

Peekskill City School District

--Town Hall Meeting--

April 14, 2015

6:45 to 9:00

Cafeteria, Peekskill High School

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Discussion and Feedback

**State Aid: Educational Plan, Budget,
Transportation Propositions**

(Spanish & English)

Town Hall Meeting Agenda

AGENDA

(We ask for everyone's help to stay on time as per the agenda)

- **6:45-7:05** Welcome and Introductions
- **7:05-7:20** Program Options and Transportation: The Impact of the State Aid increase on Budget and Tax Levy & District Plan to Augment Educational needs of our Students.
- **7:20-7:50** Break Out Groups
- **7:50-8:15** Feedback Round 1
- **8:15- 8:30** Round Robin---indicate what you support
- **8:35-9:00** Feedback Round 2 (Sp & Eng)and Closure

2015-2016

Educational & Operational Planning

Equivalency-Equity-Choices

----Board Aspirational Goals----

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“Keeping our Eyes on the Prize”: K-12 Student Centered Planning

- *Developmental Full Day Kindergarten Sections*
- *Intensive Literacy & ELL Support grades 1 to 12*
- *Increase K-12 Enrichment and Choices for Students*

Comprehensive In-District PD & In-service Plan

- *Maintain Teacher Leader Framework and fully implement protocols for Teacher Walk Throughs, Framework and TRICA Coaching, Balanced Literacy Classrooms*

Operations and Transportation

- *EPC Proposition—10-13 % additional State aid*
 - *Transportation Proposition(s)*

(K-12 Transportation for eligible Public and Private School Students)

State Aid Impact Based on March 24 Presentation

• Revenue Notes:

- State Aid increase = \$3,527,133
- Less Pre K Allocation= (\$437,858)
- Less SA Adj.= (\$200,000)
- Total Projected Aid= **\$2,889,275**
- Total Levy without Transportation and additional Educational Programs **(-5.93%)**

Proposition \$\$				
Prop % on Levy				
Budget	\$ 79,860,305	\$ 80,406,784	\$ 546,479	0.68%
State Aid	\$ 33,465,697	\$ 36,354,972	\$ 2,889,275	8.63%
Other Revenue	\$ 5,887,626	\$ 5,788,000	\$ (99,626)	-2%
Fund Balance	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	0.00%
Tax Levy \$	\$ 38,016,983	\$ 35,763,812	\$ (2,253,171)	-5.93%

-Plan to Augment Board Aspirational Goals-
Additional Programs added since March 24 Board Meeting

Improve K-5 Literacy

- **Lower Class Sizes in Grades K & 1
18 to 22**

Add 3-4 new sections + 6 PT Teacher Aids

Insure Full Implementation of Balanced Literacy and intensive literacy support and intervention

Add Literacy/Reading Coordinator Leader (Replaces Lit. Coord. Teacher)

Add Literacy Support Librarian (Split between WS and OS)

Add \$60,000 for Literacy supplies and leveled books

Improve 6 – 12 Literacy

Add 2 Master Reading-Literacy Teacher Specialists

Improve 9-12 Support

Add .4 Dance Teacher—1.0 Dance (MS & HS)

Add Teaching Assistant Support (Summit)

Needed Programs to Reach Aspirational Goals

March 24 Budget			Additional State Aid	
Positions	FTE	In	FTE	Cost
K-12 Literacy/Reading Coord.	1.0	yes	1.0 (Adm)	+ 40,000
PD		yes		
Reading Teachers	1.0	yes	3.0	+ 220,000
Elem/Lit TA's (PT)	1.0 0	Yes no	3.0 6.0	+330,000 +90,000
Lib/Lit	0	no	1.0	+110,000
Music	1.0	yes	1.0	
Art	1.0	yes	1.0	
Guidance	.4	yes	.4	
ELL	1.0	yes	1.0	
Teaching Assistant	0	no	1.0	+60,000
Dance	.6	yes	.4	+44,000
Supplies & Leveled Books		no		+ 60,000
TOTAL	7.0		15.8(22.8)	+ \$954,000

What Are the Transportation Issues?

The Current District voter/Board approved mileage allowances are not in compliance with the Law since July 1, 1996 and thus invalid. District must be in compliance requiring voter Proposition(s)

Prop. Year	Grades	Prop. Miles	State Min. Req.	Problem?
2006	Pre K- 6	0 - 3	2 - 15	< 15
2007	Pre K – 2 3 - 6	.5 - 4 1 - 4	2 – 15	< 15
2009	Grade 2	1 - 4	2 - 15	<15
2009 <i>**Bd. Resolution</i>	Grade 6	<i>Eliminated Trans for gr. 6</i>		<i>Original prop was invalid.</i>
<i>**Bd. Resolution (Annual Roll-Over)</i>	9 -12	4 – 15.6	3 - 15	<i>>3 ,>15 Requires voter approval</i>

Transportation: What are the Basic Requirements of the Education Law?

- Small City School Districts:
 - Are not required to provide transportation-bussing for students public or private
 - By resolution or proposition, can implement the minimum requirements for transportation mileage:
 - K-8: 2 to 15 Miles
 - 9-12: 3 to 15 Miles
 - By Proposition and proposition only, ask for voter approval for transportation limits that exceed the minimum state requirements and since July 1, 1996, cannot propose a mileage allowance less than the maximum miles as per the law.
 - Can not distinguish and apply a different standard for private or public school student.
 - If a Transportation Proposition results in a tax levy above the Tax Levy Limit, a supermajority vote is needed to pass the prop and budget.

What is the District Considering Given the Unanticipated Increase in State Aid?

The District Educational Plan and Budget supports

1. Expanding our Educational Program to ensure that the goals and needs of students attending our schools are being met.
2. Preserving the Princeton Plan: Maintain the current grade configuration of our elementary schools
3. Proposition(s) for K-12 Transportation in accordance with the requirements of Education Law 3635 as follows:

Proposition(s)	Grade	Mileage	Not to Exceed
A	K-1	.5 to 15	\$1,765,000
	2-5	1 to 15	
B	6-8	2 to 15	\$350,000
C	9-12	3 to 15.6	\$155,000

What is at Stake if the Transportation Proposition(s) Fail?

2 Issues are at Stake

1. No Transportation for Public and Private School students. *Parents will be required to transport their children to and from school.*
2. Without in-district transportation, the district may need to consider moving from the Princeton Plan back to community-neighborhood schools.
 - IMPACT:
 - *Possible Redistricting the elementary schools—creating K-5 Schools*

Today vs. Proposed

Transportation Eligibility & Estimated Costs

		***Current Eligible Students						
	Parameters		Public	Cost	Private	Cost	Total	Total Expense
	Grades	Mileage						
A	K to 1	.5-4	562	\$ 495,000	31	\$ 90,000	593	\$ 585,000
	2 to 5	1-4	561	\$ 495,000	81	\$ 155,000	642	\$ 650,000
B	6 to 8	none	0	0	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
C	9 to 12	4-15.6	0	0	49	\$ 90,000	49	\$ 90,000.00
Totals			1123		161		1284	
14-15 Exp				\$ 990,000		\$ 335,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 1,325,000
				11 Buses		3 Buses 1 Van		

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Proposed Eligible Students							
Parameters		Public	Cost	Private	Cost	Total	Expense
Grades	Mileage						
K to 1	.5-15	562	\$ 495,000	59	\$ -	621	\$ 495,000
2 to 5	1 to 15	561	\$ 495,000	133	\$ 775,000	694	\$ 1,270,000
6 to 8	2 to 15	12	\$ 65,000	76	\$ 285,000	88	\$ 350,000
9 to 12	3-15.6	0	0	49	\$ 155,000	49	\$ 155,000
Totals		1135		317		1452	
Projected Exp.			\$ 1,055,000		\$ 1,085,000		\$ 2,270,000
			11 Buses 1 Van		Elem 5 Buses 5 Vans MS 1Buses 3 Vans HS 1 Bus 1Van		

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Transportation Eligibility & Estimated Costs

Additional Students				
Parameters		Diff Public	Diff Priv	Total Diff
Grades	Mileage			
K to 1	.5-15	0	28	28
2 to 5	1 to 15	0	52	52
6 to 8	2 to 15	12	76	88
9 to 12	3-15.6	0	0	0
Totals		12	156	168
Projected Exp.		\$ 65,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 815,000
		1 Van	4 Buses 8 Vans	

Budget-Levy & Propositions

	Proposed 15-16 Educational Plan & Budget				Propositions + Totals on Budget & Levy		
	2014-2015	2015-2016 w/o Prop	\$ +/-	%+-	K-1: .5 to 15 2-5: 1 to 15	6-8 2-to 15	9-12 3 to 15.6
Proposition(s) \$\$					\$ 1,765,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 155,000
Prop % on Levy					4.64%	0.92%	0.41%
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Tax Diff \$					\$ 465,829	\$ 815,829	\$ 970,829
Budget Inc x Prop					4.09%	4.53%	4.72%
Levy inc x Prop					1.23%	2.15%	2.55%
1 % on Levy	\$ 380,169.83						
TAX CAP	\$39,030,899			2.67%			
Budget 3/24	\$ 80,406,784						

Board Focus Questions

1. Given the increase in State Aid, what are your views on the district's priority that the increase be used to improve and enhance our district educational programs?
2. What are your views on whether transportation should be increased to include busing for grades 6-12? And which, if any, of the following propositions would you support:

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Support one K-12 inclusive Proposition

Support three Separate Propositions: K-5; 6-8, 9-12

Support two Propositions: K-5, 6-12

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3. Do you think the additional \$500K that would be needed to provide transportation for grades 6-12 (**12 public/125 private**) should go, instead, to provide additional resources for improving our public school educational programs?
4. If the Transportation Proposition(s) fail, what are your views on returning to K-5 Community-Neighborhood Schools?

Group Facilitation Process

1. Discussion and information gathering: 7:20 – 7:50
 - a) Go to designated group area by number
 - b) Each area will have facilitator/recorder to take notes and prompt discussion.
 - c) Notes will be copied on computer for feedback
 - d) Each area will have copies of power point
2. Feedback Round 1: 7:50 – 8:15
 - a) Facilitator Group shares back and information by group, information is collected
3. Drilling Down: 8:15 to 8:30
 - a) Providing definitive feedback by placing a “sticky” on the area that best represents your position. Position examples will be posted around room. 15 minutes to circulate.
4. Reconvene in CAFÉ: 8:30 to 8:35
5. Feedback Round 2 & Closure: 8:35 to 9:00
 - a. All groups return to Cafeteria for facilitator share back by group
 - b. All data will be aggregated and ready by April 16 Meeting of Board of Education.

Drill Down Questions for Definitive Information

“What do you Support?”

- Additional State Aid needs to be applied to offsetting transportation proposition(s)
- Additional State Aid needs to be targeted for public school programs rather than transportation
- Additional State Aid for Reading
- Additional State Aid for Math
- Additional State Aid for Enrichment + Gifted
- Additional State Aid for High School Elective Programs
- Support one K-5 only Proposition
- Support one K-12 inclusive Proposition
- Support three Separate Propositions: K-5; 6-8, 9-12
- Support two Propositions: K-5, 6-12 State Aid and Tax dollars should go to needed public school programs
- State Aid and Tax dollars should also support transportation for private school Students
- I am not sure what the Princeton Plan is?
- I am not sure what a K-5 neighborhood-community school is?
- K-5 schools would help bring about a sense of community---parents and children would feel that this is their school.
- I believe The Princeton Plan insures that all students are equally distributed throughout the district.
- I believe that the educational program is better served by the Princeton Plan
- I believe that the educational program is best served by neighborhood schools
- Other comments

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