

BOQUET VALLEY

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular BOE Meeting

March 14th
2023-24



Superintendent Report

- Facilities Update/Meeting Recap
- Grants Update
- Academic Calendar 2024-25
- Code of Conduct Protocols and Changes
- Electric Bus Update
- Budget Update



Facilities Update/Meeting Recap



UPDATE...

- **Committee Purpose:**

- The Facilities Committee will be tasked with providing input and recommendations to the Board of Education regarding the district's long-term facility needs, long-term capital improvement planning, and other long-term facilities-related matters. The Committee will review data, tour buildings, engage the community, and work collaboratively with district leadership, consultants, and other stakeholders.

- **Committee Composition:**

- 7-9 community members (process for selecting attached)
- 2 Board of Education members serving as liaisons
- 1 student representative serving as a liaison
- Director of Facilities (permanent member)
- Facilitator (consultant to be hired)
- Superintendent (permanent member overseeing committee)



Facilities Update/Meeting Recap



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- **Member Selection Process:**
 - A membership application will be created and distributed publicly, allowing interested community members to apply for the committee. The Board will then review applications and appoint members through a formal selection process.
- **Meeting Schedule:**
 - The Facilities Committee will meet monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month (with the exception of holidays or school breaks). Specific dates/times will be determined once the committee is formed.
- **Consultant/Facilitator:**
 - An independent consultant with facilities planning and project management expertise will be hired to facilitate committee meetings, provide objective guidance, and support the overall process.
- **Next Steps:**
 - If approved, I will post the membership application, create a selection rubric, and begin the process of recruiting the consultant/facilitator.



Facilities Committee Member Application

Suggested Requirements for Committee Members:

- Resident of the Boquet Valley CSD for at least 1 year
- Availability to attend monthly committee meetings
- Commitment to remaining objective and representing the interests of the entire district
- Background or experience in any of the following areas is preferred, but not required:
 - Facilities management, construction, architecture, engineering
 - Capital planning, project management
 - School operations, education
 - Community advocacy, public engagement
 - Finance, budgeting
 - Environmental sustainability



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Facilities Committee Member Application

- Please tell us **why you are interested** in serving on the Facilities Committee and what **perspectives or expertise** you could contribute.
- Please briefly describe your current profession and **work experience relevant** to facilities, construction, planning, etc.
- List any volunteer, community organization, board/committee **experience** you have, especially any related to schools, facilities, capital projects, etc.
- The Facilities Committee will likely need to spend significant time reviewing data, plans, proposals and preparing recommendations over the course of 12-24 months. Are you able to make this **level of commitment**?
- Briefly describe any **specific skills, qualifications or areas of expertise** you could contribute in areas such as construction, facilities management, architecture, engineering, project management, finance/budgeting, sustainability, etc.
- Applications are due by **May 1st, 2024**



Next steps

- BOE motion to approve plan as described
 - Member selection application
 - Schedule Meetings
 - RFP Consultant
- Public Q&A on Facilities
 - Public Comment Explanation
 - Suggest a 30 minute Q&A with the public
 - 30 minutes total
 - Max of 3 minutes per person



Grants Update



- Generous Act Grant - Adirondack Foundation - submitted. Awards should come out mid- spring
- Attended Griffin Guardian Alliance and Shared Decision Making Committee to review Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- We were chosen for a Desk Review by NYSED for our Title Grants which requires producing volumes of evidence as to our compliance with requirements of Title



Grants Update (ESD)

- Extended School Day program designed to build relationships and coordinate supports and resources to
 - 1) Increase academic achievement
 - 2) Improve social emotional competencies and protective factors
 - 3) Engage 200 students in 15 hours of ESD activities in grades 3-12 to make successful transitions in school and to careers or higher education. Implemented through partnerships with ACAP, CCE, CFES and BRIEF.



ESD '23- '24 Highlights



- CFES STEM activities grades 3-5 on March 12 - Students participated with Spike Lego Education Kits
- Eclipse - April 8 - Planned trip to Tupper Lake Observatory
- Session 5 is going well! Highlights: Baking club, pottery club, weightlifting and archery.



Academic Calendar 2024-25



Boquet Valley Central School Lake View Campus 2024—2025 School Calendar

BOE Approved

□ Vacation / Holidays No School △ Early Dismissal ○ Superintendent Conference Day No School

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 Lunar New Year 1/29/25
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 Juneteenth (observed) 6/19/25
 Last Day of School for Students 6/26/25
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- **10-month 8/28-8/29 (Wed-Thurs)**
- **Students- 9/3 (Tue)**
- **Last Day Staff-6/27 (Fri)**
- **Last Day Students- 6/26 (Thurs)**
- **Regents Exams-6/4, 10, 17-26**
- **Lunar New Year-1/29 (Wed)**
- **Dec/Jan Break is 2 full weeks**



Expected Code of Conduct changes 2024-25

- LVC:
 - No major changes expected
- MVC:
 - Hand held metal detectors to combat vaping concerns



Electric Bus Update

- 2027- no more diesel bus purchases
- 2035- full electric fleet
- Widespread usage provides some insight for us:
 - “Electric school bus batteries lose a percentage of their capacity in extreme cold weather, though the exact percentage varies based on temperature, terrain, heating source and other factors.”
 - “Unlike a diesel-burning bus with weight concentrated in the front, electric school buses’ battery weight is more evenly distributed between the front and rear wheels, improving driving ability in the snow.”
- Governor Kathy Hochul announced funding is now available for electric school bus charging infrastructure under \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act (Bond Act).
- Strong opposition to timeline remains across the state



Governor Hochul State of the State

- Foundation Aid (\$1.1 Million proposed reduction)



“The Education Community Collectively Opposes the Budget Cuts and School Aid Formula Changes in the Executive Budget”



BUDGET MEETING #1c

- Recap
- CVES Budget
- One House Budget



Budget Recap

- Incentive Aid:
 - 2023-24: \$657,838
 - 2024-25: \$592,054 (\$65,784)
- Tax Levy Increase:
 - 2023-24: \$8,085,797
 - 2024-25: \$8,292,050 \$207,752= 2.57% (at the cap)
- ERS:
 - 2023-24: 13.1%
 - 2024-25: 15.2%
- TRS
 - 2023-24: 9.76%
 - 2024-25: 10.02%



CVES 2024-2025 Administrative Budget

1. The total CVES 2024-2025 Administrative Budget is \$7,892,894 (7.2% Increase).
 - a. The portion of the administrative budget for retiree benefits is \$6,279,651 (5.1% of the total increase) which totals 80% of the total budget.
 - b. The portion without retiree benefits is \$1,613,243 (2.1% of the total increase).
2. The CVES administrative budget includes expenses for the following categories:
 - a. Retiree health insurance expenses
 - b. CVES Board expenses for our 15-member Board
 - c. District Superintendent's Office
 - d. Central office functions of CVES
 - e. Business office, payroll, human resources, purchasing, and accounts payable.
3. Total CVES health insurance costs for 2024-2025 are approximately \$12.6 million
 - a. CVES is budgeting for 399 retiree plans with a total cost of about \$6.3 million.
 - b. CVES has 220 active employees' health insurance plans with those plans projecting a 2024-2025 cost of \$6.3 million.
 - c. Every member of collective bargaining units retiring after July 1, 2023, must contribute toward health insurance premiums in retirement.



CVES 2024-2025 Administrative Budget

4. The CVES 2024-2025 Administrative Budget is the portion of the CVES budget voted on by CVES' component School District Boards of Education on April 18, 2024.

5. The CVES expenses are distributed to component districts by Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance (RWADA).

6. The proposed CVES 2024-25 Capital Budget is \$800,000.

- adding a classroom rental for CV-TEC,
- Rise Center for Success expanded programming with a total rent budget of \$50,000.
- \$750,000 capital budget annual appropriation is targeted for combining multiple years to expand programming in Essex County with the motivation to avoid districts having to bond the capital project.

7. The 2022-2023 BOCES refund paid to CVES districts totaled \$1,467,392. This included a surplus of \$347,752 from the 2022-2023 administrative budget that was returned to districts in the fall of 2023. Districts elected to use \$641,902 of the surplus for the capital project needs of the CVES Phase 2 Capital Project in 2023-2024. The surpluses realized in the CVES Co-Sers for 2023-2024 will be returned to districts in 2024-2025. The amount of surplus to each district varies based on the district's participation levels in each Co-Ser.



What's Next?

One-House Budgets: We expect the Senate and Assembly to release their “one-house” budgets next week, which will kick off the formal negotiations process. While any additional funds included in their proposals is not guaranteed—even if they both agree on the same point—it will be another important signal in where the final budget could end up, as these proposals are aspirational and do not have to be balanced or identify revenue for spending.

Negotiations: Once the process moves into the negotiation phase, the information begins to become more opaque, fast moving, and in some instances confidential with limited access points to keep you informed about what is happening.

Adoption: While the budget deadline is technically the 31st of March, the reality of Good Friday and Easter observance occurring at the end of March, combined with there being already scheduled session in the first weeks of April (which has not been the typical calendar in recent years) have made many speculate that we were likely to have a late budget. The Governor joined the ranks of those giving voice for that issue. Upon questioning she indicated that she did not want the budget to interrupt religious observance.



One House Budget

1. Reject hold harmless cuts
2. Reject change to inflation calculation for foundation aid
3. Increase capital outlay limit to 250k

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4. Increase aidable salary limit for BOCES employees.
5. 1 million for foundation aid study
6. Improve funding opportunities for UPK
7. Extend earning limitation in retirement waiver for school employees.
8. Increase earnings in retirement allowance from 35k to 50k

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Senate is taking a shot at Tier 6 by restoring the 3-year FAS instead of the 5-year calculation. Cost to school employers in year 1 is 23.1 million or .12% increase in the ECR. @NYSchoolSupts position on pension changes is any change must be linked to recruitment and detainment



One House Budget

- Reject the Executive proposals to amend Foundation Aid and restores hold harmless and uses the current law inflationary factor.
 - Propose providing a 3% due minimum increase for all districts.
- Add \$1 million in funding for a Foundation aid Study.
- Add \$150 million for Universal Pre-K.
- Add \$105 in formula funding for Community Schools.
 - Eligible districts would be those with a community schools set-aside.
- Add \$50 Million for prior year claims.
- The Senate Resolution calls on the Executive to provide local assistance to comply with the requirements of A.R v. Connecticut (FAPE 22).



One House Budget

- Extend the waiver allowing retirees to work in school districts and BOCES for one additional year.
- Add a provision increasing the allowable income for public sector retirees from \$35,000 to \$50,000.
- Add a provision changing the calculation for Tier 6 retirees to be based on a member's highest three years average salary, rather than five years.
- Expand proposed changes to the Transportation Aid formula to exclude federal funds as well as Environmental Bond Act funds from the calculation of such aid.
- Require all schools and districts participating in the federal school meal programs to provide universal breakfast and lunch without charge to students and families. The proposal adds \$125 million to reimburse districts for the difference between federal reimbursement and reimbursement for full price meals and would require districts include FRPL form completion as a part of annual registration.
- Raise capital outlay to \$250,000.
- Increase BOCES reimbursable aidable salary to \$60,000 over the next three year.



One House Budget

- Establish a State level Zero Emissions Bus Committee, comprised of multiple state agencies, to provide technical support and assistance.
- Increases minimum per-pupil allocation for pre-k to \$6,700 (full day) and \$3,500 (half day) and requires SED to do a study on consolidation of funding streams and make other updates seeking to allow school districts to better utilize funding.
- Amend the Executive proposal requiring FAFSA/Dream Act application requirements to increase data privacy protections, increase reporting and stipulate that no student will be prevented from graduating for noncompliance.
- Add \$800,000 to support mental health providers who partner with school districts to establish or operate School Based Health Centers.



Thank you

- Any Questions?
- Any Comments?

