

Information about the Proposed School Budget for the 2010-2011 School Year

School Vote: Tuesday, May 18th noon – 9pm; Mill Road 3-5 Gym

New York State has cut 1.1 million dollars from the Red Hook School budget for next year.

If no changes were made to current programs and staff, our taxes would have increased 13.8%. The Board of Education decided this amount was too high and made cuts programs and staff to reduce the tax burden of the proposed budget to 5.9%. The BoE had to trim 1.4 million off our expenditures to get to this point.

Here is a list of the Staffing & Program Reductions to reach the 5.9% tax levy:

- Superintendent salary freeze
- Non Dutchess CTI
- 4:15 Bus (Avg 15 students per day)
- Integrated Employment (Contract to have kids work out of district for experience)
- Admin Retirements (Marie Sturges & Steve Chaikin)
- Arts & Ed (Cut fairly significantly)
- Prof Conferences
- Building Budgets
- Special Ed Back to District
- BOCES Technician (Eliminated)
- Music Supplies/Equipment
- .8 ELL (Teacher)
- Teacher, 6th grade
- Teacher, K-2
- 0.5 Dispatcher
- Custodial Worker
- (5) Teaching Assistants
- Varsity assistant coaches
- .5 music teacher
- .5 social studies teacher
- Teacher aide
- Library clerk
- District Office Clerical
- Astor Counselor
- Senior Typist
- Cape Counselor (social worker)
- Special Education Teacher
- 1 Reading Teacher
- Building Condition Survey (\$.10-.12/sq ft instead of \$.20/sq ft)

If the proposed budget is not approved, we may have to adopt a Contingency Budget. The tax levy under a Contingency Budget is 4%.

Here are the further cut considerations under this budget:

- Elimination of Field Trips
- 50% Reduction in Clubs
- Elimination of Modified Sports
- Custodial Worker
- 1 Mechanic
- Cape Counselor
- Custodial Worker

Guidance Counselor
.5 Astor Counselor
.5 ELL
.5 Music
Sixth Grade Teacher
Fifth Grade Teacher
Fourth Grade Teacher
Third Grade Teacher
1 Reading Teacher
Equipment under contingency
Other under contingency

There is a \$628,000 difference between proposed and contingent budgets.

Important Fact!

In reality voters are voting on whether taxes would go up 4% or 5.9%.

The difference in cost between the proposed budget and a contingent budget would be \$6.03 per month for a \$300,000 home and \$3.61 per month for a \$200,000 home (both with Basic STAR).

We lose a lot of control with a contingency budget versus a voted approved budget.

Free Community use of school building
Instructional Equipment
Carry-over funds
Many more things

Bruce Martin, Chair of Health Consortium for Dutchess County
Built in growth that makes thing difficult. Ex: Health Insurance
This group has done a lot to control the increase of health insurance

There is only about 5% of budget that is discretionary/

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Please note, you have to be registered to vote.
Voter Registration: Wed, May 12th in Mill Road 3-5 Lobby
Budget presentation: Thursday, May 6th 3-5 Cafeteria 7pm

Meet the Candidates Night: Tuesday, May 11th 7:00pm 3-5 Library
Two terms are ending this year: Kelly Mosher & Johanna Moore (they are re-running for their positions)
Two new candidates are also running for these positions.

Other Facts:

90 juniors taking 278 (year one) IB classes
76 seniors taking 243 IB classes
(46% of all juniors and seniors)
676 individual athletes competed in grades 7-12
80+ students involved in Guys & Dolls musical
50+ club opportunities
Ranked 9th in Dutchess County in Pupil Expenditures