Shelter Island UFSD 2022-2023 Proposed Budget: "Continuous Progress & Financial Responsibility"



Board of Education Meeting of February 15, 2022 Facilities and Transportation Budget Revenue Budget Presentation #3

Budget Formation Process

- District administration consults with teachers and staff to determine programmatic wishes and goals for the 2022-2023 school year.
- District administration examines the value and efficacy of existing programs to determine if changes are needed in the 2022-2023 school year.
- District administration gathers pricing, contractual obligations and best estimates in compiling the spending plan.
- The Board of Education reviews these decisions to determine if they represent the proper direction for the District and its taxpayers.

Accomplishments

- US News & World Best High School
- NYSPHSAA School of Distinction 6 Years in a Row
- Significant Improvement State Exams in ELA and Mathematics in Participation, Performance, and Growth
- Successful in a Pandemic
 - Open as much or more than any school district in NYS over the past 2 years.
 - Hosted vaccination and booster clinics.
 - Brought testing to our school and community.

Accomplishments - Continued

- Continued to focus on SEL as our students work through the pandemic.
- Continued investment in safety air filtration, testing, and PPE to be able to keep our students in the school.
- Professional Development for faculty on continuous improvement while working on questioning techniques and learning targets.
- Settled SRP contract. (Both teacher and SRP contract are settled financial stability/predictability for 5 years).

District Administration Budget Goals

In formulating a proposed spending plan for evaluation by the Board of Education, we have sought to:

- Design and adopt a budget that stays <u>below</u> the Tax Cap limitations.
- Develop a budget that maintains district programs and community support.
- Design and adopt a budget that values fiscal restraint.
- Develop a budget that seeks to identify and implement cost savings.
- Design a budget that helps us provide the best education possible at the most efficient cost as possible.

Operations and Maintenance of Plant

- The District employs six full time and two part time employees who are responsible to maintain, repair, clean and operate the District's buildings and property.
- The Department works with outside vendors on larger projects and on specialty projects, such as the abatement of hazardous materials.
- The Department works with the District's architect/engineer on long-range planning and the preventative maintenance of the real property of the District.

Proposed Budget - Operations and Maintenance of Plant

		Spent or	2022-2023	
	2021-2022	Encumbered on	Proposed	Percent
	Adopted Budget	January 4, 2022	Budget	Change
Plant Operations	\$639,002	\$415,627	\$629,906	-1.42%
Plant Maintenance	\$292,789	\$196,079	\$285,871	-2.36%
Printing and Postage	\$40,050	\$31,985	\$43,500	8.61%
Total	\$971,841	\$643,691	\$959,277	-1.29%

Reductions are made possible by shifting the cost of repairs from the budget to the voter approved Repair Reserve fund.

Transportation

- The District provides transportation for students both on-island as well as off-island.
- The District is responsible for transporting students to any private placement within 15 miles of the student's home (50 miles for Special Education students).
- The District budgets for the cost of contract bus companies as well as ferry fare for the North and South Ferries.

Proposed Budget - Transportation

	Spent or			
	2021-2022 Encumbered		2022-2023	
	Adopted	on January 4,	Proposed	Percent
	Budget	2022	Budget	Change
Busing	\$400,557	\$303,063	\$419,383	4.70%
Ferries	\$116,688	\$86,935	\$122,172	4.70%
Total	\$517,245	\$389,998	\$541,555	4.70%

Busing contracts can increase by as much as CPI, which is at 4.70%. The District must increase budgets to keep pace with rising bus and ferry costs.

Debt Service

- The District has issued bonds or other borrowings that represent the unconditional promise of the District to repay the loan.
- Debt schedules are determined at the time the loan is finalized.
- The District also borrows money each fall in anticipation of property tax receipts being received beginning each January. This Tax Anticipation Note is repaid each June, with interest.
- The District made the final payment on the generator debt this year, meaning that debt service costs will be reduced in the 2022-2023 budget.

What Are Transfers to Other Funds?

- The District must cover a portion of the costs of summer instruction for certain Special Education students. The balance is paid via grant to the Special Aid Fund.
- Due to its operating expenses and limited revenue sources, the Cafeteria runs a deficit each year. The General Fund then must support such deficits through a transfer to the Cafeteria Fund.

Proposed Budget - Debt Service and Transfers to Other Funds

	2021-2022	Spent or	2022-2023	
	Adopted	Encumbered on	Proposed	Percent
	Budget	January 4, 2022	Budget	Change
Bonds Principal and Interest	\$365,056	\$384	\$298,856	-18.13%
Energy Performance Contract Principal and Interest	\$82,982	\$41,491	\$82,982	0.00%
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$38,775	\$12,344	\$38,775	0.00%
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000	0.00%
Transfer to Cafeteria Fund	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	0.00%
Total	\$622,813	\$54,219	\$556,613	-10.63%

State Aid - An Early Look

Governor Hochul has released State Aid figures for school districts all across New York State.

- The Governor has proposed a budget that increases State Aid to the District by 3%.
- The 2022-2023 figures are the Governor's proposal. The NYS Legislature is scheduled to adopt a budget by April 1, 2022, which normally increases aid from the levels in the Governor's proposal.

State Aid - Governor's Proposal

	2021-2022	2022-2023	
	Anticipated	Projected	Change
Foundation Aid	\$409,273	\$421,551	\$12,278
BOCES	\$60,380	\$67,586	\$7,206
Software, Library,			
Textbook	\$16,394	\$14,369	-\$2,025
Transportation	\$24,305	\$24,890	\$585
Building Aid	\$40,555	\$50,835	\$10,280
High Tax Aid	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Total	\$650,907	\$679,231	\$28,324

The Governor's budget proposal is subject to change by the New York State Legislature.

Property Tax Cap - What Does The Law Say?

Revenues raised by the District through property tax – "the levy" – can increase no more than approximately 2%, or CPI, whichever is less, plus several exemptions.

- Exempt from the tax calculation:
 - Capital costs
 - Some pension costs (Pension cost exclusions are not applicable in 2022-2023 due to expected contribution rates)

Shelter Island UFSD Property Tax Calculations

Prior school year tax levy		\$11,016,571.00
Tax base growth factor		1.0015
	Product	\$11,033,095.86
Capital Tax Levy in Prior Year		\$429,921.00
	Difference	\$10,603,174.86
Allowable Levy Growth Factor		1.02
	Product	\$10,815,238.35
Capital Tax Levy in Coming Year		\$363,124.15
Tax Levy Limit Plus Exclusions		\$11,178,362.50

All figures are subject to adjustment.

The Board of Education will be asked to approve a resolution related to these calculations at this evening's Board meeting to allow the District to file a report with NYSED and the New York State Comptroller.

Budget As Presented Thus Far...

	Spent or			
	2021-2022	Encumbered on	2022-2023	Percent
	Adopted Budget	January 4, 2022	Proposed Budget	Change
Central Admin., B & G, Data	\$1,794,274	\$1,210,397	\$1,826,637	1.80%
Insurance and BOCES Administration	\$174,010	\$166,422	\$178,520	2.59%
Academic Administration	\$358,348	\$205,749	\$409,760	14.35%
Classroom Operations	\$3,163,887	\$1,210,180	\$3,253,914	2.85%
Special Ed and Occ Ed	\$1,196,483	\$428,099	\$1,124,360	-6.03%
Computer, Library, Summer, ESL	\$521,352	\$273,424	\$487,271	-6.54%
Guidance, Counseling, Health	\$496,316	\$225,415	\$539,414	8.68%
Clubs and Athletics	\$276,413	\$125,965	\$286,094	3.50%
Transportation	\$517,245	\$389,998	\$541,555	4.70%
Benefits and Debt Service	\$3,750,620	\$2,056,223	\$3,789,779	1.04%
Transfers to Cafeteria and Special Aid	\$136,000	\$0	\$136,000	0.00%
Grand Totals	\$12,384,947	\$6,291,872	\$12,573,305	1.52%

Last year's final grand total proposed budget included a 1.93% increase.

Budget - Next Steps

- The District will continue to monitor developments in educational needs for next year between now and when the budget must be finalized.
- The District will also continue to monitor any changes in the proposed state aid. The Legislature is expected to adopt a budget on or before April 1, 2022.
- The budget presentations will continue, following the schedule on the following slide.

Next Time....

- February 28 Budget Workshop
- March 14 Budget Overview and Adjustments
- April 11 Budget Adoption by the Board of Education
- May 9 Budget Hearing at Board of Education Meeting
- May 17 Budget Vote 12:00 pm until 9:00 pm at the School Gym

Meeting video will be posted on our website under Board of Education.