Spackenkill Union Free School District

Board of Education
2021-2022 Budget Update
February 11, 2021
2020-2021 Budget Overview

- 2020-2021 Budget $ 48,068,456
- 2019-2020 Budget $ 47,162,497
- Increase Amount $ 905,959
- Percent Increase 1.92%

- 2020-2021 Budgeted Levy $ 30,871,945
- 2019-2020 Tax Levy $ 30,299,099
- Increase Amount $ 572,846
- Percent Increase 1.89%
Key Factors for 2021-2022

- The CPI to be used for the 2021-22 school budget is 1.23%. Average Annual Change in the CPI for December 2019 was 1.81%.

- Average ERS rates will increase from 14.6% to 16.2% of salaries paid

- No tax cap exclusion for either retirement system
Key Factors for 2021-2022

• The Teachers’ Retirement System (including Administrators) has released an estimated employer contribution rate of 9.8% for the 2020-2021 payroll. This estimate is an increase from the 2019-2020 employer contribution rate of 9.53%. The Retirement Board will meet on July 28, 2021 to finalize the employer contribution rate.
Key Factors for 2021-2022

• Full restoration of 20% withholdings

• Education payments withheld in this fiscal year will all be released regardless of whether they represent aid for the 2019-20 school year or aid for the 2020-21 school year

• This restoration will include funds withheld from grants to school districts

• For Spackenkill, this means we will receive approximately $156,000 in aid that was withheld
Federal Stimulus Update

- On February 3, the House of Representatives passed a budget measure directing committees to draft legislation to implement President Biden’s $1.9 trillion federal stimulus package, including $350 billion in aid to state and local governments.

- The size of the allocation for New York is speculated to be between $6 billion and $15 billion.
Federal Stimulus Update

• The Governor’s Executive Budget proposal from January was constructed under the assumption that New York would receive the lesser amount.

• Proposal includes reductions in state aid to school districts in the form of consolidation of expense based aids and a reduction in the STAR reimbursement to school districts, among other cost-saving measures for the state.

• The Governor stated that if the state were to receive $15 billion in federal funds, those harmful reductions would be avoided.
Comptroller’s Report

• The office of the Comptroller has released his report, as he does annually, of his fiscal stress monitoring system.

• Spackenkill received 0’s in both our fiscal and environmental score. Zero is good news for us.

• A link to the website which shows all school districts in the state, as well as a link to some fiscal data for our district is shown below and will be posted on our website

https://www.osc.state.ny.us/local-government/fiscal-monitoring/lists
State Aid

- Currently slated to receive an additional amount of approximately $790,000 or 6.72%
- Aid categories have been combined and may be overstated - including STAR
- BOCES Aid may be overstated due to timing of their Capital Project
- Our State Aid will be presented on February 23
2020-21 Current Budget Assumptions

- Contractual: No increase in contractual services including utilities
- BOCES Services: 2.5 – 3.5% increase in BOCES central services
- Special Education Tuition: 3% based on historical increases
- Supplies: No increase in funding
- Debt Service: Increase for capital project interest payment to be determined
Budget Factors

- What other factors can impact the final budget?
  - Retirement Breakage
  - Health Insurance Costs
  - Tuition Revenue
  - Final State Aid Allocation
Budget Factors

- What format will be used to present the budget?
  - Line item by Function (i.e. Facilities, Guidance, Transportation, etc.)
  - Review Budget Modifications during budget process
  - 2nd Draft Budget
  - Final Superintendent recommended budget
  - BOE adopted budget
  - Three part budget format
Additional Considerations

- Final Phase of Capital Project
- Transportation Vehicle Purchase
- Summer Programs and COVID support
Proposed 2021-2022 Budget Calendar

- February 23  Preliminary Revenue Projections
  Draft Budget Summary
- March 9    Superintendent’s Budget Presentation
- March 23  BOE Budget Discussion
- April 13  Budget Adoption
- April 27  BOCES Budget Vote
- May 18   Spackenkill Budget Vote
Questions?