Committee of the Whole

May 7, 2025



Finance

2025-2026 Budget

- Expenditures - $48,474,910
- Includes $454,085.09 projected transfer to Capital Reserve
  - Includes $200,000 budgetary reserve
  - No Updates to Budget since April Presentation
  - Health Care
    - PSHIC Agreement - One time impact
    - 26-27, 27-28 can expect 10-15% increases

2025-2026 Updated Revenues

- $48,474,910
  - Balanced Budget - No Projected Use of Fund Balance
  - Local Real Estate
    - Revenue figure includes a local real estate tax increase
    - Act 1 Index is 4%
    - Millage from 12.4218 to 12.9186
    - Collection rate set at 96.5%
    - Potential for volatility
  - Earned Income Tax
    - Annual linear increase of $210,000
    - One time increase of $400,000
    - Potential for volatility

2025-2026 Revenues State and Federal

- $48,474,910
  - Balanced Budget - No Projected Use of Fund Balance
  - State Revenue - Basic Education Funding
    - $43k projected increase
    - 0.50% yoy increase
    - Impact of New Funding Paradigm
      - FY26 - Old Formula $366k (-$323k)
      - FY25 - Old Formula $734k (-$542k)
      - Two Year Net Ongoing Impact: -$865k
    - Potential for volatility
  - Federal Revenue
    - Projecting level funding at this time
    - Potential for volatility

Act 1 Index

- Essentially, the Act 1 Index is an “education inflation index”
- Legally, establishes a measurement for determining property tax increases justified by wage inflation, without a referendum
- Takes into account statewide average weekly wage, employment cost index, base index and then an adjusted index based on locality
- The state determines each local school district’s Act 1 Index annually

Act 1 Index

- For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, DASD's Act 1 Index was 4.1%; the District did not raise taxes at all
- For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, DASD's Act 1 Index was 6.1%; the District implemented a 3.5% tax raise
- For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, DASD's Act 1 Index was 4.0%; the Board may choose to raise local real estate taxes up to 4.0% (millage of 12.9186)

Budget Approval Process

- Approval of the Proposed Budget in May
  - Special Meeting on May 7, 2025 following Committee of the Whole
  - 30 Day window between proposed and final
- Resolution Setting Tax Rates
- Homestead/Farmstead Resolution
- Adoption scheduled for June 11, 2025
- State budget approved

Food Service Renewal

- Guaranteed Profit - $65,033.07
- 2025-2026 is Renewal 3 of 4 (Year 4 of 5 of the contract)
- Food Service RFP process will be required in 2026-2027 for the 2027-2028 school year

Lunch and A La Carte Prices

Tax Collection for 2025

- Tax Collectors for West Hemlock and Valley Townships have notified the District in writing they will resume collection in the 2025 tax year starting in July 2025.

PSBA Membership Renewal

Voluntary Student Accident and Interscholastic Sports Insurance

Budget Transfer

- Proposed transfer of $195,000 into 2620-762 Maintenance Replacement Equipment from:
  - Transfer of $45,000 from 2620-610 Maintenance Supplies
  - Transfer of $150,000 from 2620-431 Maintenance Services

Board Secretary and Board Treasurer

- School Code designates this occur in the month of May
  - 4 year term for the Secretary beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029
  - 1 year term for the Treasurer beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Long-Range Planning



Farm Lease

Athletics & Extracurriculars



Color Guard

- In April, an interest survey was sent to students in Grades 8-11.

- 48 students responded / 27 Students indicated interest
  - 8th Grade: 4 / 9th Grade: 5 / 10th Grade: 2 / 11th Grade: 16

- Year 1 Expenses Would Include:
  - Stipend for Color Guard Adviser = $1,500
  - Equipment Repair = $500
  - Mrs. Garside will look to utilize old uniforms and equipment as the program gets off the ground
  - **Total for Year 1 = $2,000**

- Expense Considerations for Year 2 & Beyond:
  - New Uniforms
  - New Flags, Poles, Etc.

Jr. High Girls' Wrestling

- 21 girls expressed interest
- 8 regional schools will be offering it
- Can take the girls to tournaments - up to 22 points for the girls
- Costs:
  - Coach salary of approximately $3,000
  - Uniforms
  - Transportation
  - Tournament fees

Policy



Foundation Bylaws

Emergency Operations / All Hazards Plan

Purpose

The Danville Area School District's (DASD) Emergency Operations Administration Manual is essential to ensure the safety and well-being of students, staff, and visitors by proactively identifying and addressing potential risks, threats, and emergencies. It provides a structured framework for responding to incidents such as natural disasters, medical emergencies, violence, and other safety concerns. By outlining clear protocols, communication strategies, and security measures, this school security plan helps create a safe, supportive learning environment, fosters a sense of security, and ensures that the DASD community is prepared to act swiftly and effectively in the face of any emergency.

Emergency Operations / All Hazards Plan

Compliance

The DASD strives to always be in compliance with PDE's requirements for school safety. In 2018, Article XIII-B (School Safety and Security) of the PA Public School Code of 1949 created many school safety and security guidelines. Later amendments included Act 18 of 2019; Act 67 of 2019; Act 30 of 2020; Act 55 of 2022; and Act 33 of 2023.

- Article XIII-B (School Safety and Security)
- Act 18 of 2019
- Act 67 of 2019
- Act 30 of 2020
- Act 55 of 2022
- Act 33 of 2023

Emergency Operations / All Hazards Plan

Key Components

Overview and Compliance
Emergency Operations Planning
Incident Command
Climate and Culture
Mental Health
Prevention
Preparedness
Response Recovery

Law Enforcement MOU

Personnel



Positions for Approval at the May Meeting

- DMS Assistant Principal
  - 7 applicants / 5 interviews
  - Interview team of Tom Hiravi, Heaven Reinard, Alyssa Wenrich, and Molly Nied
- Varsity Boys' Basketball
  - 4 applicants / 4 interviews
  - Interview team of Lee Gump, Bobby Varholak, Brian Albertson, and Molly Nied
- Varsity Golf
  - 1 applicant / 1 interview
  - Interview team of Lee Gump, Bobby Varholak, Brian Albertson, and Molly Nied
- Varsity Competitive Cheer
  - 1 applicant / 1 interview
  - Interview team of Lee Gump, Bobby Varholak, and Brian Albertson
- Assistant Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach
  - 2 applicants / 2 interviews
  - Interview team of Lee Gump, Bobby Varholak, and Brian Albertson