

Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi
2 Sheldon Drive
Delhi, NY13753

MEETING MINUTES
Budget Hearing

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Date: May 9, 2016

Members Present: Glenn Nealis, Tammy Neumann, Dr. Thomas Flanders, Jay Wilson, Seth Haight, Elizabeth Huneke, and Lucy Kelly

Others Present: Jason D. Thomson, Superintendent, and several community members and staff.

President, Glenn Nealis called the Budget Hearing of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 p.m.

President, Glenn Nealis turned the floor over to Mr. Carey Shultz, Business Manager, who presented the proposed 2016-2017 budget that was approved by the Board of Education at a Regular Board of Education Meeting on April 4, 2016.

2016-2017 Proposed Budget:

Spending Plan Amount:	\$20,167,665
Dollar Increase from 2015-2016	\$454,016
Percentage Increase of Spending:	2.30%
Percentage Increase of Tax Levy:	0%

New York State Budget Highlights

Pro's

- Elimination of Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA)
- GEA restored to Delaware Academy in 2016-2017 is \$466,653
- Total GEA Delaware Academy has lost since 2009-2010 is \$7,878, 573

Con's

- Tax cap calculation
 - Growth factor states 2% or CPI, whichever is lower. Growth factor for 2016-2017 is .12%
 - Permissible exclusions lower than in previous years causing the calculated tax cap to be negative for 2016-2017
- Delaware Academy's current cap is -2.48% or -\$226,000
- No increase in Foundation Aid due to Delaware Academy being considered a high wealth district.

Effects of a Negative Tax Cap

- If Delaware Academy accepts the 2016-2017 tax cap, the district would have to reduce its overall levy by \$226,000
 - This reduction would eliminate the addition of new initiatives for students
 - It would also create budgetary issues next year since the district would be operating with a smaller starting tax base amount.

History of Adopted Budgets 2010-2011 through 2015-2016

- 2010-2011 - \$18,508,246
 - Decrease \$831,546
- 2011-2012 - \$18,401,464
 - Decrease \$106,782
- 2012-2013 - \$18,391,233
 - Decrease \$10,231
- 2013-2014 - \$18,425,930
 - Increase \$34,697
- 2014-2015 - \$18,705,997
 - Increase \$280,067
- 2015-2016 - \$19,713,649
 - Increase \$1,007,652

Total increase for this period \$373,857

Property Tax Levy History 2012-2013 through 2016-2017

- 2012-2013 - \$8,694,943
 - Increase \$166,308 (1.95%)
- 2013-2014 - \$8,868,840
 - Increase \$173,897 (2%)
- 2014-2015 - \$8,998,325
 - Increase \$129,485 (1.46%)
- 2015-2016 - \$9,144,098
 - Increase \$145,773 (1.62%)
- 2016-2017 - \$9,144,098
 - Increase \$0 (0%)

Total tax levy increase \$615,463 or an average of 1.41% over 5 years vs. \$7,878,573 in State Gap Elimination assessments.

2016-2017 Cost Decrease / Increase Factors

- Decreases
 - Heating and Bus Fuel decrease per gallon
 - Decrease in Teacher Retirement Contribution Rates
 - Decrease in Employee Retirement Contribution Rates
 - Reduction in Debt Service
- Increases
 - Health Insurance

- Contractual (Instructional, Non-Instructional, Services)
- Equipment for classrooms and offices
- Staffing in various areas

2015-2016 Adopted / 2016/2017 Proposed Budgets Compared

	2015-2016 Adopted Budget	2016-2017 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Board of Education	\$50,452	\$43,357	-7,095	-14.06%
Central Administration	195,731	202,007	6,276	3.21%
Finance	279,788	270,087	-6,701	-2.42%
Legal/Contractual/Insurance	99,700	98,450	-1,250	-1.25%
Central Services	1,303,372	1,325,330	-34,402	-2.64%
Special Items	472,889	479,220	6,331	1.34%
Administration and Improvement	270,006	297,780	27,774	10.29%
Teaching	6,404,098	6,829,815	425,717	6.65%
Instructional Media	726,999	732,922	5,923	.81%
Pupil Services	832,218	889,749	57,531	6.91%
Pupil Transportation	1,056,730	1,057,319	589	.06%
Employee Benefits	5,126,895	5,266,441	195,906	3.82%
Debt Service	2,897,771	2,675,188	-222,583	-7.68%
*Total	19,713,649	20,167,665	454,016	2.3%

*GEA Restoration for 2016-2017 is \$466,653

2016-2017 Additions

- Position Reinstatements
 - MS/HS Science Teacher (reduced in 2014)
 - CSE Secretary (reduced in 2009)
 - Drivers Education Teacher (lost in 2015)

- New Initiatives
 - STEAM / PLTW Supplies
 - Computer Networking Teacher / Class
 - Technology Equipment for Networking Course

2015-2016 Estimated Revenues

State Aid	
2015-2016	\$9,055,154
2016-2017	\$9,741,343
Increase =	\$686,189

Based on the NYS Aid Projections & Incarcerated Youth Aid

Use of Money and Property	
2015-2016	\$5,000
2016-2017	2,000
	Decrease = (3,000)

Interest earnings, BOCES classroom rental, Rental of buses

Tuition		
2015-2016		\$15,000
2016-2017		10,000
		Decrease = (5,000)
Tuition for non-resident students attending our schools and tuition from other districts for foster placements		
Miscellaneous Revenues		
2015-2016		\$292,500
2016-2017		145,000
		Decrease = (147,500)
Refund of prior years expenditures from BOCES, Bassett Health and other revenues		
A.L. Kellogg – Educational Enhancements Fund Transfer for Delhi Only		
2015-2016		\$83,500
2016-2017		83,500
		No change = - 0 -
A.L. Kellogg Capital Funds – Debt Service Fund Transfer – Delhi Capital Only		
2015-2016		\$74,224
2016-2017		74,224
		No change = - 0 -
Inter-fund Transfer for Debt Service		
2015-2016		\$335,000
2016-2017		335,000
		No change = - 0 -
Total Revenues Before Tax Levy		
2015-2016		\$9,860,378
2016-2017		10,391,067
		Increase = 530,689
Real Property Taxes		
2015-2016		\$9,144,098
2016-2017		9,144,098
		No change = - 0 -
Payments in Lieu of Taxes		
2015-2016		\$7,546
2015-2016		7,500
		Decrease = 46)
Interest and Penalties-Property Taxes		
2015-2016		\$25,000
2016-2017		25,000
		No Change -0-

Total Revenues	
2015-2016	\$19,037,022
2015-2016	19,567,665
	Increase = 530,643
Appropriated Fund Balance	
2015-2016	\$676,627
2016-2017	\$600,000
	Appropriated Fund Balance Decrease = (76,627)
Total Revenues and Fund Balance	
2015-2016	\$19,713,649
2016-2017	20,167,665
	Increase = 454,016

Budget Vote is Tuesday, May 17, 2016 in the Middle School Lobby from 12 Noon - 8PM

Board of Education Seats - Three vacancies for expired terms.

Board of Education Candidates:

Mr. Seth Haight
Ms. Rachel Fisher
Ms. Lucy Kelly
Dr. Thomas Flanders

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Temple
District Clerk