

# Capital Project Communication and Update

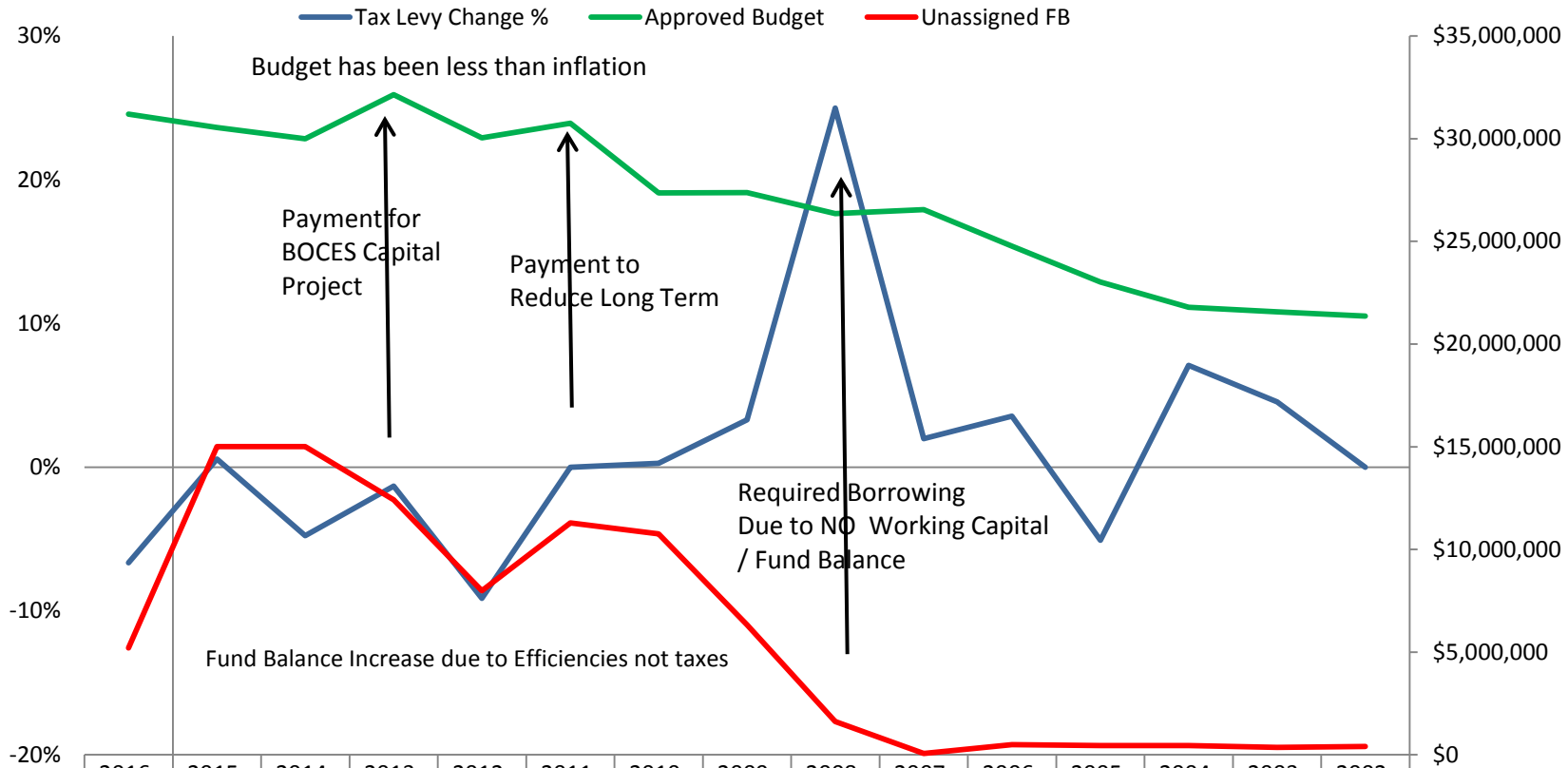
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# Funding and Fiscal Responsibility for the APW Community

- In 2008 the local tax levy was 22.63\$ per thousand. In 2016 that the tax levy is now approximately 16\$ per thousand, thus giving the tax payers a 6.63\$ per thousand “refund” over that time. Other Oswego County Tax Rates (2015 - 2016) are as follows:
  - Mexico – 22.04\$ / thousand
  - Pulaski – 21.05\$ / thousand
  - Sandy Creek – 14.83\$ / thousand
  - Central Square – 24.71\$ / thousand
  - Fulton – 27.85\$ / thousand
  - Phoenix – 27.53\$ / thousand
  - Hannibal – 24.31\$ / thousand
  - Oswego – 20.16\$ /thousand
- Because the APWCSD stayed under the NY State 2% tax cap many residents are eligible for a refund under Tax compliance rebate program from NEW YORK STATE
- While the district’s expenses have risen approximately 4% per year the district’s budget has increased on average less than 2% per year minus capital expenditures that the district did not borrow for.
  - The increase in the budget for the 13 – 14 SY was due to a onetime payment for the BOCES capital project done so that the district did not have to borrow saving interest and legal fees.
  - The increase in the 11 – 12 SY budget was appropriated from Fund Balance to reduce interest on long term debt (which would have impacted budgets into the future if not done). This saved the tax payer dollars in interest.
- While a year over year budget increases approximately 4% due to raises and contractual obligations such as health insurance etc., the district’s budget has been relatively flat for the past five years. Any increases in the overall budget were covered by increased state aid and not an increase in the tax levy.
- Since 2010 – 2011 the tax levy has decreased 4 times, was at 0 one time and has increased by less than 1% twice.
- The unanticipated fund balance went from 15 million dollars to 5 million dollars from 2014 – 2015 to 2015 – 2016 due to the district reserving funds according to the comptrollers CAP plan.
- The district is able to fund more programming for students by rightsizing staffing without layoffs. (Done by attrition, reorganization and a retirement incentive.) Utilizing fund balance to pay for this capital project saves the district approximately \$178 thousand dollars per year (the cost of three teachers) in interest and debt fees.

# Building and Maintaining Efficient Budgets at APW



	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004	2002-2003
— Tax Levy Change %	-6.63%	0.58%	-4.76%	-1.31%	-9.11%	0.00%	0.28%	3.29%	24.99%	1.98%	3.57%	-5.07%	7.09%	4.54%	0.00%
— Approved Budget	\$31,187	\$30,537	\$30,001	\$32,139	\$30,035	\$30,748	\$27,353	\$27,375	\$26,349	\$26,540	\$24,769	\$23,019	\$21,790	\$21,574	\$21,365
— Unassigned FB	\$5,200	\$15,004	\$15,004	\$12,409	\$7,994	\$11,296	\$10,758	\$6,327	\$1,621	\$71,095	\$490,67	\$456,18	\$456,18	\$356,03	\$412,62

# APW Capital Project Funding Specifics

- The proposed capital project is approximately 4M dollars to be done in two summers (2017 and 2018).
- The proposed project will be paid for out of the districts fund balance (capital) which means that the district will not bond for the project saving approximately 30,000 in attorney and bond counsel fees.
  - In addition utilizing current fund balance to fund the capital project will ensure that the district will not pay interest on the money.
- The project is totally state aidable meaning that the district will recoup approximately 83 cents on the dollar back over the next 5 – 15 years from NYSED.
- The district will utilize current staff to direct the project as a clerk of the works saving money by NOT hiring a construction manager.

# Scope of Work Summer 2017

- Elementary parking lot and bus circle
- Associated site work such as sidewalks, new stairs from the upper parking lot to the lower parking lot
- Curbing
- Replacement of 1988 roof on the JSHS auditorium (roof was not replaced during the previous capital project because it was still under warranty)
- Replacement of the 1988 elementary roof (roof was not replaced during the previous capital project because it was still under warranty approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the current APWES roof).
- Dug out replacement at the elementary baseball fields
- Storm drain improvements and repairs

# Scope of Work Summer 2018

- Security upgrades in both buildings (locks inside classrooms and office areas), replacement of some doors to meet fire code
- Classroom floor tile replacement in the elementary building (approximately 75% of the building)
- Boiler replacement (4) at the JSHS
- Boiler replacement (1) and boiler addition (1) at the bus garage
- Replacement of the underground domestic storage replacement tank (to be put inside of the building)

# Mechanisms Utilized for Communication Regarding the Upcoming Vote on the APW Capital Project:

- Information presented at Graduation (table with fact sheet and information on Capital Project immediately preceding APW Graduation June 24, 2016)
- Presentation to Town Boards
  - Parish July 21, 2016
  - Albion August 9, 2016
  - Williamstown August 10, 2016
- Coffee and Conversation with the Community
  - District Office July 27, 2016
  - District Office August 17, 2016
  - Community Discussion Maple view Truck Stop August 29, 2016 at 6PM.
- Public Hearing August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 APWJSHS Library
- Publications and Written Communications
  - Publication and notice of meetings and presentations on APW website (updated with Notes and Graphs on Capital Project)
  - Special Addition of the Rebel Alliance published and mailed to all members of the community August 8, 2016
  - Remember to vote card mailed to all community members with information on project and finances mailed September 1, 2016
  - Fact Sheet on Capital Project in District Office (also passed out at graduation, coffee and conversations and sent to Town Supervisors)
  - Posters hung at the end of July, 2016 throughout community with meeting times and dates informational meeting for Capital Project
- Capital Project Vote – September 6, 2016 from 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

# For Questions or Additional Information

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