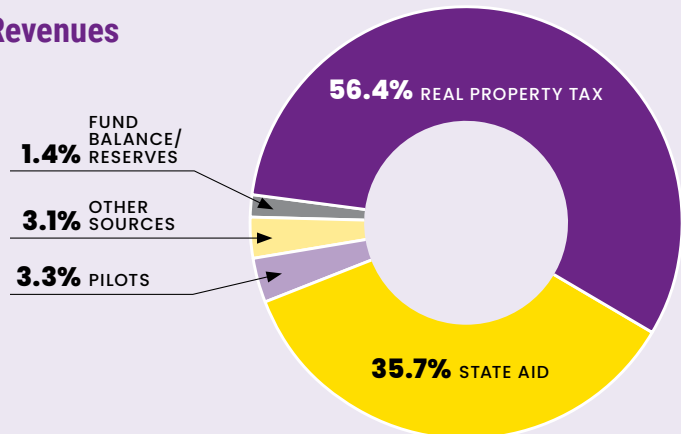
2024-2025 EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

Expenditures



EXPENDITURES	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Change Dollars (\$)	Percent (%)
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	\$80,590,908	\$82,662,884	\$2,071,976	2.6%
Supplies, Materials, Equipment	\$3,003,487	\$3,174,067	\$170,580	5.7%
Contracted Services	\$6,147,902	\$6,572,555	\$424,653	6.9%
BOCES	\$5,768,907	\$5,641,092	-\$127,815	-2.2%
Utilities	\$1,440,640	\$1,912,250	\$471,610	32.7%
Debt Service & Transfers	\$7,280,967	\$7,217,148	-\$63,819	-0.9%
Total Expenditures	\$104,232,811	\$107,179,996	\$2,947,185	2.8%

Revenues



REVENUES	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Change Dollars (\$)	Percent (%)
State Aid	\$38,151,332	\$38,315,996	\$164,664	0.4%
PILOTS	\$4,291,000	\$3,580,380	-\$710,620	-16.6%
Other Sources*	\$2,574,000	\$3,312,700	\$738,700	28.7%
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$1,200,000	\$1,550,000	\$350,000	29.2%
Real Property Tax	\$58,016,479	\$60,420,920	\$2,404,441	4.1%
Total Revenues	\$104,232,811	\$107,179,996	\$2,947,185	2.8%

* Other Sources of Revenue include federal aid, charges to other districts, interest earnings, and other miscellaneous sources.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$104,232,811	\$107,179,996	\$104,775,555
Increase/Decrease for 2024-25 School Year		\$2,947,185	\$542,744
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.83%	0.52%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$58,016,479	\$60,420,920	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$58,016,479	\$60,420,920	\$58,016,479
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$2,275,277	\$2,332,433	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$57,921,473	\$58,859,673	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$55,741,202	\$58,088,487	
I. Difference: (G - H): Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval	\$2,180,271	\$771,186	
Administrative Component	\$10,539,861	\$11,000,225	\$10,585,847
Program Component	\$78,534,058	\$80,335,864	\$78,885,167
Capital Component	\$15,158,892	\$15,843,907	\$15,304,541

Contingency Budget Assumptions: A contingent budget would result in the reduction and/or elimination of certain expenses such as equipment, supplies, and personnel as determined by the Board of Education. In all, a contingent budget would require \$2,404,441 in reductions.

List of separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:

Description	Amount
School District Buses & Vehicles	\$1,075,000
Capital Project - Bus Garage Lifts	\$595,000
Ballston Spa Public Library	\$63,344

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings	\$539
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-2025 by the qualified voters of the Ballston Spa Central School District, Saratoga County, New York, will be held at the Ballston Spa High School for voters in District 1 and the Malta Town Hall for voters in District 2 on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.



VOTE MAY 21, 2024

The annual statewide School Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections will be held on May 21, 2024 from 7am-9pm. District residents vote at Ballston Spa High School (residents of the Towns of Ballston, Milton and Charlton) and the Malta Town Hall (residents of Malta).

The Bottom Line:

The adopted 2024-2025 budget for the Ballston Spa Central School District is \$107,179,996 which represents a 2.8% increase in expenditures over the 2023-2024 budget.

The projected tax levy to support the 2024-2025 budget is \$60,420,920 — which represents a 4.1% increase over the 2023-2024 tax levy.

The adopted budget reallocates some of the District's current resources to help maintain equitable opportunities for all students; while increasing special education programming and support.

Board of Education Elections

There are two Board seats up for election this year, commencing in July 2024. Interested voters will select from the following three candidates at the polls (in order of appearance on ballot): Jason Fernau, Fabrizia Rodriguez and Tim Turbiak.

A Candidates Information night will be held on May 7, 2024 at 6:30pm in the BSHS Library for area voters to learn more about the candidates. Additional information will be posted to the website.



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Upcoming Events

May

- 11 **Touch-A-Truck Event**, 10:00 am, GC/WR Complex
- 21 **Budget Vote, BOE Elections and School Pride Day**, 7:00 am-9:00 pm
- 21 **HS Varsity Spring Concert & Senior Recognition Night**, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium
- 22 **ECES 9th/10th Grade Student Project Exhibit**, 9:00 am, TEC-SMART
- 22 **NHS Induction Ceremony & Junior Awards**, 6:00 pm, HS Auditorium
- 24-27 **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**

June

- 6 **Senior Awards Night**, 7:00 pm, HS Auditorium
- 7 **Senior Prom**, 6:30 pm, The Glen Sanders Mansion
- 12 **Clean Tech ECES Graduation & Capstone Presentations**, 8:30 am, TEC-SMART
- 13-25 **High School Regents Testing Days**
- 17-26 **Half Days of School, Middle School**
- 19 **NO SCHOOL – Juneteenth** (observed)
- 25 **BSSH Graduation**, 4:00 pm, Saratoga Performing Arts Center
- 26 **Last Day of School**

Complete event information is located on the District Website's Events Calendar. Please check often for the latest info, or call the appropriate school office. Also, follow the district on Twitter @BSCSD or Facebook/Instagram @BallstonSpaCSD for frequent updates and information.

District Budget and Vote Information

The Board of Education recently approved the proposed 2024-2025 school district budget of \$107,179,996 which represents a 2.8% increase in expenditures over the 2023-2024 budget. It now goes before the community to vote during the annual statewide School Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections that will be held on May 21, 2024 from 7:00am – 9:00pm. District residents vote at Ballston Spa High School (residents of the Towns of Ballston, Milton and Charlton) and the Malta Town Hall (residents of Malta).

The mandated School District Annual Budget Hearing is scheduled for May 8, 2024 at 6:15pm in the Ballston Spa High School Library. It will also be broadcast on the district's YouTube channel. Questions may be submitted via email at boe@bscsd.org.

Please visit the website for additional details on the budget vote and/or contact us for more information. Residents may call the district's budget hotline with specific questions for the Assistant Superintendent for Business at (518) 884-7195 x1320.

If a resident of the school district meets the definition of a "qualified voter" but has not registered to vote, (s)he must first register to be eligible to receive a ballot. A qualified voter must register with the county by contacting the Saratoga County Board of Elections.

Absentee ballots are available for voters who are unable to visit the polls on May 21, 2024. An application for the absentee ballot is available for pickup at the District Office or by calling (518) 884-7195 x1320. Absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00pm on May 21, 2024.

Questions and comments may be sent via the comments section on the district website at www.bscsd.org or call the District Office at (518) 884-7195.