

A Public Hearing to present the 2015/2016 budget was held in the Board of Education Room at the Main Street School on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The regular meeting of the Members of the Board of Education of the Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York, was held in the Board of Education Room at the Main Street School on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 immediately following the Public Hearing.

Present Mrs. Judy Green, President
 Mrs. Martha Bogart, Vice President
 Mr. Jeremy Cassel
 Mr. James Kimiecik
 Mr. George Jung
 Mr. Thomas Mullane
 Mrs. Allison Salte

Superintendent of Schools Mr. Daniel T. Connor
 Assistant Superintendent for Business Mr. Robert Miller
 Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel & Technology
 Principals: Mr. William Rolon, Mr. Jason Carter
Mr. Kurtis Kotes -7:35 p.m.
 Assistant Principals: Ms. Heather Carman
 Elementary Coordinator Mr. Henry Freedman
 Director of Buildings & Grounds Mr. James Riley
 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Absent
 Director of PPS Mrs. Deirdre Hallinan
 CSE Chairperson Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
 Director of Transportation Mrs. Donna Post
 Network Administrator Mr. James Sterett
 Student Senate Representative
 Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District

The Public Hearing was called to order by President, Mrs. Judy Green at 7:02 p.m. on a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jeremy Cassel to present the 2015/2016 proposed budget.

Goshen Central School District Budget Hearing
 Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2015/2016

Estimated 2014-15 State Aid Overview

Fiscal 2014-15 Estimated State Aid	\$12,713,300
Fiscal 2015-16 Estimated Governor’s Proposal	\$?
Fiscal 2014-15 Adopted State Budget Estimate	\$13,439,718
Increase	726,418

Governor's Tax Cap Proposal Effective for 15-16 School Year
 NYS has a Property Tax Cap not a 2% Cap

If District proposes a tax levy at or below the “maximum allowable levy” then the budget will be approved if voters pass the budget by a simple majority (50% of the votes + 1 vote). It was noted the budget being presented is at the “maximum allowable levy” limit.

If District proposes a tax levy above the “maximum allowable tax levy” then the budget will be approved if voters pass the budget by a super majority (60% of the votes). If the District chooses this option, it requires a statement on the ballot indicating the required tax levy before exclusions exceeds the “Tax Levy Limit”.

If voters reject their District’s budget proposal, the District can adopt a contingent budget or put the same or revised budget up for vote a second time. However, it is important to note that if residents reject their District’s budget proposal a second time, the District would need to adopt a contingent budget and the District’s tax levy would be capped at the prior year’s tax levy – a cap of zero % increase. Also, the budget would be subject to contingent budget requirements (ex. Administrative Cap in effect and non-contingent expenses removed).

Tax Cap Formula was presented:

Prior Year Tax Levy		\$ 43,945,411
Tax Base Growth Factor	times (x)	<u>1.0095</u>
		44,362,892
Prior Year Pilot	plus (+)	<u>3,453,498</u>
		47,816,390
Prior Year Exclusions	minus (-)	<u>821,243</u>
Adjusted Prior Year Levy		46,995,147

Allowable Growth Factor		1.0162
		47,756,469
PILOTS for Coming Year	minus (-)	3,548,360
		44,208,109
Available Carryover		0
TAX LEVY LIMIT		44,208,109
Coming School Year Exclusions:		
Capital Exclusion	plus (+)	789,374
TRS Exclusion	plus (+)	0
ERS Exclusion	plus (+)	0
Minimum Allowable Levy		\$ 44,997,483

Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Calculation	
Tax Levy Limit	\$44,208,109
+ Coming Year 2015-16 Exclusions	\$ 789,374
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy	\$44,997,483

Goshen Central School District Proposed Budget

	2014/2015	Draft 2015/2016	Draft Contingent 2015/2016
Appropriations	\$ 65,441,124	\$ 67,196,457**	\$66,144,385**
Revenue			
Fund Balance	\$ 980,434	\$ 980,434	\$ 980,434
Tax Levy	\$43,945,411 (2.39%)	\$44,997,483*	\$43,945,411
PILOTS	\$ 3,453,498	\$ 3,548,360	\$ 3,548,360
State Aid	\$12,713,300	\$13,439,718	\$13,439,718
Other	\$ 4,348,481	\$ 4,230,462	\$ 4,230,462
TOTAL	\$ 65,441,124 (2.68%)	\$67,196,457	\$ 66,144,385

*Meets cap – Maximum Allowable Levy

** No new positions with the exception of an additional Teacher, 2 Teacher Aides and PT Nurse for Special Education

Proposition No. 2 - Bus Proposition

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York is hereby authorized to purchase four (4) 64-passenger or larger school buses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$110,400 each; one (1) 64-passenger or larger school bus with luggage compartment, at a maximum estimated cost of \$114,900; one (1) 22 passenger or larger wheelchair lift-equipped school bus, at a maximum estimated cost of \$67,000; for an aggregate maximum cost of \$623,500; and that the sum of \$623,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in installments; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

Proposition No. 3- Capital Reserve Proposition

(District Construction, Reconstruction and Renovation of Facilities Capital Reserve Fund) Shall the Board of Education of the Goshen Central School District be authorized to increase the ultimate amount of the capital reserve fund established in 2011 and increased in 2014, known as the “District Construction, Reconstruction and Renovation of Facilities Capital Reserve Fund”; by an additional amount of \$5,000,000, with such amount to be funded from end of year budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, and the interest accrued on such funds over the remainder of the term of the capital reserve fund.

Board Election – Candidates running for the Board of Education – three (3) open seats:

Jason Pucci
Martha Bogart
Judy Green

What is the next step?

Annual Budget Vote will be held from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 in the Board of Education Room, Main Street Building.

Mrs. Green opened the Public Hearing to comments from the community.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jeremy Cassel the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Mrs. Green called for a brief recess before beginning the regular meeting.

At this time Mr. Connor asked Mr. Sterett to join the board at the table to discuss the recent notification by the State with regard to RTTT. The State announced on Friday that additional RTTT monies were available for all New York State School Districts. Filings need to be completed by May 6. Each school district will receive \$5.00 per student; which totals \$15,789.05 for our District. Mr. Connor recognized the efforts of Jim Sterett and Jonathan Redeker, who compiled a list of mobile devices for the classroom.

Mr. Connor had the opportunity to attend the Goshen Swim Team Booster Club Harlem Wizard fundraiser. The event was sold out and a huge success raising over \$9,000. It is the intent of the Booster Club to present the District with a check over the summer.

Mr. Connor announced 3 of our Odyssey of the Mind Goshen teams will be competing at the World Competition at the end of the month. Congratulations to all.

Mr. Connor reported 65 candidates have applied for the High School Principal position. Resumes are currently being screened with 6 to 8 candidates being interviewed on May 26 and May 28, with appointment at the June 15 meeting.

Mr. Connor reported a hot topic of discussion at the recent NYSCOSS conference was the new APPR, which is still a work in progress. APPR has changed five times since 2010. According to the Governor districts are being required to submit a new APPR Plan by November or could lose State Aid.

Discussion also included parents opting out their children from the State Assessments. One part of the State is working with local legislators to put a plan together to apply some leverage in Albany. The Middletown School District, working with a legal firm, has developed a letter to parents mandating children to take the State Assessments.

Mrs. Bogart stated teacher evaluations should be at the local level and the job of school administrators; not by the State.

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Mrs. Green at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the draft of the minutes for the meeting of April 7, 2015; April 20, 2015 and April 23, 2014. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for February 2015 was acknowledged under Financial Update.

The board received the following correspondence: Correspondence from Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert regarding Goshen Public Library; correspondence from Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert Student Learning Objectives; Orange County School Boards Association May meeting postcard; Orange County School Boards Association Notice of Annual Meeting; O/U BOCES Correspondence on Budget/Election Results; correspondence from Meg Bailey, Esq.; Youth Ending Hunger newsletter; and various newspaper articles.

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

Mrs. Green highlighted the dates of the many end of year activities during May and June.

There was no Legislative Update.

Mr. Connor reported he attended the Illuminate Goshen fundraiser.

The girls Lacrosse team, a second year program, won their league. Congratulations!

Mr. Kotes, Mrs. Lercara and Mr. Voloshin are attending the High School Concert. Mr. Kotes will join us shortly.

Mr. Connor highlighted the Scholar/Athlete Awards ceremony; Goshen Greats; Honor Grads Breakfast; 2015 Variety Show; Humanities Honorees Breakfast recognizing outstanding Performing Arts students and our Mock Trial team who won and will be competing at the State level. Congratulations to all.

On May 1, the District was part of Goshen's first Art Walk through town, organized by Terry Smallin, from the Goshen Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Connor thanked Melissa Ochs, Chris Tucci, Robert Hoover and Karen Richards for providing student art work for the event.

Mr. Kotes addressed the board and thanked them for allowing students at the High School to go to Europe over the Spring break. Mr. Kotes introduced Mrs. Panzer, Mr. Redeker and Ms. Bellotto along with some of the students to share their experience with the board.

The students prepared a powerpoint of their visit highlighting points of interest which connected what they had studied to real life events. The students thanked the board and administration for the opportunity to experience a wonderful real life learning/educational experience.

Mr. Kotes addressed the board and thanked them for allowing students at the High School to participate and attend the National High School Model United Nations and was pleased to introduce seven of the students to the board this evening.

Students from Model UN shared their experience with the board. Mr. Polanis, team advisor, was unable to attend this evening. The Model United Nations Conference is a simulation where schools from around the world participate. Teams of students represent one country. The students served on different committees during the simulation. This year the students represented Cape Verde. The students thanked the board for an amazing learning opportunity. Mr. Kotes commended the students and Mr. Polanis for their hard work and preparation.

Mr. Kotes commended all class advisors and the students. Mr. Kotes also commended all students on their excellent behavior and work ethics. This is a true testament to their taking the opportunity for these educational experiences seriously.

Mrs. Green thanked the students for attending this evening to present and share their learning experiences. It was a pleasure to see your excitement and how the experience enriched your learning knowledge first hand.

Miller reported his office is currently working on an Efficiency Plan due to the State of New York on June 1st. He will bring the final plan at a future meeting.

This week meetings have been scheduled to meet with contractors awarded bids for the Capital Reserve Project.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Accept resignation of Kurtis Kotes high school principal effective June 30, 2015. Mr. Kotes is resigning his position due to his acceptance of the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel & Technology.

Approve extended medical leave of Teegan Ewald elementary teacher is requesting to extend her medical leave of absence, under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective May 26, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Approve extended medical leave of Margaret O'Donnell special education teacher is requesting to extend her medical leave of absence, under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective May 4, 2015 through on or about May 30, 2015.

Approve appointment of Denise Cross Senior Account Clerk at a salary of \$35,059 (prorated) effective May 21, 2015. Ms. Cross is replacing Ann Picchione.

Approve appointment of Laura Muller Science Olympiad Club Advisor under Schedule B at CJ Hooker Middle School at a stipend of \$944 (prorated) effective the 2014/2015 school year. This is a vacant position.

Approve create position of Senior Account Clerk Typist for Business Office at a salary of \$35,000-\$38,000 per year effective June 1, 2015. This position is being created based on the duties, responsibilities & education required for this position which aligns best with this particular Civil Service title. The Account Clerk Typist position (Maureen Farrell) will remain vacant until her probationary period has been completed at which time it will be abolished.

Approve Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

Approve Disposal of Transportation Vehicles/Equipment:

Vehicle #	Year	Model	Vin #
Shop Truck T2	1984	GMC-Shop Truck	2GTEK24L7E1540005
165	1998	GMC-Suburban	1GKEC16RXWJ730997
169	1999	Chevrolet-Suburban	1GNEC16RXXJ382753

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170	1999	Chevrolet-Suburban	1GNEC16R9XJ382775
179	2000	Thomas/Freightliner-66 Pass. Bus	4UZ6CJAA1YCG39124
180	2000	Thomas/Freightliner-66 Pass. Bus	4UZ6CJAA3YCG39125
181	2000	Thomas/Freightliner-66 Pass. Bus	4UZ6CJAA5YCG39126

CSE/CPSE

Subcommittee on Special Education	04/23/15;120295/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	04/13/15;118847/Classified Preschool
	04/07/15;119245/Classified Preschool
	03/27/15;119830/Initial Eligibility
	04/07/15;119333/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	04/09/15;119229/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	04/20/15;118392/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	03/24/15;117752/Classified

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Kurtis Kotes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel and Technology, as Purchasing Agent effective June 30, 2015. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Martha Bogart and Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the budgetary transfer dated April 30, 2015 in the amount of \$1,116,376 as per attached. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Orange County School Boards will hold their Annual Dinner Meeting and Board Member Recognition on June 3, 2015.

New York State School Boards Association October Convention will be held October 18-20, 2015 in New York City.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by Jeremy Cassel. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk