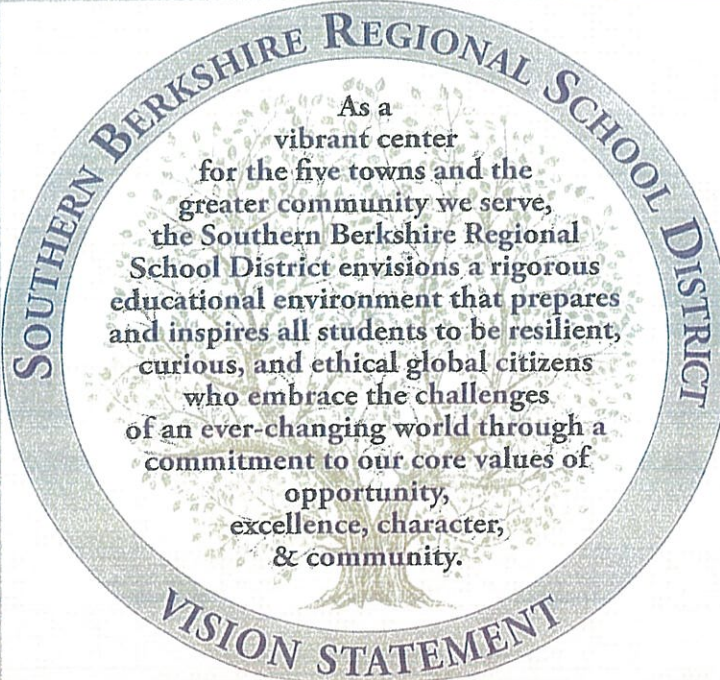


SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT


Public Hearing on 2019-2020
Operating, Transportation & Capital
Budgets
March 7, 2019



SBRSD
Public
Hearing
on the
FY 2019-2020
Budget

Guiding Principles

- Build a budget that is reflective of the District’s Vision
- Based on the District’s Strategy for Continuous Improvement
- To sustain the District’s commitment to educational excellence
- To develop assessments that are manageable to the member towns
- To provide effective programming and staffing levels that foster continuous improvement in the most cost efficient manner
- To clearly communicate with all stakeholders
- To allocate resources strategically to create an aligned system Pre-K to 12
- To be proactive rather than reactive
- To make data driven decisions and recommendations based on what’s best for our students

 Southern Berkshire Regional School District Strategy for District Improvement 2018 - 2021	
VISION As a vibrant center for the five towns and the greater community we serve, the Southern Berkshire Regional School District envisions a rigorous educational environment that prepares and inspires all students to be resilient, curious, and ethical global citizens who embrace the challenges of an ever-changing world through a commitment to our core values of opportunity, excellence, character, & community.	
Objectives	Initiatives
Student need will drive decisions with respect to developing curriculum and instruction.	1.1 Develop common, well defined learning outcomes; with a focus on depth and critical thinking skills. 1.2 Develop review and maintain grade level, subject based curriculum maps that are vertically and horizontally aligned to instruction, assessment, and MA State Standards. 1.3 Develop and implement differentiated, innovative, and student centered instructional practices consistently throughout the district. 1.4 Continue the 6-8 middle school reconfiguration with respect to best practices, while making the most efficient use of existing resources for the opening of school year 2019-2020.
Recognizing the profound influence of a positive school culture, SBRS D will strive towards creating an optimal climate where safety, security, and wellbeing are high priorities.	2.1 Provide targeted interventions that meet individual needs and provide increased opportunities for inclusion. 2.2 Provide the tools, infrastructure and systems necessary to support district initiatives and ensure positive, technology enriched learning environments. 2.3 Continually assess and improve the safety of current district facilities. Further, current safety procedures and protocols will be reviewed and updated to ensure that staff and students can work and learn in a secure environment. 2.4 Provide students the skills to navigate their day from a social-emotional standpoint. This includes a formal social - emotional curriculum at all grade levels. Further, we will train faculty and staff in the use of research based best practices for social-emotional programming in order to help adults connect with students and be able to address their behavioral and social-emotional needs.
Acknowledging the unique advantages and challenges of educating a small district, SBRS D will create a variety of ways for our students to develop as resilient, curious, and ethical global citizens.	3.1 Review and re-organize the current academic programming to formalize student pathways towards interest oriented education while maintaining fidelity to MA State Standards. The SBRS D will focus on enhancing capacity to implement best practices around personalized and blended learning; and design innovative high tech options for students to meet with success in a college or career setting. 3.2 Build effective relationships with the community so that parents and community members are more knowledgeable about and engaged in efforts to achieve the district's vision for an education that prepares every graduate for success in a rapidly changing globally independent world.

State Budget Process

Governor's Budget	The budget begins as a bill that the Governor submits on the 4th Wednesday in January (or five weeks later if at the start of a new term) to the House of
House Ways & Means Budget	The House Ways and Means Committee reviews the Governor's budget and then develops its own recommendation.
House Budget	Individual representatives submit budget amendments which are then debated on the House floor. Resulting document becomes the final House budget bill and moves to the Senate once it is debated, amended and voted on by the full House.
Senate Ways & Means Budget	The Senate Ways & Means Committee reviews both the Governor's and House budgets and develops its own recommendation.
Senate Budget	Individual senators submit budget amendments which are then debated on the Senate floor. The resulting document becomes the final Senate's budget bill once it is debated, amended and voted on.
House 1 Revised (Governor's Budget)	State finance law requires the Governor to submit budget revisions to his proposed budget if revenue forecasts predict a shortfall after the original submission.
Conference Committee Budget	House and Senate leadership assign members to a "conference committee" to negotiate any differences between the House and Senate bills. The conference committee report can only be approved or rejected - no additional amendments can be made.
Vetoes	Once approved by both chambers of the Legislature, the Governor has ten days to review the conference committee budget. The Governor may approve or veto the entire budget, or may veto or reduce particular line items or sections, but may not add
Overrides	The House and Senate may vote to override the Governor's vetoes. Overrides require a two-thirds roll-call vote of each chamber.
Final Budget	The final budget is known as the General Appropriations Act (GAA or "Chapter XXX of the Acts of 20xx").

SBRSD FY20 Operating Budget Timeline

October	Superintendent presents and School Committee votes to approve Superintendent's goals (annual action plan). School Committee accepts October 1st enrollment report.
November	Finance Sub-Committee convenes to discuss general budget plan and direction for the upcoming fiscal year.
December	District Administration meets, along with Buildings, Grounds and Technology sub-committee, and compiles capital project lists. Budget guidelines and budget request sheets are distributed to principals, directors and curriculum leaders. Directors, principals and curriculum leaders submit their estimates of
January - February	Review and input initial PreK-12 educational budget plan worksheets Meet to discuss development of figures, justification of new expenditures, proposed significant increases and long-term goals for buildings/programs Central Office records estimated non-salary items as well as contracted salaries into the District budget. Assemble key stakeholders for comprehensive input, analysis and discussion of financial short-term and long-term goals and plans for Submit preliminary draft budget to Finance Sub-Committee with estimated expenditures and estimated assessments to the towns Post and hold a capital plan walk-through, with Town officials invited.

SBRSD FY20 Operating Budget Timeline

Present preliminary budget to town Finance Committees.
 The District must post a tentative operating budget in the town hall of each member town, publish it in a newspaper in general circulation in the district and provide copies to the chairman of the Board of Selectmen and chairman of the Finance Committee in each member town. Assuming the public hearing date to be March 7, 2019, and allowing for 2 weeks for above notifications (and not scheduling a meeting during February break), ~~tentative budget will be voted on February 25, 2019.~~ Post notifications as described above.

School Committee must hold a **public hearing** no less than 5 days before the budget adoption. Assuming a budget adoption date of March 14, 2019, the public hearing will be held on **March 7, 2019** (no later than March 16, 2019)

School Committee must **adopt the FY19 budget** at least 45 days prior to the first member town's annual town meeting. Assuming the first annual town meeting is May 4, 2019, budget adoption will be at the **March 14, 2019** School Committee meeting (no later than March 20, 2019).

April Send **assessment letters** to the towns within 30 days of the budget adoption. Assuming an adoption date of March 14, 2019, assessments would be sent out by **April 12, 2019** (no later than April 13, 2019).

May Alford, Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough and Sheffield Town Meetings - public vote on SBRSD budget. Projection is that first town meeting would be held on May 4, Changes made and potential amendments voted until Governor signs final budget

June - July Governor signs state budget
 School Committee votes amended budget if changes have been made. Assessment notifications would follow within 30 days of adoption of amended budget.

FY20 Budget Overview

- FY19 Budget: \$16,690,011
- FY20 Preliminary Budget: \$17,321,733
- Dollar Increase: \$631,722
- Percent increase: 3.79%

Operating Budget Increase	3.3%
Capital Budget Increase	0%
Debt Budget Increase	37.7%

FY20 Budget Overview

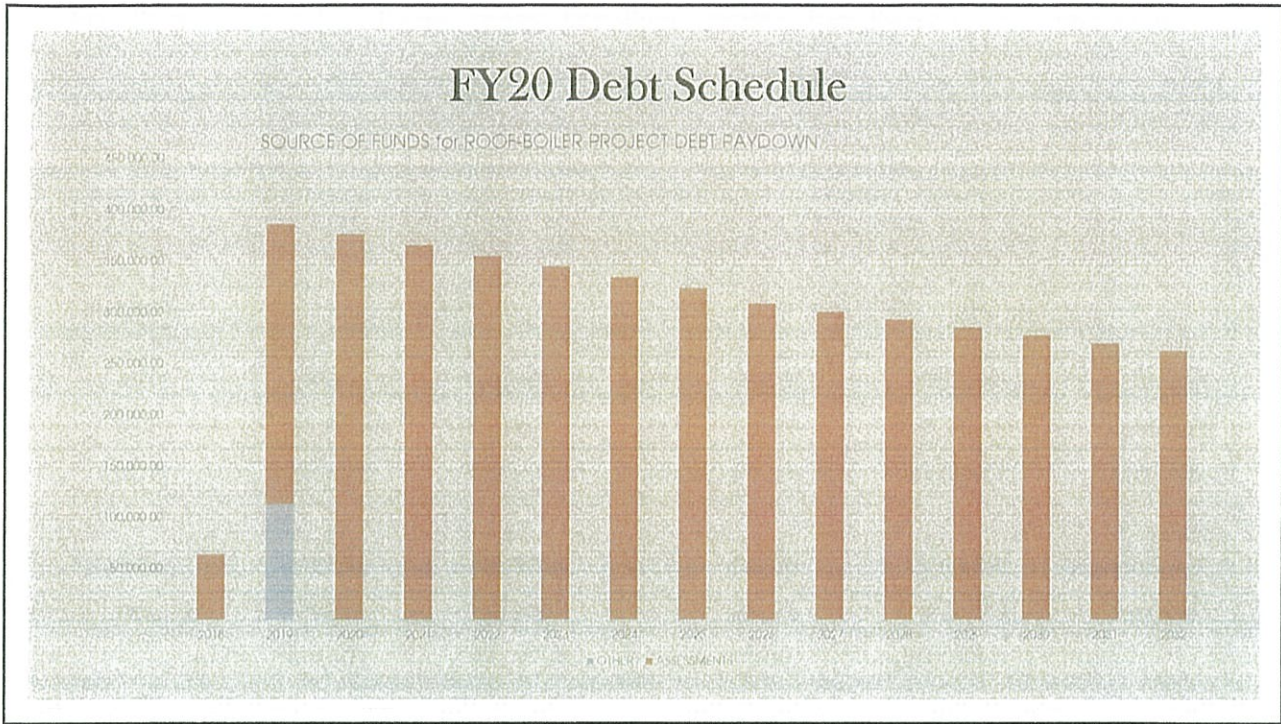
Capital Budget ~

- ❖ Buildings, Grounds, & Technology Subcommittee recommended \$458k to be applied to capital improvements
- ❖ Capital Budget includes items costing \$10,000 or more
- ❖ Proposed Budget is a 0% increase to Capital Expenditures

FY20 Debt Schedule

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 \$3,605,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS
 DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2017

ROOF & BOILDER PROJECT - PAYDOWN SCHEDULE				FUNDING SOURCE		
FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL	OTHER	ASSESSMENT	TOTAL
2018	-	63,877	63,877		63,877	63,877
2019	260,000	126,350	386,350	113,333	273,017	159,684
2020	260,000	115,950	375,950		375,950	375,950
2021	260,000	105,550	365,550		365,550	365,550
2022	260,000	95,150	355,150		355,150	355,150
2023	260,000	84,750	344,750		344,750	344,750
2024	260,000	74,350	334,350		334,350	334,350
2025	260,000	63,950	323,950		323,950	323,950
2026	255,000	53,550	308,550		308,550	308,550
2027	255,000	45,900	300,900		300,900	300,900
2028	255,000	38,250	293,250		293,250	293,250
2029	255,000	30,600	285,600		285,600	285,600
2030	255,000	22,950	277,950		277,950	277,950
2031	255,000	15,300	270,300		270,300	270,300
2032	255,000	7,650	262,650		262,650	262,650
	3,605,000	944,127	4,549,127	113,333	4,435,794	4,322,461



FY20 Budget Overview

Enrollment -

	FY19	FY20	Change	FY19 % Share	FY20 % Share	Change in % Share
Alford	25	22	-3	3.88%	3.29%	-.59%
Egremont	76	84	8	11.8%	12.57%	.77%
Monterey	75	79	4	11.65%	11.83%	.18%
New Marlborough	132	130	-2	20.5%	19.46%	-1.04%
Sheffield	<u>336</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>52.17%</u>	<u>52.84%</u>	.67%
	644	668	24	100%	100%	

FY20 Budget Overview

Contribution -

	-- FY19 --		-- FY20 --		Change in Contribution %
Alford	435,264	3.2%	480,489	3.44%	.23%
Egremont	1,604,722	11.8%	1,796,612	12.85%	1.03%
Monterey	1,600,394	11.8%	1,692,159	12.11%	.32%
New Marlborough	2,841,455	20.9%	2,749,358	19.67%	-1.26%
Sheffield	7,096,013	52.3%	7,260,181	51.94%	-.32%
	13,577,848	100.0%	13,978,799	100.0%	

FY20 Budget Overview

◦ Revenue ~

- ❖ Chapter 70 ~ 668 students, \$20 per student, \$13.4k
- ❖ Regional Transportation reimbursement rate estimated at \$686,823 of total eligible costs - increase of \$131.5k
- ❖ Special education costs not reimbursable, only regular transportation costs for in-district students who live at least 1.5 miles from the school they attend
- ❖ FY19 Budget- Purchased two "Marshmallow Buses" to add to fleet to offset transportation costs for field trips and athletics

FY20 Budget Overview

Revenue

❖ School Choice

- ❖ Application of \$651,506 of expenditures to the School Choice Fund
- ❖ Remaining balance of \$297,707 in School Choice funds

❖ Excess & Deficiency Fund

- ❖ Proposing the use of \$530,000 of E&D funds as a revenue source to help suppress operating assessments to the towns
- ❖ Unencumbered Excess & Deficiency Funds as of 7-1-18 have been certified at \$819,257
- ❖ Remaining certified E&D just over \$289k, could have 5% of operating budget in E&D or approximately \$835k

FY20 Budget Overview

• Expenditures

❖ Salaries

- ❖ All bargaining agreements expire on 6/30/21

❖ Benefits

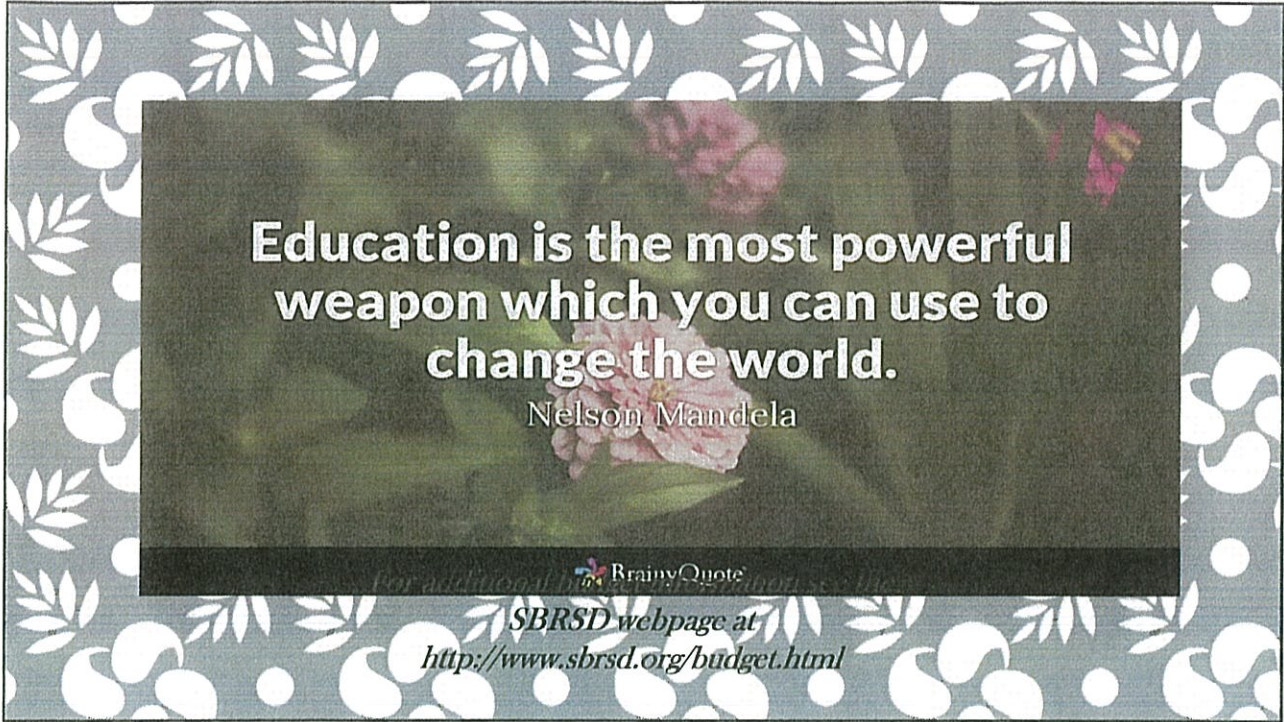
- ❖ Health Insurance -rate increase of 0%
- ❖ Instructional supplies, services, materials, and equipment were modest - original ask was \$60k
- ❖ Includes debt service amounts relating to roof and boiler project

FY20 Proposed Increase to Assessments

- Proposed FY 20 Increase/(Decrease) to Assessments:
 - Alford \$ 45,225 10.4%
 - Egremont \$ 191,890 12.0%
 - Monterey \$ 91,765 5.7%
 - New Marlborough \$ (92,097) -3.2%
 - Sheffield \$ 164,168 2.3%
- Total Net Increase in Assessments \$ 400,951 2.95%**

FY20 Proposed Assessments- Revised Formula

	CURRENT METHOD	PROPOSED METHOD	CHANGE, FY19 - FY20	
	2018-2019	2019-2020	CURRENT 2019-2020	PROPOSED 2019-2020
REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	5,786,728	6,216,858	430,130	430,130
ADD'L NSS AND ALL OTHER	7,791,120	7,761,941	(29,179)	(29,179)
TOTAL	13,577,848	13,978,799	400,951	400,951
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	5,786,728	6,216,858	430,130	430,130
ALFORD	185,505	213,690	28,185	28,185
EGREMONT	683,915	799,016	115,101	115,101
MONTEREY	682,070	752,562	70,492	70,492
NEW MARLBOROUGH	1,210,996	1,222,735	11,739	11,739
SHEFFIELD	3,024,242	3,228,855	204,613	204,613
TOTAL	5,786,728	6,216,858	430,130	430,130
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
ADD'L NSS AND ALL OTHER	7,791,120	7,761,941	(29,179)	(29,179)
ALFORD	249,760	253,681	17,039	3,921
EGREMONT	920,808	957,125	76,789	36,317
MONTEREY	918,324	909,544	21,273	(8,780)
NEW MARLBOROUGH	1,630,458	1,650,217	(103,835)	19,759
SHEFFIELD	4,071,771	3,991,375	(40,445)	(80,396)
TOTAL	7,791,120	7,761,941	(29,179)	(29,179)
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
TOTAL - ALL	13,577,848	13,978,799	400,951	400,951
ALFORD	435,265	467,371	45,224	32,106
EGREMONT	1,604,723	1,756,141	191,890	151,418
MONTEREY	1,600,394	1,662,106	91,765	61,712
NEW MARLBOROUGH	2,841,454	2,872,952	(92,096)	31,498
SHEFFIELD	7,096,013	7,220,230	164,168	124,217



**Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world.**

Nelson Mandela

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