Discussion of 2024-2025 Budget Parameters

Board of Education Meeting

January 8, 2024

District Objectives

- Build a 2024-2025 budget that:
 - Supports Board of Education goals
 - Preserves District assets
 - Is fiscally responsible, reasonable, and balanced
- Build the 2024-2025 budget with future budgets in mind:
 - Assess dependence on appropriated fund balance
 - Thorough analysis of five-year plan for use of reserves

Board of Education Priorities

- Support curricular strategies that ensures equity for all students and creates the foundation for life skills and career aspirations.
- Support an environment of continuous growth and improvement for all staff.
- Ensure the intersections of inclusion, cultural responsiveness and social and emotional learning are defined and actively supported across the district.
- Define the strategy that will sustain the district as a leader in digital transformation.
- Define sustainable budgeting solutions that maintain and enhance our present facilities and programs.
- Provide opportunities for stakeholder involvement through effective communication and engagement.

Essential Budget Factors

- Strive to meet contractual obligations for benefits
- Comply with Special Education requirements
- Provide <u>tutoring/tuition/health services</u>
- Provide appropriate level of instructional materials
- Preserve resources to enhance curriculum and professional development
- Preserve resources to support the Technology Plan
- Preserve resources related to contractual services including BOCES
- Meet <u>utility</u> obligations (economic conditions)
- Preserve <u>buildings/grounds</u> (preventative maintenance/asset preservation)
- Maintain bus replacement strategy
- Maintain adequate insurance levels
- Provide for <u>debt service</u> obligations
- <u>Transport students</u>

Discussion Items

- Additional considerations
 - Continue to assess staffing needs and operational efficiencies
 - Spending requirements to support SED requirements – Target District
- Five-year plan for use of reserve funds
 - Appropriated Fund Balance \$100,000
 - ERS Reserve \$200,000
 - Transportation/Grounds Equipment \$235,000
 - Instructional Equipment Reserve \$100,000

