SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reserve & Fund Balances Update

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Unassigned Fund Balance

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2024-25 Approved Budget: $100,410,422
4% of Budget: $4,016,417 (4% is the maximum allowable legal limit for Unassigned Fund Balance)
2024-25 Fund Balance: $2,962,107 / 2.95%
Difference: $1,054,7310

2024-25 Budget Expenses after budget was finalized

- **$1.2 million in special education student transfers and out of district placements**
- **$600,000 in additional contracted transportation costs (McKinney Vento); net County reimbursements**
- **24-25 Expenses exceed the budget by $450,000**

2025-26 Approved Budget: $105,576,012
4% of Budget: $4,223,040
Recommendation 2025-26 Unassigned Fund Balance: $3,167,280
Percentage of 2025-26 Budget: 3.0% (Under the 4% maximum legal limit)
Difference: $1,055,760

Reserve Activity

	Employee Benefits	Tax Certiorari	Workers Comp	ERS/TRS	Debt	Unemploy-ment	Capital	Total Reserves		Unassigned Fund Balance
Balance 6/30/24	$660,432	$1,047,499	$801,649	$1,658,834	$815,778	$445,918	$2,955,749	$8,385,859		$2,962,107
Interest Income	$18,578	$29,467	$22,195	$44,871	$20,954	$12,544	$83,147	$231,756		
Use of Reserves	$443,578	$994,656	$75,000	$50,000	$515,000	0	0	$2,078,234		
Additions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Balance 6/30/25	$235,432	$82,311	$748,845	$1,653,705	$321,732	$458,462	$3,038,896	$6,539,381		$3,167,280

2025-26 Reserve & Fund Balances

Reserve Funds: $6,539,381

Unassigned Fund Balance: $3,167,280

Assigned Fund Balance: $2,420,000

TOTAL: $12,126,661

Recommendations for Future Budgets

- Challenging budget years in 23-24 and 24-25
- Special Education tuitions continue to soar
  - Impact of BOCES Building
- Continue to work to bring contracted transportation In house
- Continue to mindful of the Tax Cap
- Continue to monitor expenses & spending
- Eliminate Use of Reserves to close budgetary gaps
- Consider pulling bus purchase out of GF budget / stand alone proposition
- Cash management agreement with Three + One
  - Comprehensive study / plan to review our investments, banking and interest rates to maximize earning potential
  - Earnings guarantee

QUESTIONS?