

**Board of Education Meeting
Public Hearing
Wednesday, May 7, 2025
6:15 p.m.**

PRESENT: Holly Barker-Flynn
Matthew Dreher
Jason Fernau
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin
Fabrizia Rodriguez
Lawrence Ryan
Katie Whittemore

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Gianleo Duca, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER

Jason Fernau called the Public Hearing to order at 6:15

PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED 2025 – 2026 BUDGET

Brian Sirianni gave a presentation on the 2025-2026 budget. He shared detailed information, including costs of the various functional areas; and he discussed challenges, changes and adjustments of each functional area. He also shared and discussed the 3-part budget format including Administration, Program and Capital components.

Mr. Sirianni discussed revenue changes, and stated as there was no State budget, there was no firm State Aid figure. He shared the challenges and the information being utilized in lieu of the State Budget. He shared State Aid revenue over the years, and shared a breakdown of all revenue sources.

Mr. Sirianni shared the District tax base growth factors for 2020 – 2026 and using the tentative tax rolls shared each town's projected tax rate, and he shared information pertaining to the allowable tax levy cap calculation vs the actual tax levy.

Mr. Sirianni discussed each of the budget propositions. He reminded everyone there are two (2) vehicle propositions, discussed an available grant, and shared the pass-through only information on the Public Library proposition.

Dr. Duca shared all District priorities, and explained the priorities were the foundation of all decisions.

Dr. Duca discussed the budget drivers, and explained that a retirement incentive for BSTA had allowed the District to absorb some retirement positions while allowing for filling of other positions. He announced there had been no layoffs this year, and that the District had maintained and enhanced programing; and discussed the efficiencies that have allowed for the enhancements, continued programs and equitable opportunities.

Dr. Duca stated the budget offered building support for student success, and discussed changes, challenges and adjustments. He reminded everyone of the District's commitment to students and staff.

Dr. Duca thanked the Business Office for their excellent work and support, and reminded everyone the budget vote and board elections will be on May 20, 2025.

Mr. Fernau thanked everyone for their work.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUDGET

None

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Fernau adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:48

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board