



ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY REPORT

May 2012 / Annual Budget Vote Information

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DINNER TO GO AT THE VOTE

The Orchard Park High School Post Prom Committee will host a BW's Barbecue Chicken and Rib Dinner on Tuesday, May 15th from 3-7 p.m. or until they run out on the Freeman Road side of the High School.

Chicken dinners are \$8.50 and Rib dinners are \$10.00 - take out only. Meals include meat, chef salad, potato salad, roll and butter. Proceeds benefit the Post Prom Party, a school supported, drug & alcohol-free event for seniors and their dates after the dance.

2012-2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL VOTE BUDGET, BUS PROPOSITION, AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012
7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL
4040 BAKER ROAD
(FOR EASY ACCESS, PLEASE USE
THE FREEMAN ROAD ENTRANCE)

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Total Operating Budget: \$83,640,108

Budget to Budget Increase 1.99%

Tax Levy Increase 3.67%

Keeps Budget **Under** the 3.68% Allowable Tax Levy Cap

A Public Hearing for the School District Budget and Bus Purchase will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the District Offices, 3330 Baker Road, Orchard Park.

CONTINGENT BUDGET INFORMATION

WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS BUDGET DOESN'T PASS?

The Board of Education has 2 options:

- 1) Put up a 2nd vote in June, or
- 2) Adopt a Contingent Budget

If a 2nd vote is defeated, a contingent budget would be adopted:

Contingent Budget = \$81,760,419

Contingent Budget Tax Levy Increase = 0%

Further reductions needed = \$1,879,689
(The equivalent of about 30 full-time employees)

Possible reductions to close this gap could include:

- Additional increases to class sizes grades K-12
- Further reductions or eliminations of non-mandated programs, such as:
 - Kindergarten
 - Gifted & Talented
 - Athletics
 - Co-Curricular Clubs & Activities

You can vote if you are:

- At least 18 years old
- a US citizen, and
- a District resident for at least 30 days before the date of the vote

You do not have to be a registered voter to vote in school district elections, but you will be asked to show proof of residency at the polls (i.e. driver's license, rent/mortgage receipt).

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for absentee ballots for the 2012 - 2013 Annual School Vote may be obtained at the District Clerk's Office, 3330 Baker Road, Orchard Park. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or no later than the day before the vote if the ballot is to be personally delivered to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. prevailing time on May 15, 2012.

For more information on absentee ballots, please contact the District Clerk at 209-6280.

An Investment In Student Achievement Kindergarten to Graduation

Annual Vote and Election of School Board Trustees

Voting will take place at Orchard Park High School, 4040 Baker Road, Orchard Park, from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. For easy access to the Gymnasium, please use the Freeman Road Entrance.

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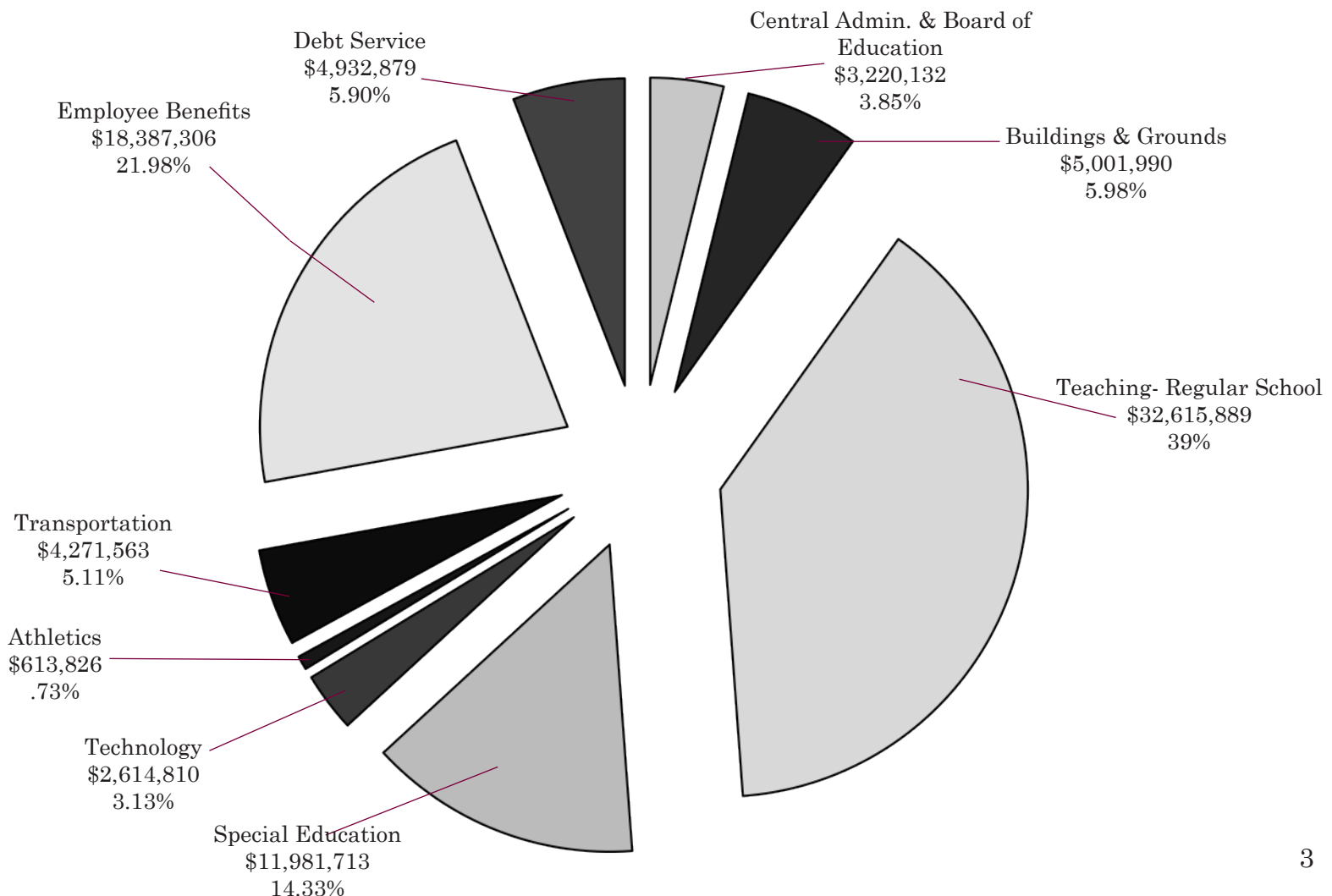
Election of Two Trustees to the Board of Education

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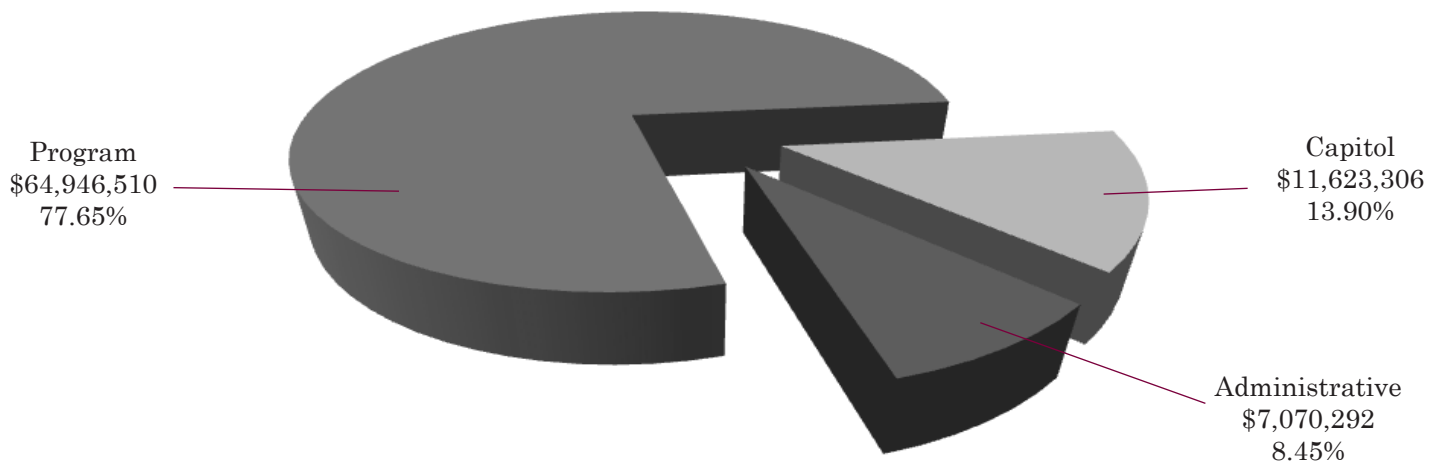
Alfred McClymonds

Elizabeth Quinlan

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET COMPARISON



2012-2013 THREE-PART BUDGET (COMMON LANGUAGE)



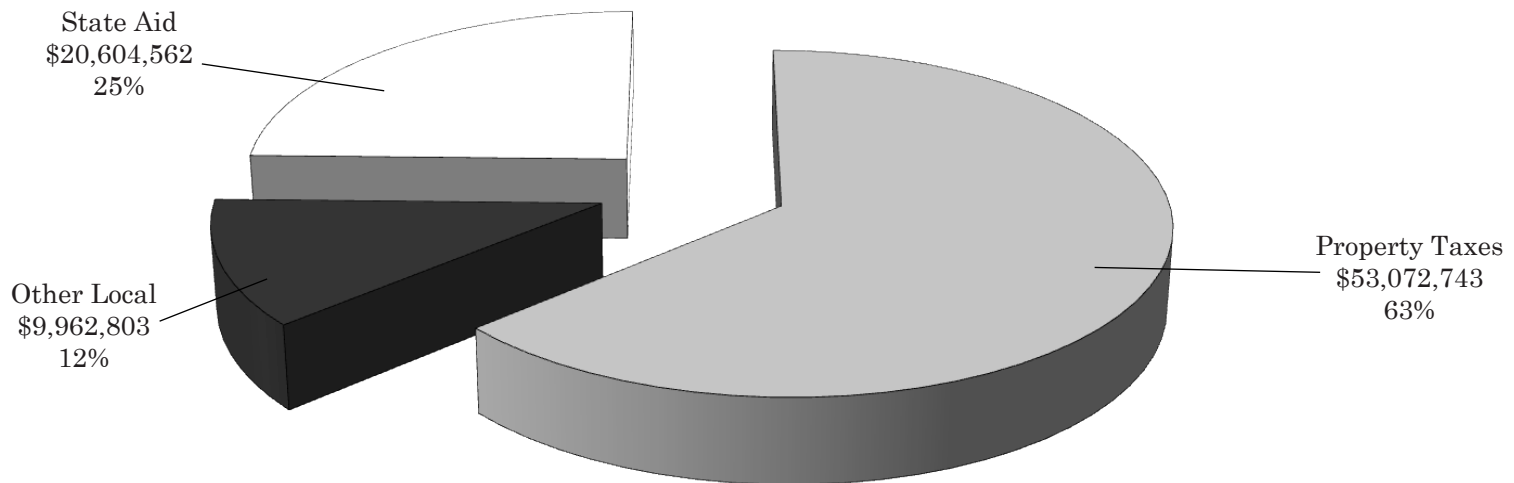
Administrative Component:	2011-12		2012-13	
Board of Education	\$7,200		\$7,750	
District Clerk	\$400		\$200	
District Meetings	\$20,000		\$20,000	
Chief School Administrator	\$262,002		\$272,187	
Business Administration	\$406,599		\$421,362	
Auditing	\$32,000		\$33,000	
Treasurer	\$225		\$225	
Tax Collection	\$13,000		\$13,000	
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$3,000		\$3,000	
Legal Services	\$120,000		\$140,000	
Personnel	\$323,281		\$315,320	
Public Information	\$51,130		\$59,656	
Central Printing & Mailing	\$226,421		\$227,288	
Unallocated Insurance	\$240,000		\$252,000	
School Association Dues	\$25,000		\$25,000	
Assessments on School Property	\$45,000		\$45,000	
Refund on Real Property Taxes	\$100,000		\$75,000	
BOCES Administration & Capital	\$512,190		\$525,154	
Curriculum Development	\$679,874		\$676,843	
Supervision - Regular School	\$1,847,712		\$1,940,846	
Research, Planning & Evaluation	\$126,718		\$108,147	
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$193,688		\$91,315	
Employee Benefits	\$1,777,875		\$1,817,999	
Administrative Component Total:	\$7,013,315	8.55%	\$7,070,292	8.45%

Program Component:				
Teaching - Regular Day School	\$25,729,706		\$26,364,839	
Special Education	\$12,008,734		\$11,981,713	
Occupational Education	\$588,194		\$616,866	
Teaching - Special School	\$170,464		\$245,144	
School Library & Audiovisual	\$752,935		\$675,343	
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$2,126,118		\$2,523,495	
Guidance & Counseling	\$940,310		\$920,397	
Health Services	\$568,977		\$599,399	
Psychological & Social Work Services	\$630,855		\$739,115	
Co-Curricular Activities	\$334,664		\$367,880	
Interscholastic Athletics	\$552,477		\$613,826	
Transportation	\$4,095,917		\$4,271,563	
Employee Benefits	\$15,089,614		\$14,880,870	
Interfund Transfers	\$222,780		\$146,060	
Program Component Total:	\$63,811,745	77.81%	\$64,946,510	77.65%

Capital Component:				
Operation of Plant	\$3,812,143		\$3,757,600	
Maintenance of Plant	\$1,101,390		\$1,244,390	
Employee Benefits	\$1,457,268		\$1,688,437	
Debt Service	\$4,816,194		\$4,932,879	
Capital Component Total:	\$11,186,995	13.64%	\$11,623,306	13.90%

GENERAL FUND TOTAL: \$82,012,055 \$83,640,108

2012-13 ANTICIPATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES PROJECTED REVENUES



SOURCE OF REVENUE	2011-12 Budget	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	Tax Levy Increase
Property Tax Levy	51,193,054	51,206,436	53,072,743	1,879,689
Total Property Tax:	\$51,193,054	\$51,206,436	\$53,072,743	3.67%
Other Local				
Other Payments In Lieu Of	500,000	705,453	724,963	
Interest & Penalties On	4,000	21,521	4,000	
Non-Property Tax Distribution	4,000,000	5,100,000	4,300,000	
Community Education Tuition	140,000	150,527	140,000	
Textbook Charges	2,000	1,575	2,000	
Admissions	9,000	7,862	7,000	
Other Charges for Services	45,000	35,000	35,000	
Day School Tuition	45,000	68,752	45,000	
Health Services - Other Districts	50,000	44,299	40,000	
Transport for Other Districts	1,000	2,772	1,000	
Interest and Earnings	100,000	70,000	70,000	
Rental of Property - (BOCES)	135,000	135,000	135,000	
Rental of Equipment - Individual	8,000	8,040	8,000	
Commissions	0	304	0	
Sale of Equipment	0	20,337	0	
Insurance Recoveries	0	0	0	
Refunds - Prior Year Expenses	0	4,939	0	
Refunds - Prior Year BOCES	350,000	355,729	300,000	
Unclassified	5,000	7,210	5,000	
Turf Project Reserve	35,200	0	35,200	
Playground Reserve	10,640	0	10,640	
From Reserves	880,000	0	250,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	2,700,000	0	3,850,000	
Total Other Local Share:	\$9,019,840	\$6,739,320	\$9,962,803	
State Aid				
Foundation Aid	14,826,922	14,796,193	14,907,214	
Excess Cost / Private & High Cost	1,379,040	1,523,453	1,332,234	
BOCES	1,715,647	1,670,968	1,697,912	
Building Aid (w/EXCEL Aid)	2,984,415	2,917,131	2,870,676	
Transportation	3,605,744	3,456,980	3,535,249	
Textbook/Soft/Hard/Library/AV	565,265	563,111	559,349	
(Gap Elimination Adjustment)	(4,877,257)	(4,877,257)	(4,295,510)	
Gap Elimination Restoration	352,734	352,734	(2,562)	
Federal Aid				
ARRA (Deficit Reduction Assessment)	0	0	0	
Federal Jobs Fund Restoration	1,246,651	1,246,651	0	
Medicaid Reimbursement	0	0	0	
Total State & Federal Aid:	\$21,799,161	\$21,649,964	\$20,604,562	-4.83%
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE	\$82,012,055	\$79,595,720	\$83,640,108	1.99%

SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

BY MATT MCGARRITY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



As we worked this year to develop the 2012-2013 District Operating Budget, we were working within the parameters of the tax levy cap requirements and the annual performance evaluation agreements for staff. Now more than ever, we need to do everything we can to preserve and nurture quality programs in Orchard Park.

We must continue to be creative financially, especially considering the reductions in state aid, ever increasing mandates and the requirements of the tax levy cap legislation. As I recently presented to our Board, the state aid the district received in 2007-2008 was \$22,526,920. For 2012-2013 our state aid will be \$20,604,562 a reduction of \$1,922,358 (-9.32%) since 2007.

I presented the first draft budget to the Board of Education on February 7th. Although this first draft was a staffing neutral budget, the preliminary calculations projected that our financial situation this coming year was not as dire as last year when we had to reduce over 37 staff members, increase class sizes in all buildings, reduce student clubs and activities and cut valued student programs. This did not mean that difficult decisions regarding reductions and changes would not be necessary in planning a budget this year. The administrative team has been working since the fall on budget planning for 2012-2013.

On February 28th and on March 13th the Board reviewed the budget information and the implementation of the Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP) that was completed in the fall. A CDEP is a data-driven instruction plan to improve student achievement. The plan, developed over a 14-month period, includes several recommendations to be implemented over the next few years that will positively impact student achievement.

On March 27th, I presented to the Board my recommendation for an Operating Budget of \$83,640,108 for the 2012-2013 school year, a budget-to-budget increase of 1.99%. This budget begins the implementation of the recommendations of the Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP), keeps the tax levy increase under the tax cap requirements and focuses district resources on student achievement. The Board approved the recommended budget during their April 3rd meeting. As of this writing I have heard of no mandate relief from the state that will positively impact the 2012-2013 budget, but I am hopeful that our state leaders will work on legislation that will have an impact on future budgets to reduce mandated expenditures.

While our goal is to keep and grow opportunities for our students, we are always mindful that we are accountable to our taxpayers and our community. People often ask "What is the district doing to reduce expenditures?" We have implemented many cost containment initiatives including an energy education program, which will save the district approximately \$100,000 in this budget, and \$100,000 per year over the next several years. We moved to a self-funded health care program, which will save the district approximately \$1.4 million in the 2012-2013 budget. We continually explore and research new ways to reduce expenditures in order to maintain and grow student learning opportunities.

There is no easy solution to the state's fiscal crisis and its implications on the Orchard Park Central School District for the next few years. Working together, we will continue to support an outstanding and comprehensive program that will help our students to achieve excellence in education. Thank you for your continued support.

ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL'S REPORT CARD

ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERVIEW REPORT



BY DENNIS FITSCHER
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND PUPIL
SERVICES

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) began requiring states and school districts to issue annual report cards on school performance with the 2002-03 school year. The purpose of publicly releasing student assessment results is to hold school districts accountable for their progress toward meeting and/or

exceeding the Learning Standards.

As a result, the New York State Education Department annually reports on the status of schools and districts in making Adequate Yearly Progress, more commonly known as AYP. AYP indicates satisfactory progress toward the goal of attaining proficiency (meeting the learning standards) for all students. Schools and districts that are on track in reaching this goal, as measured against the Effective Annual Measurable Objective, attain the designation of "In Good Standing." This accomplishment becomes more and more difficult because the Effective Annual Measurable Objective is raised incrementally annually by the State. Eventually, all schools must have every student accountability group meet the learning standards by 2013-14.

Our district is proud to report that all student accountability groups and schools have made AYP and received the designation "In Good Standing" for the most recent year of published data (2010-11). This is a tribute to our teachers, administrators, staff, students, and parents. Working together as a team results in outstanding academic student achievement.

The chart to the right details how some of the larger accountability groups and grade levels performed. The complete School Report Card for our schools and district can be found at <https://reportcards.nysed.gov/>.

School Accountability Status

2011-12

based upon data from the spring of 2011

All Students	Eggert Gr. 3 - 5	Ellicott Gr. 3 - 5	S. Davis Gr. 3 - 5	Windom Gr. 3 - 5	MS Gr. 6 - 8	HS
ELA						
Participation*	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Performance Index**	177	178	182	166	180	196
Effective AMO+	116	116	114	116	119	177
AYP++	√	√	√	√	√	√
Math						
Participation	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Performance Index	183	183	179	189	186	198
Effective AMO	132	131	131	129	134	174
AYP	√	√	√	√	√	√
Science						
Participation	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	
Performance Index	195	200	199	197	196	
State Standard	100	100	100	100	100	
AYP	√	√	√	√	√	
Graduates						
All Students						98%
State Standard						80%
AYP						√

Definition of Terms:

*Participation - Schools and districts must have a 95% assessment participation rate in each accountability group of 40 or more students

**Performance Index - This value is calculated by doubling the percentage of students at level 3 and 4 (meeting or exceeding the standards) and adding the percent of students scoring at level 2 (partially meeting the standards). No score is given for students not meeting the standards. The maximum value is 200 for all accountability groups.

+Effective AMO - The annual measurable objective is the performance index value that the school or accountability group must meet or surpass each year. This value incrementally increases each year. This measurable objective varies by subject and with the enrollment of the school. The goal is to have all accountability groups at 200 by the year 2013-14.

++AYP - Adequate Yearly Progress indicates satisfactory progress by accountability groups/school toward the goal of proficiency for all students by comparing the performance index with the effective AMO for the year.

ORCHARD PARK PRIDE



Congratulations to the 41 seniors recognized by the District, the Orchard park Chamber of Commerce and the business community as Orchard Park Pride. These students were recognized for their outstanding character, leadership and achievement at an awards dinner held on April 25th. Orchard Park Pride honorees are pictured above, from left to right: Row 1: Jessica Will, Bailey Humiston, Himani Dhola-kiya, Kristen Klemmer, Hannah Korzec, Leah Baldinger, Abigail Guzzino, Emily Saeli, Justine Brennan, and Anna McArdle.

Row 2: Kyle Lambert, Emily Frost, Jillian Zablonksi, Taylor Jezuit, Victoria Trent, Jillian Zhang, Jillian Miller, Emily Lewandowski, and Lindsey Hurley. Third Row: Robert Hackford, Katherine Clayback, Maggie Holly, Joshua Tryon, MaryBeth Cordier, Caitlin Allaire, Kendall Franz, Taylor Gorman Emily Wach, Maryssa DiFlavio and Keenan Hoover. Row 4: Spencer Bray, Jenna Alico, Adam Waite, Thomas LaVigne, Ryan Mraz, Mark Simson, Richard Young, Nicholas Pokoj, David Crowley, Adam Knaszak and Cassidy Fritsch.

OP SENIORS EXCEL IN MONEYSKILL COMPETITION

Orchard Park Seniors Keenan Hoover, Kendall Franz, Andrew Pohlman, Tyler Popiela, and Tyler Clark brought home 2nd place in the MoneySKILLS Competition held at the University of Buffalo. Keenan Hoover was the individual winner and won an Apple iPad 2. The MoneySKILLS Competition is designed to increase awareness of MoneySKILL, a curriculum designed to educate students on a variety of financial issues.

Congratulations to Keenan Hoover and the rest of the Orchard Park team including their coach, Business teacher, Jim Agnew.



Individual winner Keenan Hoover and Business Teacher Jim Agnew



VETERAN RECEIVES OPHS DIPLOMA

Ramon Ross Fullington, born in 1925, received his Orchard Park High School diploma Thursday, March 1, 2012. Ray had joined the navy in 1943 after he completed his junior year of high school in Orchard Park and had never received his diploma. After 69 years Ray's daughter Nancy and her husband Kim Dennis decided to change that.

Operation Recognition is the law that made Ray Fullington eligible to receive his high school diploma. Operation Recognition allows certain veterans to earn high school diplomas if they left school without graduating. Section 305 of the NYS Education Law created Operation Recognition to recognize the dedication and sacrifice of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veterans who left school before graduation by awarding them a high school diploma.

Superintendent Matthew McGarrity and Board of Education President Al McClymonds delivering Ray Fullington's diploma.

Orchard Park's Superintendent of Schools, Matthew McGarrity and Board of Education President, Alfred McClymonds delivered Ray's diploma to him personally. Ray's extended family was there to share in this well-deserved and exciting moment.

OPCSD CUTS COSTS BY REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION

This fall, Tom Schaner was hired to be Orchard Park Central School District's Energy Education Specialist. Energy Education is a program that aids school districts and other organizations in becoming more energy efficient. Tom was and continues to be trained through Energy Education. His training allows him to reduce and monitor the amount of energy the District uses. The program includes; Tom checking buildings at different times throughout the day and night to check that people turn off all of their equipment, energy shutdowns during times when students are not in session for example a winter or spring recess, and encouraging staff to get into energy saving habits like closing the blinds at the end of the day to keep heat in. The program forces the District to become more efficient in its energy usage. The savings will be significant. The District is estimating a net savings of \$100,000 the first year and a total net savings of about \$3.2 million over the course of ten years. The Orchard Park Central School District is pleased with the positive response from staff and the large amount of participation in this effort to reduce our costs in order to put more money back into programs that will directly benefit students. To find energy conservation tips please visit <http://www.opschools.org/energy>.

ALUMNI UPDATE

The Class of 1977 will be holding their 35th High School Reunion this summer. Check out their website www.opclassof77.com for more information!

The Class of 1987's 25th Year Reunion will be held on July 27, 2012. It will be at The Byrd House Restaurant & Bar. (Previously named Max's and Eddies, attached to the O.P. Bowling Lanes) 4246 North Buffalo Street, Village of Orchard Park, NY 14127. The reunion will start at 7 p.m.

QMB CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE

The Annual Quaker Marching Band Can & Bottle Drive will be held on Saturday June 9, 2012. Band members will be in the community to pick up returnable cans & bottles beginning at 9 a.m. Please have your cans & bottles bagged up and outside near your garage by 9 a.m. If it's more convenient, you may drop off your donations of returnable bottles and cans to the Baker Road lot of the High School from 9 a.m. - noon on that day. If you need a pickup prior to June 9, 2012 please call 209-6321. No pickup is too big or small! Any support is appreciated.

Proposition 2 - Purchase and Financing of Vehicles

Voters will decide on the purchase of three (3) seventy - two (72) - passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$111,000 each, and three (3) thirty - five (35) - passenger van - type gasoline buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$67,000 each; and two (2) universal wheelchair van-type buses at a maximum cost of \$73,000 each. The purchase, part of the District's long-range bus

replacement schedule, will not add to the tax burden.

These eight buses, at a cost of no more than \$680,000, will be funded through state education reimbursements and contractual agreements. This proposition is similar to propositions passed over the last seven years.

Board of Education Candidates

The following are candidates running for the Orchard Park Board of Education. They are listed in alphabetical order. District residents will elect two candidates to three - year terms.

The information below was provided by the candidates. The District does not provide further candi-

date information. The Board of Education is elected by District voters to govern schools and determine education policy. Board members are state officials operating within guidelines set forth by New York State Education Law, the State Board of Regents, judicial decisions and other

Alfred McClymonds (2A On the Ballot)

Address: 17 Templeton Trail, Orchard Park, NY 14127

Children in School: Graduated 1991; Works for Oracle

Education: BA - Business Administration, Columbia College; MA Educational Administration, Chapman University; MS Human Resource Management Development, Chapman University

Career: 27 years United States Marine Corps, Sergeant Major Retired; 19 years in Education, Teacher and School Administrator, High School, Continuation High School, Middle School and Elementary School

Community Service: * Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools, visiting team * OPCSD Health and Safety Task Force Coordinator and lead writer for \$ 275,000 Digital High School Grant * PTSA Auditor; Past President Phi Delta Kappa, Sacramento Chapter * Past President Phi Delta Kappa, Buffalo South Chapter * Past Commandant Marine Corps League, Southtowns Detachment * Voting Delegate New York State School Board Association Convention * Legislative Committee, Erie County Association of School Boards * Budget and Finance Committee, Erie County Association of School Boards * OPCSD Accountability Committee * OPCSD Audit Committee * OPCSD Hearing Officer * Voting Delegate, Erie County Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly * OPCSD Planning Committee * New York State School Board Association Student Health and Safety Task Force * New York State School Board Association Convention Seminar Presenter on Gangs and Gang Suppression and Intervention * OP Community Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol Awareness * OP High School Academy of Finance Advisory Board * Current Erie 2 Chautauqua - Cattaraugus BOCES Board of Education Member * Current Orchard Park Central School Board of Education member * Current President of Orchard Park Central School Board of Education

Elizabeth D. Quinlan (1A On the Ballot)

Address: 47 Fox Meadow Lane, Orchard Park

Children in School: John 8th grade at OPMS, Evelyn 6th grade at OPMS, Rose 4th grade at Eggert Elementary

Education: Master of Science in Education & Social Policy from Northwestern University, B.A. English with a minor in Education from the College of Wooster, 1987 graduate of Clarence High School

Career: Lancaster Central Schools, NY: taught fourth grade from 1994 - 1997; Orange County Public Schools, VA: taught fifth grade and sixth grade from 1992-1994

Community Service: * Orchard Park Comprehensive District Education Plan, parent representative * OPCSD Homework Committee parent representative * Hickory Hill Swim & Tennis Club: Board member and Director of Youth Activities from 2007-2011 * Orchard Park Middle School: Building Effectiveness Team parent representative * PTO Newsletter Editor * Sixth grade Activity Night Coordinator * Book Store Volunteer * Eggert Elementary: Author Day PTO Chairperson * Parents As Reading Partners Co-Chair * Math & Science Night Coordinator * Costume Committee Member for the fifth grade play * Ethnic Festival Volunteer * South Davis: Author Day PTO Co-Chair, Parents As Reading Partners Co - Chair * "Holiday House" Co - Chair * Room Mother * Girl Scout Troop Leader from 2006-2011

Board of Education Candidates Night

Tuesday May 1st

Meet the Candidates - 6 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Informal Coffee with the Candidates 6:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Hosted by the Eggert Road Elementary PTO

Administration Building

3330 Baker Road Orchard Park, NY

The Eggert Road Elementary PTO will host a Meet the Board of Education Candidates Night on Tuesday, May 1st from 6 - 6:15 p.m. followed by a Coffee with the Candidates from 6:15-7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3330 Baker Road. During the Meet the Candidates a representative from the Eggert Road PTO will introduce each candidate and read information about them. The candidates will introduce themselves and address the audience. At approximately 6:15 p.m. the informal portion of the night will begin with coffee and refreshments provided by the Eggert Road PTO. During this time the candidates will mingle and speak individually with residents. Immediately following the Coffee with the Candidates will be a Public Hearing on the Budget.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

On April 3, 2012 Mr. McGarrity, Superintendent of Orchard Park Central School District, presented the final budget for 2012-2013 to the Board of Education. The Board approved the budget proposal of \$83.6 million. This is a budget to budget increase of 1.99% that will increase the tax levy by 3.67%, keeping the budget **under** the allowable Tax Levy Cap calculation for the Orchard Park Central School District of 3.68%.

The administrative staff has conducted extensive meetings; worked with building representatives, the Board of Education and listened to comments made by concerned members of the community, to develop a budget which balances the needs of the students, tax payers and staff. Most importantly, they worked to maintain the tradition of educational excellence which Orchard Park is known for. Anything less would cause cuts to programs having a negative impact on the quality of education that the Orchard Park Community has always demanded for our children.

If you are interested in attending any of the presentations given by Mr. McGarrity and Mr. Petrus concerning the budget at local meetings or community events, please view the schedule below.

I would like to thank Mr. McGarrity and his administrative staff for developing a fiscally sound budget. I would like to encourage each of you to go out and vote on May 15th. The members of the Board of Education continue to work for you.



ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012-2013 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- **Monday, April 30th - High School PTO 7 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, May 2nd - Eggert Road PTO 9:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, May 3rd - Windom PTO 6:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, May 8th - Middle School PTO 9:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, May 10th - South Davis PTO 1:30 p.m.**

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ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTIMATED TAX/STAR IMPACT OF TYPICAL HOME 2012-2013

Home Value (Orchard Park)	2011	2012
Rate per Thousand	\$100,000	\$100,000
	30.316	31.222

Impact before STAR Reduction			
School Property Tax Bill		\$3,032	\$3,122
Increase			\$91
Percentage Increase			2.99%
Impact after Basic STAR Reduction			
School Tax Bill (before STAR)		\$3,032	\$3,122
STAR Reduction (2% Cap on Increase) (58% equalization rate)		\$512	\$522
NET School Tax Bill:		\$2,520	\$2,600
Increase			\$81
Percentage Increase			3.20%
Impact after Enhanced STAR Reduction (for persons over 65, under \$79,050)			
School Tax Bill (before STAR)		\$3,032	\$3,122
STAR Reduction (2% Cap on Increase) (58% equalization rate)		\$1,027	\$1,048
NET School Tax Bill:		\$2,005	\$2,074
Increase			\$70
Percentage Increase			3.48%

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD 2011-2012

	Budgeted 2011-2012	Budgeted 2012-2013	Percent Change
Total Spending	\$82,012,055	\$83,640,108	1.99%
School Tax Levy Limit		\$51,302,669	
Permissible Exclusions		\$1,773,003	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy (not including Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit)		\$51,299,740	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy (including Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit in 2012-13)	\$51,193,054	\$53,072,743	3.67%
Public School Enrollment	5,419	5,450	0.57%
Consumer Price Index			3.2%
	Actual 2011-2012	Estimated 2012-2013	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$5,583,610	\$5,010,732	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,700,000	\$3,850,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$3,276,841	\$3,345,604	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4%	4%	