

# PANTHER PRESS

## BUDGET NEWSLETTER



May 2019 Newsletter

2019-20 Budget

### WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

- \* The budget proposal for the 2019-20 school year
- \* Library proposition
- \* BH voters will vote to fill two (2) open seats for the Board of Education



### Absentee Ballot

- \* To vote by absentee ballot you must first submit an application for an absentee ballot.
- \* To obtain an absentee ballot application, please contact Sally Kohl, District Clerk at 315-846-5826.
- \* Application must be received by the District Clerk at least 7 days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.
- \* Last day to receive an application (if the ballot is to be mailed) is **Tuesday, May 14, 2019**



The community is invited to the annual chorus spring concert.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the BHCS Auditorium at 7 pm.



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### **BUDGET HEARING:**

Tuesday, May 7, 2019  
6:30 pm  
BHCS Auditorium

### **BUDGET VOTE:**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019



# Superintendent's Budget Report

The Belleville Henderson Board of Education's 2019-2020 Budget focuses on the district's number one goal to encourage each student's development of their natural skills and guide them to excel in a vocational trade, the academics or both. The budget for 2019-2020 is \$10,648,435, representing an increase of 2.8% with a levy increase of 3.79%.

There are a number of budget increases this year. The CSEA contractual increases for salaries reflect increases in minimum wage for New York State, as well as, the BHTA contractual increases which are consistent with surrounding district teacher salary increases. While health insurance has risen 1% for next year, the teachers' retirement system contributions will decrease by 1.77%.

Instructionally, we are adding an additional academic intervention services teacher for the high school to provide the necessary support so every student succeeds. The district continues to provide state of the art technology support to our students and will be purchasing additional iPads, laptops and technical devices to meet the instructional needs of our students. We continue to be committed to supporting a strong elementary science program called FOSS which stands for Full Option Science System. FOSS is a research-based science curriculum for grades K-6 which focuses on content knowledge as well as science practices.

In 2018-2019, we expanded our K-6 Character Education Program and in 2019-2020 we are introducing a drug and alcohol prevention program that will allow us to have a part-time Student Assistance Program in grades K-12 thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Senator's Richie's Office to offset these costs.

The Board of Education has targeted \$12,000 in this budget for supplies for students to help ease the burden of our families with *Back to School* costs.

This budget has one large capacity school bus and one small John Deere Lawn Tractor. As a part of our safety planning, a digital sign that will replace our activity sign which is located on Route 289. Communication will be improved through this electronic school sign. A Capital Outlay project which is included in this budget for \$100,000 will address HVAC and mechanical renovations and upgrades that were targeted in the 2015 Building Conditions Survey. Additionally, \$50,000 is budgeted for the capital reserve that voters approved last year.

We are very proud of our students' elementary and secondary achievements in the arts, music, math, English, Spanish and French, science, social studies, business, physical education, and technical courses of study. Our teachers are very dedicated and truly care about the success of every student. Athletics continue to be a focal point with many students, along with the drama and music programs. Our support staff are steadfast in their attention to details in the food service and health services departments, as well as providing support to our teachers in the classroom, and providing safe transportation to our students to and from school in some of this region's most challenging winter conditions.

A new member of the Panther family joined our ranks in January 2019, Mr. Stephen Magovney, who is our School Business Manager. He has a deep understanding of our fiscal operation and he has a solid grasp on every facet of our operation thanks to the great support Barb Greene. A special "Thank you" to Barb Greene for her support since August 2019 and since Mr. Magovney joined our



staff.

## Superintendent's Budget Report cont'd

I hope you enjoy Mr. Storey's article *Highlights of Success 2018-2019*. Additionally, there are two Board of Education seats open. More details can be found in this newsletter on the election. If you have any questions, please contact our Board Clerk, Sally Kohl, as she presides over the election process.

Finally, pursuant to Education Law Section 259, the Board of Education has received a request from the Philomathean Free Library and the Henderson Free Library to propose a levy separate and apart from the annual school district budget to support these public libraries. Proposition #2 requests approval by the voter for an increase of \$2,000, for the Philomathean Free Library and \$2,000 for the Henderson Free Library which will bring their total revenue to \$20,000 for each library. The Ellisburg Free Library did not request an increase.

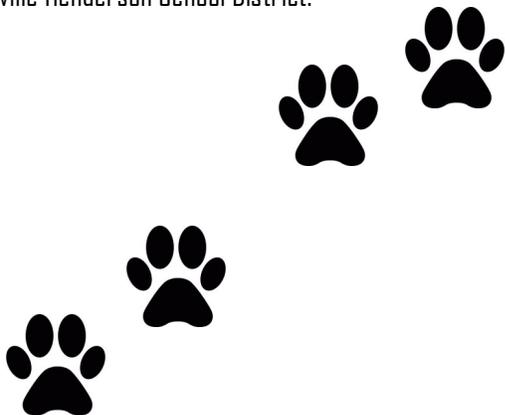
Please vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Belleville Henderson School. The District Clerk has asked that I remind all those voting of the following procedure:

"When voting in Districts without Personal Registration, a district may require voters to provide one form of proof of residency including: driver's license/non driver identification card, utility bill, or voter registration card. Additionally, voters may be required to provide their signature, printed name, and address."

If you have any questions regarding the budget, please don't hesitate to call Mr. Magovney or me at (315)846-5826. As we say here at Belleville Henderson, may you always be *Panther Strong!*

Sincerely yours,

Jane A. Collins  
Superintendent  
Belleville Henderson School District.





# Highlights of Success

## 2018–2019

### From the Desk of the Principal

Belleville Henderson Central School experienced many successes this school year. In 2018, our school was recognized by US News and World Report as one of America's Best High Schools. This bronze medal award is given in part because of our success on Regents exams as well as college level courses offered to our students. This is our third year in a row receiving this prestigious award.

In March 2019, we received the Utica National School Safety Excellence Award's highest honors. For 16 years, since the award's inception, Belleville Henderson is one of nine schools in the state who has received this honor for all 16 years. Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels – titanium, platinum, and gold – in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation, and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, playground safety and other areas, and are measured using specific, quantifiable surveys. Safety and health concerns continue to be a priority in our school.

In April 2019, our school received an award entitled *Beating the Odds, Building Opportunities*. Better Outcomes Research has been conducting a three-year study of high-performing, high-poverty schools. Belleville Henderson was one of 197 schools out of 1,055 schools (top 19%) earning this esteemed recognition.

Our soccer and cheerleading teams enjoyed successful seasons this year as well. The girls' soccer team finished the season 14-4 and second in the league. Our boys' soccer team enjoyed a tremendous season as well finishing as co-champions with Lyme. Their post-season run included a sectional semi-final game versus Poland. Both teams earned Scholar Athlete Team recognition. Finally, our cheerleading team won the Section 3 title and competed in the New York State Championships in March. Their success continues to grow each year. Congratulations to these athletic teams.

Sincerely,

*Scott A. Storey*

Scott A. Storey

Building Principal





# Bellville Henderson Central School District

## Board of Education District Goals 2018-19

### LONG-TERM

1. The Board of Education would like to encourage each student's development of their natural skills and guide them to excel in a vocational trade, academics, or both.
2. The Board of Education understands that only through teamwork, cooperation, and understanding with administration and staff, will we be able to accomplish goal number one.
3. The Board of Education will maintain a strong fiscal responsibility to the school and community, understanding that programs may be necessary to help develop goals one and two.
4. The Board of Education would like to extend an invitation to the community for their input, involvement, and support for our students and welcome ideas that will enhance goals one, two, and three.
5. The Board of Education encourages each student to participate in extracurricular activities, understanding that our sports, FFA, music, and other clubs help to make a well-rounded individual.

### SHORT-TERM

6. The Board of Education encourages school and community participation in the selection of the new Superintendent for the Belleville Henderson School District.

**Where we grow great leaders!**





## Who Can Vote?

**A person meeting all of the criteria:**

- ◆ A citizen of the United States of America
- ◆ Eighteen (18) years of age
- ◆ A legal resident within the district for thirty days preceding the meeting or election at which he/she offers to vote. Generally, residence is acquired by physical presence within the district combined with an intent to remain. The Commissioner of Education has held that to demonstrate that an individual has selected a particular location as his/her residence, that individual must both actually reside at that location and intend that this location be his/her permanent residence. In simple terms, it means your "domicile". Decisions of the Commissioner of Education over the years have made clear that this means more than merely renting an apartment, owning property in a district, or even sleeping in a rented room. The Commissioner of Education has also made it clear that seasonal or summer residency IS NOT, by itself, sufficient to constitute permanent residency for purposes of voting in a school election. According to the Commissioner, residence is where a person maintains a fixed, permanent and principal home to which the person, wherever temporarily located, always intends to return.

**ID MAY BE REQUIRED**

*Please be prepared to show one form of proof of residency including: driver's license/non-driver identification card, voter registration card or utility bill.*

## Budget Propositions

### Proposition #1

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Belleville Henderson Central School District shall be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the budget for the 2019-20 school year in the total amount of \$10,648,435 and to assess and levy upon the taxable property of the district the necessary tax therefore.

### Proposition #2-Library Proposition

Resolved, that pursuant to Education Law Section 259, the Board of Education of the Belleville Henderson Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget in support of the below listed public libraries located within the geographic boundaries of the Belleville Henderson Central School District as follows:

Philomathean Free Library, an increase of \$2,000 for a total amount of \$20,000

Henderson Free Library, an increase of \$2,000 for a total amount of \$20,000

The appropriated amounts will be annual appropriations for the support and maintenance of the libraries until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Belleville Henderson Central School District.



## Board of Education Vacancies

Two five-year seats on the Board of Education are up for election. Currently the seats are held by Kurt Gehrke and Gary Ramsdell, and both of these terms expire June 30, 2019, neither are seeking re-election.

Candidates running for election are; Anthony Barney and Kyle E. Gehrke. Candidate bios are included in this newsletter. Candidates will be introduced at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:30 pm in the BHCS Auditorium.





## BH Backpack Program

Donation drop off boxes are located  
in school

### Food Items Needed:

- Animal Crackers
- Applesauce (snack size)
- Black Beans or Red Kidney Beans
- Canned Spam
- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal
- Cheese Peanut Butter Crackers
- Chicken Salad
- Club Crackers (sleeved)
- Fruit Cups or Canned Fruit
- Granola Bars
- Individual Packages of Raisins
- Jello
- Jelly (plastic containers)
- Knorr Pasta Sides
- Mac n Cheese
- Mayonnaise (plastic containers)
- Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix
- Past Roni
- Pasta Sauce (plastic containers)
- Peanut Butter
- Popcorn
- Poptarts
- Pork n Beans
- Potatoes mashed/au gratin/scalloped
- Pudding Cups
- Rice
- Soup
- Spaghetti or Macaroni
- Spaghetti O's or equivalent
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Tuna Fish

### Personal Hygiene Items Needed:

- 2-1 Shampoo + Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Tooth Brushes
- Tootpaste



# Meet Our Candidates for the Board of Education

BH voters will vote to fill two (2) open seats for the Board of Education  
Both seats are five (5) year term.

**Candidate Name: Anthony Barney**

**What is your education?**

- High school diploma

**What is your occupation?**

- Partnership at Butterville Farms

**Please list your family:**

- Tiffany, Payton, and Paisley Barney

**Are you a member of any organizations?**

- Farm Bureau

**Why are you running for the Board of Education?**

I am running for this Board of Education seat because I would like to give back to the community

**If elected, in what ways will you serve the students of Belleville Henderson?**

I would like to help serve the student to whatever they need to further their education.





# Meet Our Candidate for the Board of Education

## continued

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**Candidate Name: Kyle E. Gehrke**

### **What is your education?**

- Graduated from Belleville Henderson in 2009
- NYS Property and Causality Insurance License 2016
- NYS Live/Accident/Health Insurance License 2018

### **What is your occupation?**

- Licensed Associate Agent with the Kevin M. Daniels Insurance Agency

### **Please list your family:**

- Wife: Brittany Gehrke
- Daughter: Mallory E. Gehrke
- Son: Kent E. Gehrke

### **Are you a member of any organizations?**

- Active board member of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau

### **Why are you running for the Board of Education?**

My wife and I are both Belleville Henderson graduates. We have settled down and shortly our own children will be attending Belleville Henderson Central School as well. I have no agenda, I am looking to be engaged and involved in the direction of our school district.

### **If elected, in what ways will you serve the students of Belleville Henderson?**

If elected, I will continue the current Board's encouragement of students to develop their skills. Whether a student chooses a vocational trade or academics, I will help ensure Belleville Henderson has quality options to assist that individual as they grow and develop.

### **Additional Information:**

Although I'm nearly ten years removed from my time at Belleville Henderson, the time spent will never be forgotten. A slogan I see my alma mater using regularly is "where we grow great leaders", I could not agree more! Lets work together to keep that true for years to come.







# BHCSD Property Tax Report Card 2018-19

Contact Person: Stephen Magovney	Budgeted	Proposed Budget
Telephone Number: (315) 846-5826	2018-2019	2019-2020
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	10,358,011	10,648,435
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount <sup>1</sup>	4,468,935	4,638,308
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable		
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable <sup>2</sup>		
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	4,468,935	4,638,308
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	161,784	108,996
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	4,469,079	4,420,645
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt	4,307,151	4,529,312
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) <sup>2</sup>	161,928	-108,667
Public School Enrollment	482	490
Consumer Price Index		2.44%

<sup>1</sup> Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

<sup>2</sup> Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

<sup>3</sup> For 2018-19, includes any carryover from 2017-18 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2018-2019	Estimated 2019-2020
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	552,660	507,664
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	730,622	821,892
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	932,204	913,137
Adjusted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	9.00%	8.58%



## BHCSD Property Tax Report Card 2018-19 continued

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/2019 Actual Balance	6/30/2019 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2019-2020 School Year
Capital		To pay the cost of any object or purpose for		50,000	0
Repair		To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.			
Workers' Compensation		To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.			
Unemployment Insurance	Reserve for Unemployment	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	28,532	28,532	0
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.			
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service		To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.			
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.			
Property Loss		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.			
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.			
Tax Certiorari	Reserve for Tax Certiorari	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	15,003	15,003	0
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.			
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability		For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.			
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement Contributions	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	509,103	414,128	0
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		For unpaid taxes due certain city school districts not reimbursed by their city/county until the following fiscal year.			
Other Reserve					



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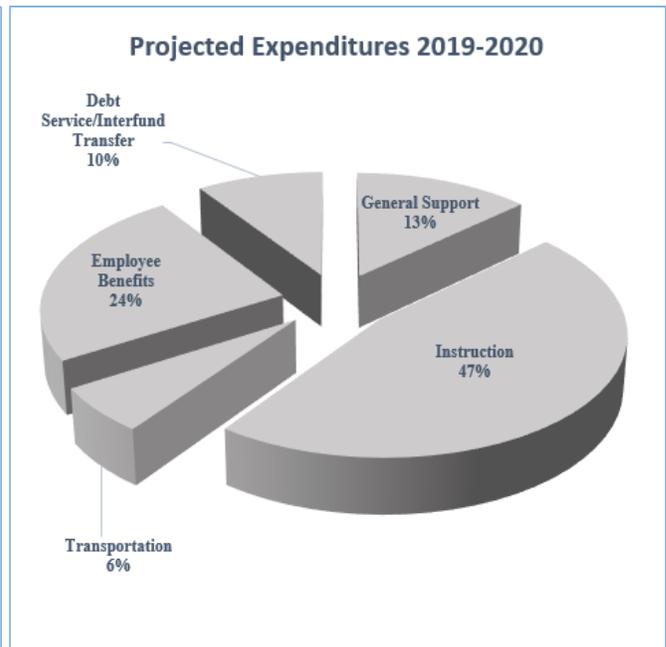
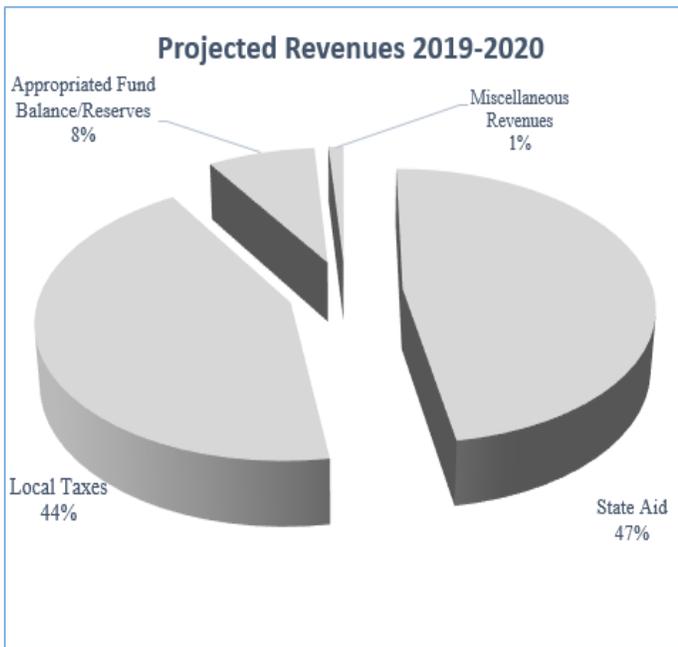


# Belleville Henderson School District

## 2019-20 Proposed Budget

Revenue	2018-2019	2019-2020	Change From Prior Year	Percent Change Over Prior Year
State Aid	\$ 4,884,154	\$ 5,070,435	\$ 186,281	3.81%
Local Taxes	\$ 4,468,935	\$ 4,638,308	\$ 169,373	3.79%
Appropriated Fund Balance/ Reserves	\$ 819,000	\$ 821,892	\$ 2,892	.35%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 185,922	\$ 117,800	\$ (68,122)	-36.64%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 10,358,011</b>	<b>\$ 10,648,435</b>	<b>\$ 290,424</b>	<b>2.80%</b>

Expenditures	2018-2019	2019-2020	Change From Prior Year	Percent Change Over Prior Year
General Support	\$ 1,284,472	\$ 1,408,771	\$ 124,299	9.68%
Instruction	\$ 4,737,655	\$ 4,981,093	\$ 243,438	5.14%
Transportation	\$ 771,011	\$ 658,427	\$ (112,584)	-14.60%
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,560,866	\$ 2,585,962	\$ 25,096	0.98%
Debt Service/Interfund Transfer	\$ 1,004,007	\$ 1,014,182	\$ 10,175	1.01%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 10,358,011</b>	<b>\$ 10,648,435</b>	<b>\$ 290,424</b>	<b>2.80%</b>



**BUDGET**



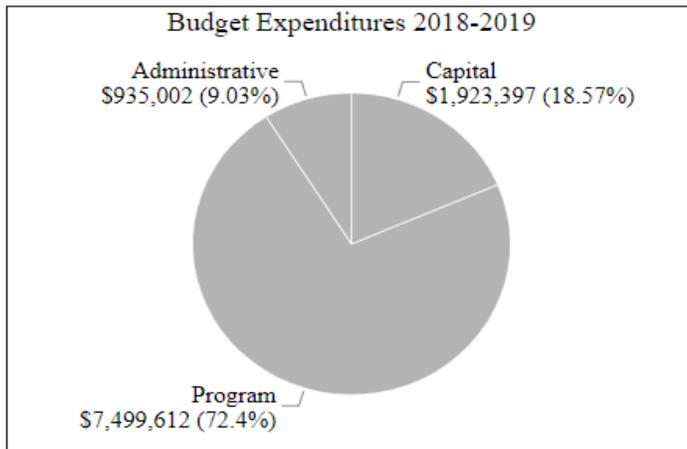


2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET AT A GLANCE

THREE PARTS AS REQUIRED PER EDUCATION LAW OF 1996

	Administrative	Capital	Program	Total
<b>Budgeted Expenditures 2018-2019</b>	\$ 935,002	\$ 1,923,397	\$ 7,499,612	\$ 10,358,011
<b>Budgeted Expenditures 2019-2020</b>	\$ 996,160	\$ 1,937,197	\$ 7,715,078	\$ 10,648,435
<b>Net Change</b>	\$ 61,158	\$ 13,800	\$ 215,466	\$ 290,424
<b>Percent of Change Over Prior Year</b>	6.54%	0.72%	2.87%	2.80%
<b>% Proposed Expenditures</b>	9.35%	18.19%	72.45%	100.00%

The proposed 2019-2020 budget reflects an increase of \$290,424 with a 2.80% budget increase from 2018-2019 with a 3.79% tax increase.



**Administrative Component:**

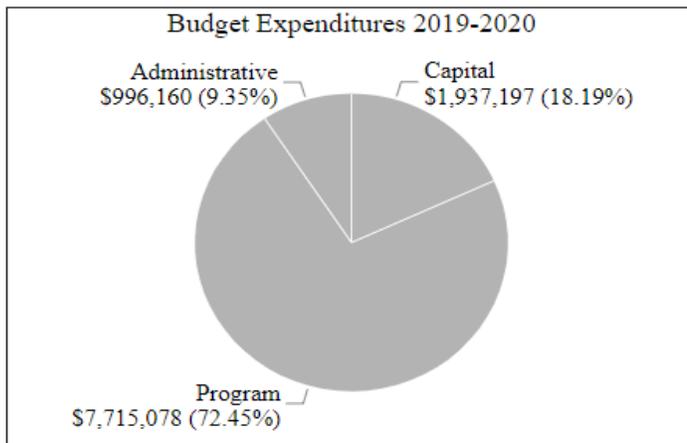
Board of Education, district clerk, district meeting, chief school administrator, business administration, auditing, treasurer, tax collector, purchasing, fiscal agent fees, personnel, central data processing, insurance for buildings and contents, school association dues, refund real property tax and BOCES administration costs, supervision regular schools (principal), employee benefits attributable to salaries included in the administrative component.

**Program Component:**

Teaching, in-service programs for instruction, programs for students with disabilities, occupational education, school library and audiovisual, computer assisted instruction, guidance/pupil personnel, health services, psychological services, co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics, district transportation services, transfers to school lunch and special education funds, employee benefits attributable to salaries included in this program component.

**Capital Component:**

Operations and maintenance of all buildings, utilities for all buildings, maintenance and custodial staff wages and benefits, debt to service interest and principal on district buildings and refund real property tax, bus purchase, capital outlay, employee benefits attributable to salaries included in this capital component





## Board of Education Meetings

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 Public Hearing/ BOE Meeting  
 Tuesday May 21, 2019 Annual Budget Vote/Election & BOE Meeting  
 Monday, June 3, 2019  
 Monday, June 17, 2019  
 Monday, July 8, 2019 Re-Organizational Meeting/Regular Meeting

*Special Board of Education meetings will be scheduled as needed.*

## Board of Education Members

John W. Allen, President  
 Adam J. Miner, Vice President  
 David P. Bartlett  
 Roger E. Eastman  
 Kurt E. Gehrke  
 Gary M. Ramsdell  
 Kristin J. Vaughn



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 Miss Morales, Office/Aide  
 Mr. Kiblin, Head Cleaner  
 Mrs. Grandjean, School Food Service Director I

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 Mr. Storey, Building Principal  
 Mrs. McIntosh, Main Office Secretary

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 Mr. Gagan, School Counselor  
 Mrs. Hess, Guidance Secretary  
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 Mrs. VanBrocklin, CSE Secretary

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 Mrs. Karen Bertram, School Nurse

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