



Orchard Park Central School District *Community Report*

May 2011/Annual Budget Vote Information

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*Cast your Vote
and Get your
Dinner "To Go!"*

The Orchard Park High School Post Prom Committee will host a BW's Barbecue Chicken and Rib Dinner on Tuesday, May 17 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.



2011-2012 Annual School Vote Budget, Purchase & Renovation of Property for Transportation/District Office, Bus Proposition, and School Board Election

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Orchard Park High School

4040 Baker Road

(For easy access, please use
the Freeman Road Entrance)

www.opschools.org

2011-2012 Budget Facts

■ The major factors affecting the 2011-2012 budget are a reduction in aid from New York State of over \$1 million, and significantly increased costs for health insurance, retirement and diesel fuel.

■ The estimated tax levy increase for the 2011-2012 budget (5.48%) is lower than the levy increase passed in 2010-2011 (5.86%)

■ Throughout the budget development process the District has

- Worked to develop a budget that balances the needs of our students and our taxpayers
- Made class size a priority
- Worked to preserve academics and co-curriculars

About the District

■ Business First has ranked local school Districts in terms of spending efficiency. Their rankings show the Orchard Park Central School District is:

- 7th out of 98 in Western New York in the area of administrative efficiency
- 7th in Western New York in terms of per pupil spending efficiency
- 15th out of 700 school districts throughout the state in terms of per pupil spending efficiency

■ The District will continue to pursue cost saving measures as it has most recently with energy performance contracts, initiating self-funding insurance, planning consolidation of district offices for efficiency and exploring the sharing of services.

Contingent Budget Information

WHAT WILL HAPPEN 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 = \$81,347,546

Contingent Budget Tax Levy Increase = 4.11 %

Further reductions needed = \$664,509 (The equivalent of 13 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
 - Athletics
 - Co-Curricular Clubs & Activities

You can vote if you are:

- at least 18 years old
- a U.S. citizen, and
- a District resident for at least 30 days before 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 2011-2012 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 17, 2011.

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

Continue the Investment in Student Achievement

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 17, 2011. For easy access to the Gymnasium, please use the Freeman Road Entrance.

Proposition 1: General Fund Budget

Information on pages 3-5.

Proposition 2: Purchase & Renovate Property for District Office/Transportation Facility

Information on pages 8-9.

Proposition 3: Purchase of Buses

Information on page 10.

Election of Three Trustees to the Board of Education

Information on pages 10-11.

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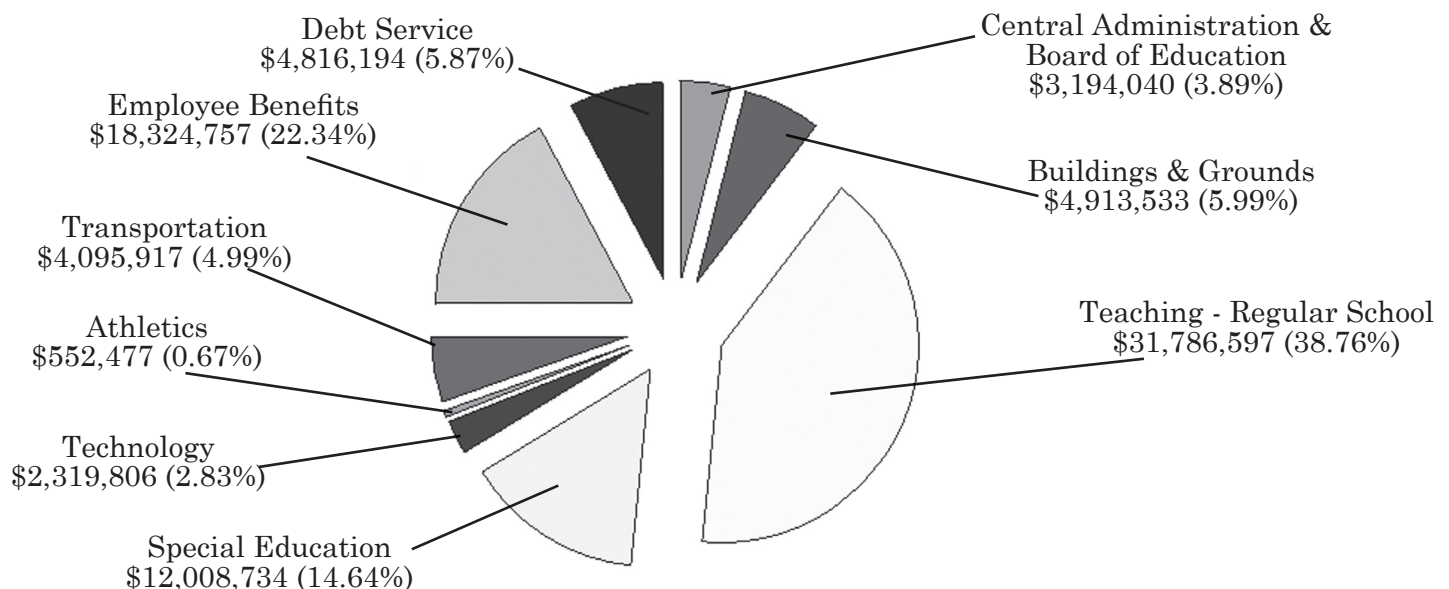
2A - Thomas E. Prince, Jr.

3A - Rachel J. Baksa

4A - Sean Wittmann

Total Operating Budget Spending: \$82,012,055
Budget-to-Budget Increase: 2.65%

Departmental Budget Comparison

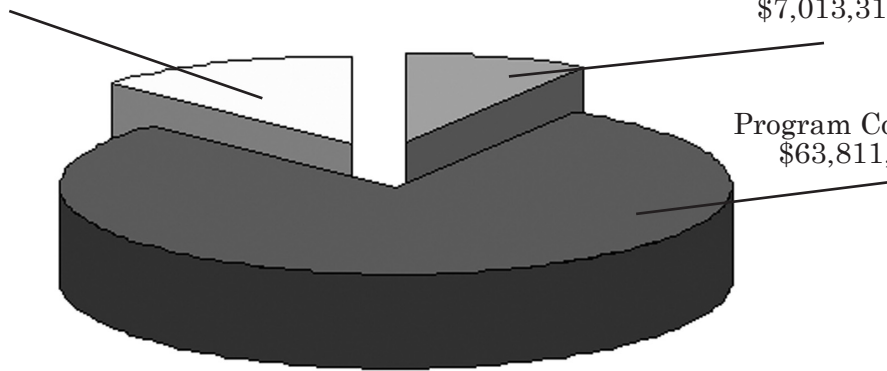


2011-2012 Three-Part Budget (Common Language)

Capital Component Total
\$11,186,995 (13.64%)

Administrative Component Total
\$7,013,315 (8.55%)

Program Component Total
\$63,811,745 (77.81%)



Administrative Component:

	2010-2011	2011-2012
Board of Education	\$8,250	\$7,200
District Clerk	\$400	\$400
District Meetings	\$22,000	\$20,000
Chief School Administrator	\$279,103	\$262,002
Business Administration	\$390,223	\$406,599
Auditing	\$29,000	\$32,000
Treasurer	\$225	\$225
Tax Collection	\$13,000	\$13,000
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$3,000	\$3,000
Legal Services	\$115,000	\$120,000
Personnel	\$330,321	\$323,281
Public Information	\$77,140	\$51,130
Central Printing & Mailing	\$230,171	\$226,421
Unallocated Insurance	\$221,500	\$240,000
School Association Dues	\$25,000	\$25,000
Assessments on School Property	\$47,250	\$45,000
Refund on Real Property Taxes	\$100,000	\$100,000
BOCES Administration & Capital	\$495,522	\$512,190
Curriculum Development	\$675,589	\$679,874
Supervision - Regular School	\$1,805,419	\$1,847,712
Research, Planning & Evaluation	\$131,106	\$126,718
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$239,236	\$193,688
Employee Benefits	\$1,598,378	\$1,777,875
Administrative Component Total:	\$6,836,833 (8.56%)	\$7,013,315 (8.55%)

Program Component:

Teaching - Regular Day School	\$26,750,820	\$25,729,706
Special Education	\$11,483,463	\$12,008,734
Occupational Education	\$560,988	\$588,194
Teaching - Special School	\$214,252	\$170,464
School Library & Audiovisual	\$785,367	\$752,935
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$2,136,235	\$2,126,118
Guidance & Counseling	\$916,046	\$940,310
Health Services	\$639,363	\$568,977
Psychological & Social Work Services	\$641,433	\$630,855
Co-Curricular Activities	\$392,485	\$334,664
Interscholastic Athletics	\$511,617	\$552,477
Transportation	\$4,009,239	\$4,095,917
Employee Benefits	\$13,125,948	\$15,089,614
Interfund Transfers	\$222,000	\$222,780
Program Component Total:	\$62,389,256 (78.09%)	\$63,811,745 (77.81%)

Capital Component:

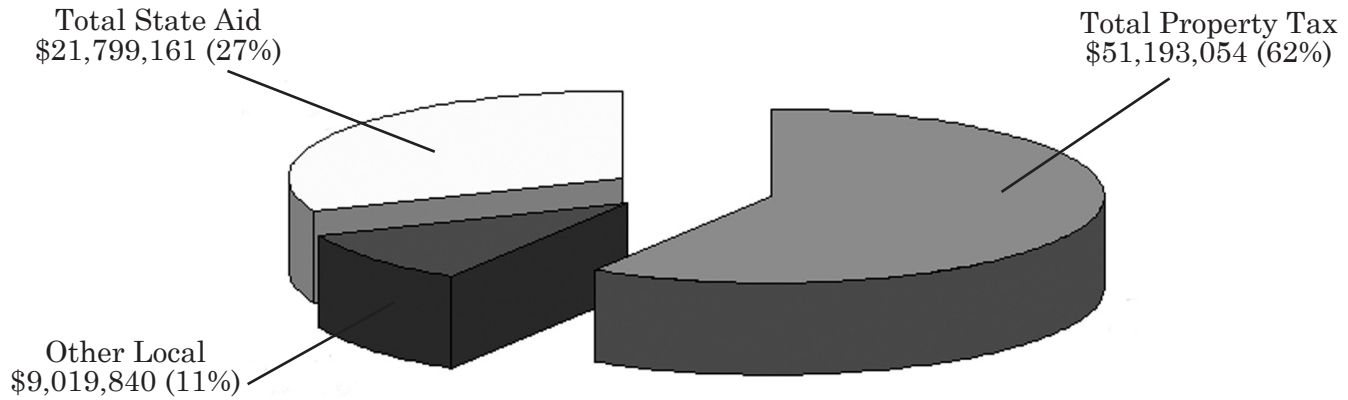
Operation of Plant	\$3,898,797	\$3,812,143
Maintenance of Plant	\$1,020,637	\$1,101,390
Employee Benefits	\$945,992	\$1,457,268
Debt Service	\$4,803,343	\$4,816,194
Capital Component Total	\$10,668,769 (13.35%)	\$11,186,995 (13.64%)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL:

\$79,894,858

\$82,012,055

2011-2012 Anticipated General Fund Revenues



Source of Revenue	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Actual	2011-2012 Budget	Estimated Tax Levy Increase
Property Tax Levy	48,533,180	48,478,029	51,193,054	2,659,874
Total Property Tax:	\$48,533,180	\$48,478,029	\$51,193,054	5.48%
Other Local				
Other Payments In Lieu Of	475,000	636,813	500,000	
Interest & Penalties On	4,000	3,091	4,000	
Non-Property Tax Distribution	4,000,000	4,900,000	4,000,000	
Community Education Tuition	145,000	156,727	140,000	
Textbook Charges	2,000	1,371	2,000	
Admissions	9,000	6,630	9,000	
Other Charges for Services	45,000	28,875	45,000	
Day School Tuition	40,000	50,000	45,000	
Health Services - Other Districts	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Transport for Other Districts	1,000	2,048	1,000	
Interest and Earnings	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Rental of Property (BOCES)	135,000	150,000	135,000	
Rental of Equipment - Individual	7,000	10,000	8,000	
Commissions	0	305	0	
Sale of Equipment	0	15,029	0	
Insurance Recoveries	0	23,945	0	
Refunds - Prior Year Expenses	0	189,357	0	
Refunds - Prior Yr. BOCES	300,000	445,501	350,000	
Unclassified	5,000	6,164	5,000	
Turf Project Reserve	35,200	35,200	35,200	
Playground Reserve	10,640	10,640	10,640	
From Reserves	0	0	880,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	2,700,000	0	2,700,000	
Total Other Local Share:	\$8,063,840	\$6,821,696	\$9,019,840	
State Aid				
Foundation Aid	14,826,922	14,826,922	14,826,922	
Excess Cost/Private & High Cost	1,269,649	1,332,288	1,379,040	
BOCES	1,727,718	1,683,524	1,715,647	
Building Aid (w/EXCEL Aid)	4,146,306	4,146,306	2,984,415	
Transportation	3,537,757	3,311,363	3,605,744	
Textbook/Soft/Hard/Library/AV	586,925	580,921	565,265	
(Deduct - Medicaid Assistance Withholding)		(148,812)		
(Gap Elimination Adjustment)	(4,386,875)	(4,386,875)	(4,877,257)	
Gap Elimination Restoration			352,734	
Federal Aid				
ARRA (Deficit Reduction Assessment)	1,489,436	1,489,436	0	
Federal Jobs Fund Restoration	0	0	1,246,651	
Medicaid Reimbursement	100,000	161	0	
Total State & Federal Aid:	\$23,297,838	\$22,835,234	\$21,799,161	-4.54%
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE	\$79,894,858	\$78,134,959	\$82,012,055	2.65%
			\$2,117,197	

On May 17, we are asking District residents to head to the polls to vote on the 2011-2012 school budget. This budget was developed after months of decision making and countless hours of meetings with administrators and the Board of Education. The end result is one that we believe will maintain quality programs for our students, and at the same time, keep our community stakeholders in mind. I'd like to share with you a bit about the budget process and about what the Orchard Park Central School District, and districts throughout the State, has grappled with over the past few months.

Four months ago, the Orchard Park School District began a budget process that is proving to challenge the way we deliver services to our children. The unprecedented decrease in state aid to Orchard Park, coupled with dramatic cost increases, is placing a burden on our staff, our taxpayers and most disconcerting, our students. Moving forward, it is imperative that:



- We continue to make students our focus, and recognize that there are many factors that develop student success. We need to allow students to balance their passion for learning and creativity through strong academics, co-curricular activities, the arts and athletics.
- We recognize that no one group of the educational community can accomplish this task alone. We are fortunate to have so many talented teachers that go above and beyond every day. We have support staff that perform daily duties that, without their expertise, our District would not be able to function. Our administrative team members continue to effectively lead their buildings and departments, while taking on more tasks. Now, more than ever, it does take a village.
- We recognize and celebrate our strengths as a school and community. Sharing these strengths only compounds success for our students, the school District, and the community.
- The District continue to pursue cost saving measures as it has most recently with energy performance contracts, initiating self-funding insurance, planning consolidation of district offices for efficiency and exploring the sharing of services with the Town of Orchard Park, BOCES and other surrounding school districts, and;
- Last, but certainly not least, we need to comprehend the magnitude of our current economic reality, and work together to accomplish this task. This budget season has forced us to explore areas that had previously been untouched. Our program-neutral budget from this year to next would have resulted in a tax levy increase of roughly 13%, but through careful and significant budget deliberations, the District is putting forward a 5.48% (est.) tax levy increase.

I want to assure the community that the District will continue to work to maintain the tradition of excellence for which Orchard Park is known. Thank you, again, for your continued support.

QMB Can & Bottle Drive

The Annual Quaker Marching Band Can & Bottle Drive will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

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 is

more convenient, you may drop off your donations of returnable bottles and cans at the Baker Road lot of the High School from 9 a.m. – noon on that day. If you need a special pickup prior to June 11, please call 209-6321. No amount is too big or small! Remember, water bottles are now returnable.

Any support is greatly appreciated.



Orchard Park Central School's Report Card Accountability and Overview Report

By Dennis Fitcher
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 each year incrementally 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 (2009-10). 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 by visiting www.opschools.org and clicking on Departments, then Curriculum, then NYS Report Card.

School Accountability 2009-2010						
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**	193	196	191	187	188	198
Effective AMO+	149	149	147	149	152	172
AYP++	√	√	√	√	√	√
Math						
Participation	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Performance Index	199	199	199	194	195	195
Effective AMO	129	129	127	129	132	168
AYP	√	√	√	√	√	√
Science						
Participation	100%	96%	100%	100%	99%	
Performance Index	200	200	200	198	194	
State Standard	100	100	100	100	100	
AYP	√	√	√	√	√	
Graduates						
All Students						96%
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.

Proposition 2 - District Office/Transportation Facility

Purchase & Renovate Property at
2240 Southwestern Boulevard, Orchard Park, NY

PROJECT WILL BE FUNDED AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO TAXPAYERS

Cost of Project = \$11.5 Million (annual cost of \$1 million with interest)

Annual Funding (Offsetting revenue or reduction of expenses):

77.1% from State Building Aid	-\$771,000
Sale or Lease of current District Office building	-\$200,000
Elimination of Lease Expense Current Grounds Building	- \$24,000
Eliminate Need for Lease of Bus Parking	- \$20,000

Minimum annual savings of \$15,000 each year

Why Now?

State Building Aid will reimburse the District 77% of the cost of the project (as long as it has voter approval on or before June 30, 2011). Building Aid may be reduced for projects approved after June 30, 2011.

BOARD OF EDUCATION GOAL:

Update District long-range facilities plan including a proposal for consolidation of transportation, district office facilities and relocation of the grounds department.

BACKGROUND:

For over 20 years the district has been trying to move the Transportation Facility out of the center of the village

- Student safety with congestion around the Middle School
- Noise & diesel fumes in close proximity to village homes
- Outgrown current facility (20 vehicles parked off site)
- Land locked (no room to add parking or building space)
- Lack of security for vehicles & staff at secondary lots



SOLUTION:

- Purchase and renovate property at 2240 Southwestern Blvd. as new home for the District Office & Transportation Departments
- Move Buildings & Grounds Department to current Transportation Facility on Middle School campus

ABOUT THE NEW FACILITY:

Why Now?

It's a good time to put a renovation project out. Interest rates are low, contractors are eager for work and bid prices have been coming in very favorably for school districts the last few years.

- 13.1 total acres
 - * 9 acres are developed and will be used for our facilities
 - * 4 acres will remain undeveloped
- 5 existing buildings on 9 acre portion
 - * 2 buildings will be used for the transportation facility
 - * 2 buildings will be used for the District Office
 - * 1 building will be used for cold storage
- Entrance/exit onto 2 different roads (Southwestern Blvd. & Angle Roads)

Why Now?

There will only be a positive impact on future budgets due to increased revenues and a decrease in facility maintenance and management costs when we sell or lease the current District Office building.

BENEFITS OF PURCHASING NEW FACILITY

- Safety & Security - all buses and staff in one secure location
- Long term solution for 3 separate departments:
 - *Transportation department move to new facility
 - *District Office move to new facility
 - *Buildings & Grounds department move to current bus garage
- Support of district office administration and staff on same site as transportation department
- Buildings & Grounds department will now be housed in an appropriate space to meet its needs
- Eliminate lease expense from rental of current grounds building (6145 Quaker Road)
- Additional revenue from sale or lease of current District Office Building (3330 Baker Road)
- Long term financial savings from eliminating or sharing costs of current district office building

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How will my school taxes be affected by this project?

A. They won't. Because of State aid, the elimination of leasing property and possible income from the lease of 3330 Baker Road, the District is presenting the project with NO IMPACT ON LOCAL SCHOOL TAXES.

Q. Isn't this all taxpayer money? State aid is my tax dollars too. How come you say a capital project saves me money?

A. Yes, it is all taxpayer money. However by authorizing this project, voters can insure that the state taxes Orchard Park residents have already paid stay within the Orchard Park schools to benefit our students.

Q. The economy is hurting. Isn't this a bad time to do a project?

A. As a time to make needed renovations at the lowest possible cost, this is a good time for a project. Quality



contractors bidding on work in slow economic times submit lower bids. Therefore, the District is able to get more done for less money right now than at any other time. As tough as times are, it is the best time to get the most for our dollars through the competitive bidding process and available state aid. **There is a strong possibility that state aid will be reduced in the near future, and that would significantly increase local costs.**

Proposition 3 - Purchase and Financing of Vehicles

Voters will decide on the purchase of four (4) sixty-five (65)-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$115,000 each, and four (4) thirty (30)-passenger van-type gasoline buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$52,500 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 \$670,000, will be funded through state education reimbursements and contractual agreements. This proposition is similar to propositions passed over the last six 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 **three candidates** to three-year terms.

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

candidate 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 regulatory agencies.

Rachel J. Baksa

Address: 4976 Roseview Avenue, Blasdell, NY

Children in School: Alexis, 10th, Jordan, 8th, Jeremiah 4th, Matthew 2nd, Joshua in UPK

Education: ECC South, '05; Buffalo State College '99-'00

Career: Stay at home mom of 5; previously EMT at Rural Metro Ambulance Co.

Community Service: • Served on numerous BOE committees since elected in 2008 including OP BOE planning, OP BOE policy, OP BOE Communications Committee, ECASB Legislative & Delegate Assembly • Windom PTO member since 2005, OPHS PTO member since 2009 • Help manage numerous youth sports teams from 2005 to present • Volunteer firefighter & EMT for 3 years at Newton Abbott Fire Co. • OP Youth Court, while at OPHS

David Nielsen

Address: 51 Harvard Place, Orchard Park

Children in School: Clare, 2nd Grade at South Davis

Education: Buffalo State College - B.S. Biology Education; City Honors High School, Buffalo

Career: 2007-Present: Catholic Medical Partners, Director, Information Technology and Internal Operations. 1996-2007: Independent Health, Senior Project Manager, Regulatory Reporting.

Community Service: • Board Member, Orchard Park Central Schools, July 2008-Present • Orchard Park Schools - Audit and Finance Committee • Orchard Park Schools - Curriculum and Policy Committee • Erie County School Board Association - Alternative to the Budget and Programming Committee • Erie County School Board Association, Alternative to the Legislative Committee • Vice Chair - Baker Victory Nite, Fundraiser for the Baker Victory Services adoption program • Asian Connection - Program Committee, Adoption Support group • Committee on school policies for the merger of St. Martin's, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Bonaventure parochial schools into the current Notre Dame Academy.

Thomas E. Prince, Jr.

Address: 25 Ashwood Lane, Orchard Park

Children in School: Zachary - 6th, Jordan - 4th, Luke - K

Education: Columbia College - Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Career: Covidien - Sales for VNUS Closure

Community Service: • Director of Baseball - Orchard Park Little League • Coach of Orchard Park Little League Baseball • Coach of Orchard Park Little League Football • Coach of Orchard Park Basketball • Coach for the Orchard Park Boys & Girls Club Basketball • Originator and Founder of the Southtowns Travel Baseball League • Revitalized the Little League Baseball Parade

Sean Wittmann

Address: 6277 Armor Road, Orchard Park

Children in School: Sebastian (5th), Isabelle (3rd), Logan (1st)

Education: SUNY Fredonia, El. EO. BS

Career: Director Teacher Ed & Development, Pearson Ed.

Community Service: • Orchard Park Soccer Club Travel Coach • Orchard Park Soccer Club House Coach • Cub Scout Pack 219 Den Leader • Read for the Record Organizer

On April 12, Mr. McGarrity presented the final budget to the Board of Education. This budget includes reductions from all areas, including athletics, personnel, co-curricular programs and building and grounds along with other areas needed to close a funding gap of \$5.7 million. Planning the 2011-2012 budget has been a long and difficult process, one the district has not faced in the past. The Board of Education has heard from many concerned members of the community. Therefore, District administrators have worked extensively over the past months to develop a budget which balances the needs of the students, taxpayers and staff. Most importantly, we feel we have developed a budget that will maintain a tradition of excellence which Orchard Park is known for.

Over the past ten years we have seen an increase in costs in all areas of education. However, State aid has not kept up with those increases. This is an example of issues facing our District.

Expenditures	2001-02	2011-12	Increase
Total Budget	\$59,351,290	\$82,012,055	\$22,660,765 = (38.3%)
Health Insurance	\$2,639,800	\$8,013,253	\$5,373,453 = (203.6%)
Retirement System	\$761,400	\$5,769,015	\$5,007,615 = (657.7%)

Revenues	2001-02	2011-12	Increase
State Aid	\$19,023,760	\$21,799,161	\$2,775,401 = (14%)

As we can all see, we have been asked to do more with a lot less and we are making it happen. The diligent work by school administrators in finding ways to reduce expenditures has resulted in a proposed impact of a 5.48% increase in taxes for an Orchard Park Township resident. Anything less would cause more cuts to programs having a negative impact on the quality of education 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 contact the District Office at 209-6222 to check the schedule.

I would like to thank Mr. McGarrity and his administrative staff for developing a fiscally sound budget. I would also like to encourage each and every one to go out and vote on May 17. The members of the Board of Education continue to work for you.



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Resident

Orchard Park Central School District Estimated Tax/Star Impact of Typical Home 2011-2012

	2010	Estimated 2011
Basic STAR Exemption	\$30,000	\$30,000
Enhanced STAR Exemption (for persons over 65, under \$70,650)	\$60,100	\$60,100
Home Value (Orchard Park)	\$100,000	\$100,000
Rate per \$1,000	28.8718	30.2379

Impact before STAR Reduction		
School Property Tax Bill	\$2,887	\$3,024
Increase		\$137
Percentage Increase		4.73%

Impact after Basic STAR Reduction		
School Tax Bill (before STAR)	\$2,887	\$3,024
STAR Reduction (60% equalization rate)	<u>\$501</u>	<u>\$512</u>
NET School Tax Bill:	\$2,386	\$2,512
Increase		\$126
Percentage Increase		5.26%

Impact after Enhanced STAR Reduction (for persons over 65, under \$70,650)		
School Tax Bill (before STAR)	\$2,887	\$3,024
STAR Reduction (60% equalization rate)	\$1,006	\$1,027
NET School Tax Bill:	\$1,881	\$1,997
Increase		\$116
Percentage Increase		6.15%

Property Tax Report Card 2010-2011

	Budgeted 2010-2011	Budgeted 2011-2012	Percent Change
Total Spending	\$79,894,858	\$82,012,055	2.65%
Total School Tax Levy	\$48,533,180	\$51,193,054	5.48%
Public School Enrollment	5,522	5,537	0.27%
Consumer Price Index			1.6%

	Actual 2010-2011	Estimated 2011-2012
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$5,351,919	\$4,471,919
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$3,195,794	\$3,254,323
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	3.97%