

Newton Public Schools 2020-21 Budget Highlights

April 28, 2020

Overview

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2020-21 Total Expenditures	\$28,111,468	\$2,427,862	\$531,338	\$31,070,668
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$14,785,391	\$2,427,862	\$0	\$17,213,253
Taxes to be Raised	\$13,326,077	\$0	\$531,338	\$13,857,415

Revenues

- Sending district tuition is down for FY21 by -\$761,579 based on estimated enrollments from Andover and Green being down by 13 students. Tuition revenue was down \$466,631 in FY20. The sending districts agreed to defer adjusted FY19 tuition of -\$571,514 to FY22.
- State equalization aid is up \$677,772, all of which is retained in this budget.
- This budget includes \$250,000 in appropriated fund balance from FY20.

SUMMARY: Operating revenues were down \$370,471 from FY20 before considering local taxes.

Expenses

- Some built-in expense increases for FY21 include:
 - Increased insurance costs \$18,597
 - Security Monitor position \$18,780 *hired but not budgeted in FY20*
 - Increased OT/PT/Speech services \$24,857
 - Increased substitute costs \$29,430
 - Increased FICA, PERS, Workers Comp costs \$59,580
 - Increased software license costs \$59,891
 - PSD Teacher position \$73,816 *hired but not budgeted in FY20*
 - Increased salaries \$431,597 *2.44% overall, TBD at 2%*
 - Increased health benefit costs \$533,743 *estimated at 15% on medical*

SUMMARY: Expenditures were more than \$1.2 million above FY20 revenues.

This is after removal of almost all new non-personnel requests by school/program leaders (original deficit was \$1.8 million).

Key Reductions

- Laptop & chromebook replacements \$113,375
- Additional non-personnel cuts \$58,702 *above the initial \$600,000*
- One new position for ESL teacher \$100,000
- Three teaching positions (2 NHS, 1 MAS) \$300,000
- Two teacher assistant positions \$38,000

SUMMARY: 6 personnel positions are to be cut from the FY21 budget.

9 positions were reduced in the FY20 budget.

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Local Tax Levy

- Taxes will increase by the 2% cap of \$247,144 plus banked cap of \$721,748, following three consecutive years with either a tax levy decrease or no increase.
- The increase represents \$68 per \$100,000 in assessed property value (average property value is \$185,150; \$126 increase on average property)
- Total banked cap remaining = \$737,468.

SUMMARY: Tax increases bring revenues to \$598,745 above FY20 to match expenses.

Capital Projects

- Capital outlay was originally approved at \$198,550 to cover all high priority facilities items identified by the Board of Education.
- To provide flexibility given the uncertain financial times due to the economic shutdown, the Finance Committee agreed to add our remaining \$600,000 in capital reserve into the 2020-21 budget for replacement of science labs, a long standing capital project priority.
- Any funds not used would roll back into the capital reserve account.

Projects	Preliminary 3/10/20	Final 4/28/20
Fireproof stage curtains (MAS)	\$1,300	\$1,300
Replace broken greenhouse glass panes (NHS)	\$6,000	\$6,000
Replace three way valve on boiler piping (NHS)	\$8,000	\$8,000
Replace science table tops in D3 and D4 (NHS)	\$8,600	\$8,600
Replace stage curtains (HMS)	\$11,200	\$11,200
Replace stage curtains and rigging (NHS)	\$42,400	\$42,400
Repair exterior back steps and add railings (HMS)	\$56,600	\$56,600
Sealcoat and stripe all parking lots (all)	\$64,450	\$64,450
Replace science labs (HMS, NHS)	\$0	\$600,000
TOTAL	\$ 198,550	\$ 798,550