

# PANTHER PRESS

## BUDGET NEWSLETTER



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2017-18 Budget

### WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

- \* The budget proposal for the 2017-18 school year
- \* Truck proposition
- \* Library proposition
- \* BH voters will vote to fill one (1) open seat 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 9, 2017.**

### Important Dates:

#### **BUDGET HEARING:**

Wednesday, May 3, 2017  
6:30 pm  
BHCS Auditorium

#### **BUDGET VOTE:**

Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
2-8 pm  
BHCS Foyer

*Mark  
Your  
Calendar*



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## From The Desk of The Superintendent

Dear Residents of the Belleville Henderson Central School District:

The Board of Education has dedicated itself to developing a 2017-2018 school budget which maintains the district's level of academic excellence while keeping taxes in check. Most school districts in the North Country maintain a tax rate which ranges from \$16 to \$23 for every \$1,000 in property value. Belleville Henderson CSD Board of Education should be commended for constructing an annual budget for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$9,624,664 which equates to \$8.38 for every \$1,000 in property value. Belleville Henderson Central School District remains one of the least taxed districts in the state. The Board of Education has become very adept at developing a budget that balances the educational needs of our community with the economic realities faced by our district residents.

The district's annual budgeting goal is to balance a sound educational program with a fair and reasonable request for funds from district taxpayers. This year the district will propose a 1.98% increase in the tax levy. This decision is never made lightly; in fact, the Board of Education wrestled at length and reviewed all aspects of the school district's budget over the past six months. Honestly, many of the influencing factors on the district's annual budget are simply out of the Board of Education's control, such as mandates from the federal and state governments. Yet even with these challenges, the Board of Education has once again reached its goal: to preserve the highest quality of education the district can provide for our children at a cost which is sensitive to the budgets of the hard working families that make up this fantastic community.

An increase of 1.98% provides the district with an increase in revenue of \$83,428. This year we will appropriate \$560,400 from our fund balance to keep the tax increase as small and as manageable as possible for our residents.

We have one Board of Education seat open. The seat is for a five-year term that will be decided by the voters. This seat is presently occupied by Mr. John Allen.

We will also place a proposition on the ballot for voter permission to purchase a replacement plow truck not to exceed \$47,000. This truck will be used for snow and ice control along with daily maintenance of our school facility.

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 in support of these two public libraries. This proposition will request approval by the voter for an increase in each libraries budget by \$3,000 which will bring each libraries total annual revenue to \$16,000.

Please be sure to vote on Tuesday, May 16th between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Belleville Henderson Central School. The District Clerk has asked that I remind all of those planning to vote 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."

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely yours,

*Rick T. Moore*

Rick T. Moore,  
Superintendent  
Belleville Henderson Central School District  
Where we grow great kids!





## Hello from the Business Office!

My name is Brienne Kirchoff, and I am the new School Business Manager here at Belleville Henderson Central School. I worked for Alexandria Central for three years prior to coming here. I have an Associate's Degree from JCC, Bachelor's from SUNY Oswego, Master's from Columbia College, am a licensed CPA, and am currently working towards my SDBL certification through the College of Saint Rose. I love to run, read, and play a variety of musical instruments. HUGE Disney fan, I mean who DOESN'T love Olaf? I am very excited for this opportunity and am looking forward to being a part of your community.

A little about my favorites:

Baseball: NY Mets

Football: Dallas Cowboys

Basketball: Syracuse Orange

Music: Newsboys

Author: Sarah J Maas, Cassandra Clare

Color: Pink

Movie: Disney's animated Beauty & the Beast

*Thank you for making me feel welcomed!!*

*Brie*

## 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, 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 2017-18 school year in the total amount of \$9,624,664 and to assess and levy upon the taxable property of the District the necessary tax therefore.

### Proposition #2-Truck Proposition

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to withdraw a sum not to exceed \$47,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for capital expenditures authorized pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, and use such funds for the purchase of one (1) replacement truck to be used for snow and ice control and maintenance of school district facilities, at the maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$47,000.

### Proposition #3-Library Proposition

Resolved, that pursuant to Education Law Section 259, the Board of Education of the Belleville Henderson 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 School District as follows:

- ◆ Philomathean Free Library, an increase of \$3,000 for a total amount of \$16,000
- ◆ Henderson Free Library, an increase of \$3,000 for a total amount of \$16,000

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 School District



## Board of Education Vacancy

There is one vacancy seat open for a five (5) year term on the Board of Education. Currently the seat is held by John W. Allen. Incumbent John W. Allen is running for this term. Mr. Allen will be introduced at the Annual Budget Hearing on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the BHCS Auditorium.

See page 5 for Mr. Allen's candidacy information.



# Meet Our Candidate for the Board of Education

BH voters will vote to fill one (1) open seat for the Board of Education  
Incumbent John Allen is running for this five (5) year term.

## Candidate Name: John W. Allen

### What is your education?

Belleville Henderson CSD – Advanced Regents Diploma – Class of 2012

Cornell University – Bachelor of Science Degree – Class of 2016

### What is your occupation?

John Allen Sanitation Service – Manager

### Family:

Father: Mike Allen

Sibling: Jake Allen, Dominick Sprague

Grandparents: Joan Allen, Bill Ose

### Member of any organizations:

Sigma Phi Epsilon New York Beta Chapter – Alumni Volunteer Corporation Board of Director

New York State FFA Alumni Association

Belleville Henderson FFA Alumni

Farm Bureau

South Jefferson Chamber of Commerce

Syracuse Builders Exchange

Adams Center Grange

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

Five years passes quickly! After serving my first term as a member of the Board of Education, 2012-2017, my passion for public education remains the reason I am committed to serving our community. Over the last five years, I have learned a tremendous amount regarding public education, school governance and policy, budget items, and much more. In the ever-changing field of education throughout both the country and New York State, I feel that my knowledge and wisdom gained over the last five years will be an asset to our district if re-elected for the following years to come.

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

If elected, I will continue to support and advocate for programs and extra-curricular activities that are offered but not necessarily required. I believe that our students are exceptionally well-rounded because of the unique ability to partake in courses and activities such as: agriculture, technology, the arts, various sports, trap shooting, etc. Moreover, I will continue to advocate for resources required/desired by our staff, educators, and leadership to further their professional development. Finally, I will strive to incorporate and maintain policies and procedures that ensure safety for all – students, faculty and staff, and visitors of the district.

### Is there other information you would like to provide?

During my first four years of my five year term, I traveled from Ithaca to our school for bi-weekly meetings. I take great pride in knowing that out of my five years serving the board, I have only missed one meeting. I recently received the New York State School Board Association's "Champion of Change Award," which the Board of Education nominated me for. In closing, I am grateful for the hard work and dedication put forth by all the board of education members that I have served with, previously and presently. Together, as a team and in conjunction with administration, faculty/staff, and community members we have carried out the long-lasting vision and prosperity of the Belleville Henderson School district. Thank you for your time and consideration.

# School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2016-17 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2017-18 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 9,485,212	\$ 9,624,664	\$ 9,265,438
Increase/Decrease for the 2017-18 School Year		\$ 139,452	\$ -219,774
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.47 %	-2.32%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.26%	
<b>A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>			
	\$ 4,213,539	\$ 4,296,967	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>			
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **</b>			
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>			
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>			
	\$ 4,213,539	\$ 4,296,967	\$ 4,213,539
<b>F. Total Permissible Exclusions</b>			
	\$ 106,944	\$ 114,950	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>			
	\$ 4,244,128	\$ 4,184,791	
<b>H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)</b>			
	\$ 4,213,539	\$ 4,182,017	
<b>I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>			
	\$ 30,589	\$ 2,774	
<b>Administrative Component</b>			
	\$ 798,115	\$ 831,376	\$ 819,476
<b>Program Component</b>			
	\$ 7,056,480	\$ 7,241,552	\$ 6,943,307
<b>Capital Component</b>			
	\$ 1,630,617	\$ 1,551,736	\$ 1,505,655

**A contingency budget would require a \$356,226 reduction in expenses. The administrative budget would be reduced by \$11,900, the capital budget would have to be reduced by \$46,081, and the program budget would have to be reduced by \$298,245.**

Description	Amount

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmgt@snyed.gov](mailto:emscmgt@snyed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed  
for the 2017-18 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$245

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-18 by the qualified voters of the Belleville Henderson Central School District, Jefferson County, New York, will be held at Belleville Henderson Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 2:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the foyer of the Belleville Henderson school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

# Belleville Henderson Central School District

## Property Tax Report Card 2017-18

	Budgeted 2016-17 (A)	Proposed Budget 2017-18 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	9,485,212	9,624,664	1.47%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve <sup>1</sup>	4,213,539	4,296,967	
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)	4,213,539	4,296,967	1.98%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	106,944	114,950	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	4,244,128	4,184,791	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	4,106,595	4,182,017	
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) <sup>2</sup>	137,533	2,774	
Public School Enrollment	460	491	-1.08%
Consumer Price Index			0.12%

<sup>1</sup> Exclude 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 2016-17, includes any carryover from 2015-16 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2016-17 (D)	Estimated 2017-18 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	1,574,730	1,522,063
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	560,400	560,400
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,274,737	1,000,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	13.44%	10.39%

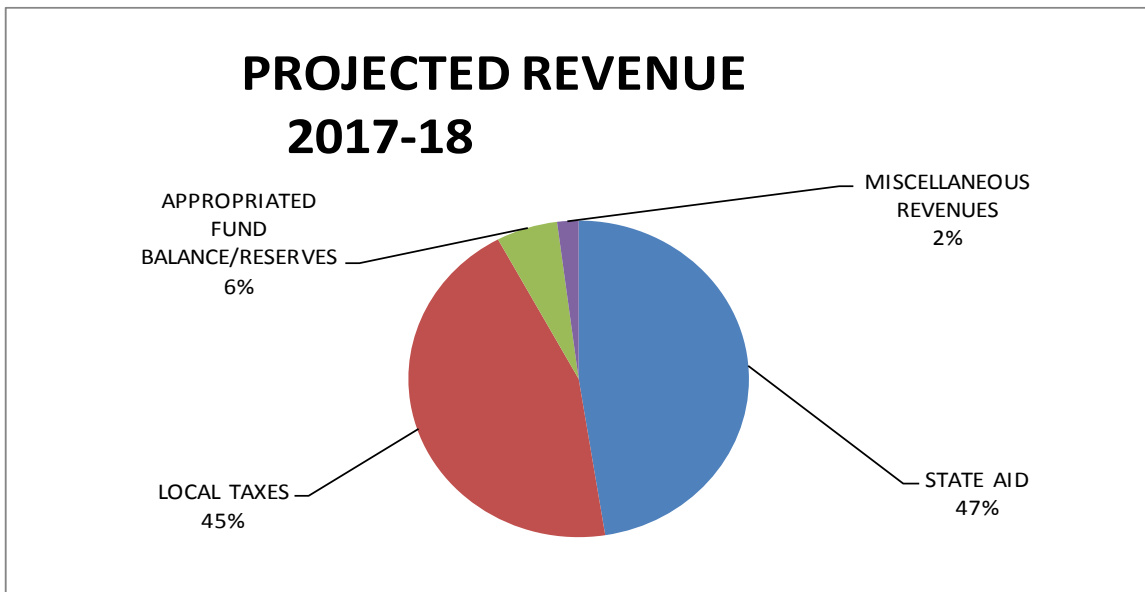


# Belleville Henderson School District

## 2017-18 Proposed Budget

### Projected Revenue Sources

	2016-17	2017-18
STATE AID	\$ 4,513,273	\$ 4,572,197
LOCAL TAXES	4,213,539	4,296,967
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE/RESERVES	560,400	560,400
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	198,000	195,100
	\$ 9,485,212	\$ 9,624,664



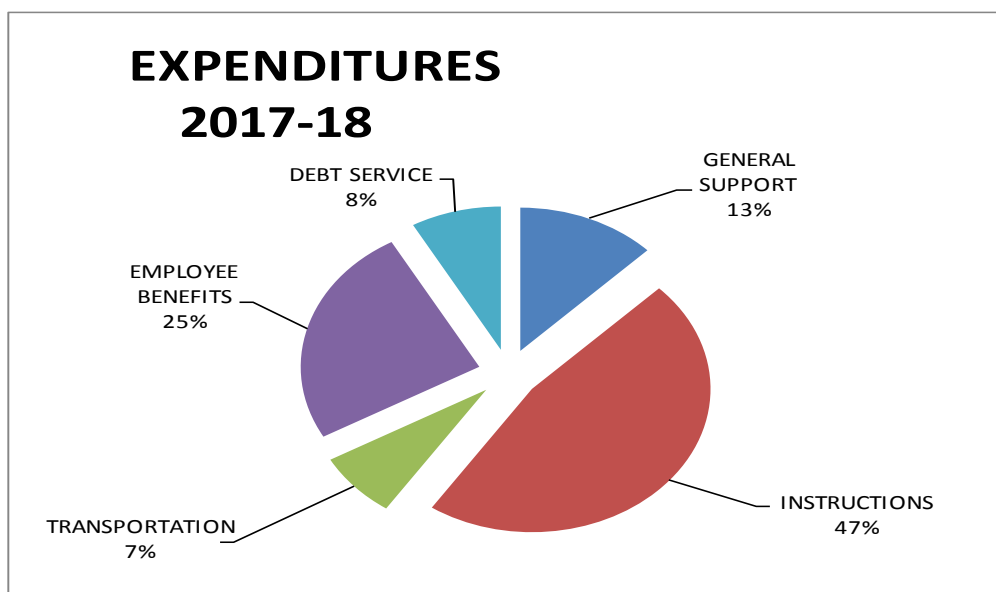


# Belleville Henderson School District

## 2017-18 Proposed Budget

### Projected Expenditures

	2016-17	2017-18
GENERAL SUPPORT	\$ 1,179,764	\$ 1,213,408
INSTRUCTIONS	4,558,526	4,510,021
TRANSPORTATION	702,195	714,367
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,254,495	2,399,560
DEBT SERVICE/INTERFUNG TRANSFER	790,232	787,308
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 9,485,212</b>	<b>\$ 9,624,664</b>



**BUDGET**



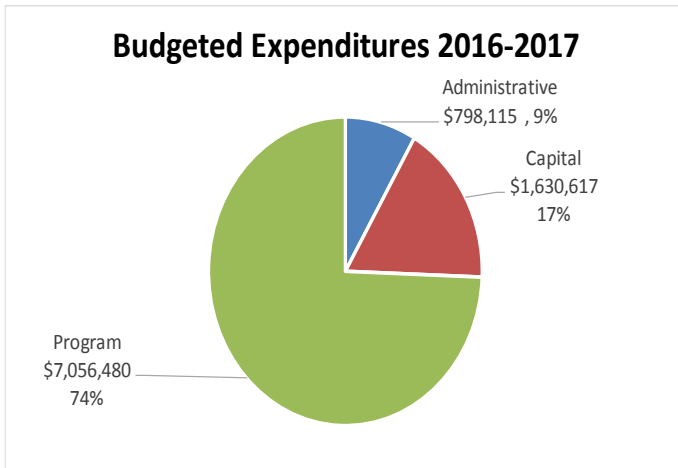
## 2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET AT A GLANCE

### THREE PARTS AS REQUIRED PER EDUCATION LAW OF 1996

### SUMMARY OF TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES

	Administrative	Capital	Program	Total
Budgeted Expenditures 2016-2017	\$ 798,115	\$ 1,630,617	\$ 7,056,480	\$ 9,485,212
Budgeted Expenditures 2017-2018	\$ 831,376	\$ 1,551,737	\$ 7,241,549	\$ 9,624,662
Net change	\$ 33,261	\$ (78,880)	\$ 185,069	\$ 139,450
Percent of Change over prior year	4.17%	-4.84%	2.62%	1.47%
% Proposed Expenditures 2017-2018 budget	8.64%	16.12%	75.24%	100.00%

The proposed 2017-18 budget reflects an increase of \$139,450 with a 1.47% budget increase from 2016-2017 with a 1.98% tax increase



**Program Component**

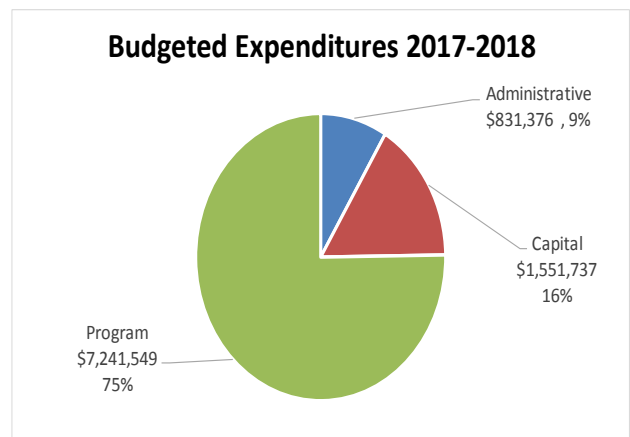
Teaching, in-service programs for instruction, programs for students with disabilities, occupational education, school library and audiovisual, computer-assisted instruction, guidance/pupil personnel, health services, psychological services, co-curricular activities, and interscholastic athletics, district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

**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.

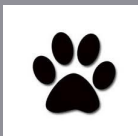
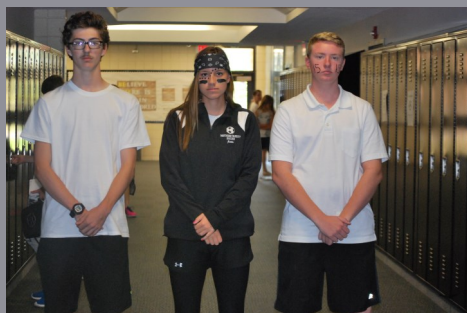
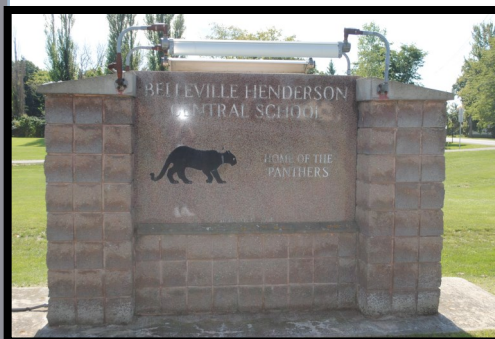
**Capital Component:**

Operations and maintenance of all buildings, utilizes 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 purchases, employee benefits attributable to salaries included in this capital component.





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**PANTHERS**



## Board of Education Meetings

Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
Wednesday, May 3, 2017-Budget Hearing and Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 Budget Vote and Election  
Monday, June 5, 2017  
Monday, June 19, 2017  
Monday, July 10, 2017

## Board of Education Members

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



## Contact Us

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Miss Morales, Office/Aide  
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315-846-5121-Principal's Office  
Mr. Storey, Building Principal  
Mrs. McIntosh, Main Office Secretary

315-846-5825-Guidance and CSE Office  
Mr. Gagan, School Counselor  
Ms. Young, Guidance Secretary  
Mrs. Pettit, CSE Chairperson  
Mrs. VanBrocklin, CSE Secretary

315-846-5823-Health Office  
Mrs. Karen Bertram, School Nurse

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