Montclair Public Schools

2016-2017 Budget
March 14, 2016

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Guiding Principles

- Invest in instructional programs, technology/STEM and facilities
- Designate budgeted surplus for one-time expenses
- Find opportunities for “in-sourcing” to reduce cost of purchased services
- Enhance transparency regarding anticipated employee health benefit contributions and Federal E-Rate reimbursements
Expenditure Highlights

Working Operating Budget Total Expenditures
$118.9 Million
Health Insurance:
- Utilization is still high but with this year’s higher premiums our loss ratios are much lower than last year.
- Census is down from 2014-2015 resulting in current year projected savings
- $18,233,788 budgeted employee health benefit cost
  - Increase of 14.0% on medical premiums
- $4,164,089 budgeted employee health benefit contributions
  - All employees currently in tier 4 of Chapter 78
  - Current year contributions increased by 14.0%
- $14,069,699 budgeted net cost of health insurance
O Federal E-Rate Reimbursement:
  O Telecommunications will no longer eligible for reimbursement
O Custodial Overtime:
  O Increasing the 2016-2017 budget to enhance opportunities for schools, PTAs and community partners to offer evening/weekend programs
Additional staffing to reduce cost of purchased services while enhancing quality/control:

- Added 2 occupational therapists this year
- 2 Part-time nurses for field trips and students requiring medical support on bus runs
- 1 Bus driver for the emergency run, field trips and athletic trips
- 1 HVAC technician

Creating additional MAP classes to keep more special education students in district

- 1 at Charles H. Bullock School
- 1 at Montclair High School
Implementation of Board Approved Technology Plan:

- $580,000 As a recurring cost for purchases and leases of student computers, teacher/administrator computers and classroom projectors.
  - Included in this are the 3 previously approved Apple leases.
  - Replacement cycle would be 7-8 years.
O Proposed use of $1.27 million required contribution of fund balance:
  O $750,000 – Ubiquitous Wi-Fi solution for all schools
  O $200,000 – Technology and furniture to supplement MFEE funded renovations to the MHS media center
  O $165,000 – Genesis student information system year 1 start up costs
Staff Salaries & Benefits, 72.99%

Administrative Staff Salaries & Benefits, 8.14%

One Time Technology & HS Library Expenses, 0.92%

Supplies, Textbooks & Academic Programs, 1.48%

Administrative Expenses, 1.16%

Student Activities & Athletics, 0.30%

Special Education, 6.59%

Operations & Maintenance of Plant, 3.81%

Technology, 0.86%

Community Partners, 0.08%

Transportation, 3.81%
Revenue Highlights

Working Operating Budget Total Revenues
$118.9 Million
• $1,271,271 Required contribution of fund balance
• $4,217,590 Increase in school tax levy (3.99%)
  • 2% Annual cap - $2,114,080
  • 0.24% Adjustment for Health Care Costs - $249,633
  • 1.75% Expiring banked cap - $1,853,877
• Estimated tax impact of a 3.99% tax increase would be approximately $73 for every $100,000 of assessed home value
• Average assessment for Montclair as reported by the State of NJ is $504,269 and the estimated tax increase would be approximately $370 for the 2016-2017 school year at 3.99%
- $4,768,285 (4.51%) maximum tax levy increase
  - 2% tax levy cap
    - $2,114,080
  - Allowed adjustment for health care costs
    - $249,633
  - Available/expiring banked cap
    - $2,404,572
- $4,217,590 (3.99%) budgeted tax levy increase
- $550,695 (0.52%) unused/expiring banked cap
$53,705 – Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) cost reimbursements
  - Down $44,377 (45.24%) as per the State budget software
  - State Aid increased $140,377
Now reflected as revenue instead of netted against the associated expense:
  - $34,000 Federal E-Rate reimbursement for internet service and connectivity now reflected as revenue
Capital Budget Highlights

Working Capital Budget
$14.1 Million for 2016-2017
$9.7 Million for 2017-2018
Ventilation System Remediation Projects
- Bradford
- Edgemont
- Northeast
- Watchung

Masonry/Cornice Remediation Projects
- Bradford
- Buzz Aldrin
- Northeast

Traffic Circle/Parking Remediation Projects
- Edgemont
- Buzz Aldrin
Roofing/Ceiling Remediation Projects
  - Hillside
Instructional Program & Classroom Upgrades and/or Renovations
  - Hillside STEAM/Makerspace Programs
  - MHS Food Science Program & Classroom Upgrades
  - George Inness Science Room Upgrades
Potential Building Addition
  - Renaissance Gymnasium
Athletic Field Renovations
  - Woodman Field Replacements
    - Turf
    - Track
    - Bleachers
    - Press Box
  - Fortunato Turf Replacement
  - Watchung Turf Replacement
  - Renaissance Field Reconditioning
Board of Education Budget Workshop Meetings
- February 29, 2016
- March 3, 2016
  - Board of Education adoption of tentative operating budget for submission to the County Superintendent’s Office for review
- March 14, 2016
  - Board of Education adoption of proposed operating budget and capital budget for presentation to the Board of School Estimates

Board of School Estimates Meetings
- March 22, 2016
- March 28, 2016
- April 4, 2016
  - Final adoption of operating and capital budgets