

**Board of Education Report to
Property Owners Associations
February 11, 2020**

Board of Education Meetings and Topics for 2019/2020

Regular Sessions*

Date	Location	Topic
Tuesday, February 25	High School	2020/2021 Budget Work Session #2 – All Non-Instructional areas/Administrative and Capital Components
Tuesday, March 24	High School	2020/2021 Budget Work Session #4 – Instructional Components – Part II
Tuesday, April 21	High School	Adoption of 2020/2021 Budget BOCES Budget Vote/Election of Board Members
Tuesday, May 19	High School	Budget Vote
Tuesday, June 16	High School	

Work Sessions*

Date	Location	Topic
Tuesday, March 10	High School	2020/2021 Budget Work Session #3 – Instructional Components – Part I Will include an updated demographic report and building utilization study.
Tuesday, April 7	High School	2020/2021 Budget Work Session #5 – (if needed)
Tuesday, May 5	High School	Budget Hearing; STEAM Update
Tuesday, June 9	High School	TBD

*All meetings begin at 8:15 p.m.

2020/2021 Budget

At the February 4th Board of Education meeting, the Administration presented an overview and revenue projections of the 2020/2021 Superintendent’s Budget.

The proposed budget	\$120,660,919
Budget to Budget Increase	\$2,660,951 or 2.26%
Projected Tax Levy Increase (with STAR)	1.75%
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy	1.76%

The following is a link to the budget presentation: [Budget Preview](#)

NYSED Releases Graduation Data

- The NY State Education Department released graduation data on the public website: <https://data.nysed.gov/>

- The data on the NYSED website was publicized in the Class of 2019 profile and shared in the Student Achievement Report.
- Garden City High School Profile: [High School Profile](#)

Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring

In 2013, the State Comptroller implemented a statewide fiscal monitoring system to identify local governments experiencing financial strain. The Comptroller just released his 2019 report and Garden City continues to score 0% financial strain, with no designation. As reported in Newsday earlier this week, eight districts on Long Island and 33 districts state-wide are showing varying levels of fiscal stress.

State Aid

- The district received information on the 2020-2021 executive budget proposal along with state aid runs. The Governor proposed a 3.0% increase in education spending, for a total increase of \$826 million to school districts. This is down from last year's spending increase of \$1.1 billion. Garden City's, state aid runs showed an increase in state aid. Garden City receives the lowest tier increase of .25% of the foundation aid. The remainder of the increase is being generated from transportation and building aid, which is similar to last year.
- \$25,000 was received through Senator Thomas and \$13,000 from Assemblyman Ra in the form of Bullet Aid, which will be utilized for science and technology.

Commendations

- It is a pleasure to announce the GCHS Class of 2020 Valedictorian Mary Foxen and Salutatorian Katherine Staub.
- Ryan Padala is a First Place Winner in the Annual Emerging Leaders Business Competition held last month at St. Joseph's College. Ryan won First Place in the Interview Life Skills category. Additionally, Ryan won second place in the public-speaking category of the Future Business Leaders of America Long Island regional competition. Ryan will attend the FBLA state leadership conference to be held in Rochester, New York, this April.
- 8th grade student, James Nagler, participated in the Congressional App Challenge this past Fall. He received a certificate, from Congresswoman Kathleen Rice, for his work in developing the Garden City Middle School Makerspace App. This App will allow students to sign-up for the Middle School Makerspace program using any mobile device. An alert will then be sent to the librarian, teachers, and staff to notify them of who will be attending the Makerspace on that particular day.
- Mr. Daniel DellaMonica's ninth and tenth grade symphonic band at Garden City High School had the special opportunity to connect with composer Larry Neeck via videoconference. Neeck composed "Under an Irish Sky," a piece the band performed during the school's winter concert on January 9th.

Parent University

- Parent University and the Community Support Services Fair, sponsored by the PTA and SEPTA, was held on January 30th. Ten different sessions on education, parenting, and social-emotional wellness were held with over 50 vendors for the Community Support Services Fair. Both were very well attended.

Important Dates

- February 11th - PTA and SEPTA Parent Event - Dr. Michele Borba - Building Empathy, 7:00 p.m., High School Auditorium
- February 12th - Hoops for Hope, 3:30 p.m., High School. All funds raised going to benefit the I'm Not Done Yet foundation.
- February 17th to 21st - Winter Recess