

GENERAL BROWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting
BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Agenda and Order of Business

June 1, 2020 – 5:30 p.m. Prevailing Time

This meeting will be held remotely.

5:30 p.m.: Call to Order by President Klindt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present by roll call:

_____ Sandra Young Klindt
_____ Natalie Hurley
_____ Daniel Dupee II
_____ Tiffany Orcesi
_____ Jamie Lee
_____ Albert Romano, Jr.
_____ Kelly Milkowich

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

B. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Board Action – ***BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Brown Central School District Board of Education takes action to amend the 2019-2020 school calendar as follows:***

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Executive Orders 202.11, 202.14 and 202.18, the General Brown Central School District continued to provide remote instruction for students, meals for students, and childcare for essential workers every weekday between April 1, 2020 and May 15, 2020, even if the district was scheduled to be on spring break during that time.

WHEREAS, the General Brown Central School District was in session on April 10, 2020 (Good Friday) and April 13-17, 2020 (spring recess),

BE IT RESOLVED, that Wednesday, June 17, 2020 will be the last day of school for the 2019-2020 academic school year.

2. Board Action – Approval of Inspectors/Chairperson for the Annual Proposed Budget Vote and Board of Education Election to be held via absentee ballot on June 9, 2020 as follows:
 - Inspectors: Jefferson County Board of Elections Inspector, Jean LaSage; Rebecca Flath; Kristi Bice; Lisa Leubner; Deanna Oliver; and Donna Keefer serving as Chief Inspector
 - Lisa K. Smith will serve as Chairperson for the Annual Meeting / Budget Vote / Election

C. BUDGET HEARING

1. Introduction of the District Clerk by President Klindt.
2. Is there anyone opposed to dispensing with the reading of the legal notice?
3. Is there anyone opposed to dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting?
4. Election of trustees:
Vacancies on the Board of Education shall *not* be considered as separate specific offices and nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated.

The following candidates have submitted their written intention and presented it to the District Clerk days in advance as required by law:

- Natalie Hurley
- Scott Lytle
- Albert Romano, Jr.
- Kimberly Shuler

Qualifications of voters:

- A citizen of the United States of America;
- eighteen years of age or older;
- a resident within the District for a period of thirty days in advance, as required by law.

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5. Mrs. Case and Mrs. Smith – Budget Presentation
6. Board of Education Candidate information is available on the General Brown CSD website.
7. The Annual Meeting is adjourned until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 whereby voting will be held by absentee ballot.

Time of adjournment ___:___ p.m.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION
GENERAL BROWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, NEW YORK

Revised as per Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.26:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the General Brown Central School District, Jefferson County, New York will be held remotely in said District on June 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the General Brown Central School District, Jefferson County, New York will be held via absentee ballot in said District on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for 3-year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023 to succeed two members whose terms expire on June 30, 2020.
3. To approve the following proposition:

Proposition #2: In the event Proposition 1 The Annual Budget, is NOT approved, "Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase up to four (4) school buses of varying capacities at a cost of not to exceed \$375,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be financed by the funds accumulated in the Bus Purchase (Capital) Reserve Fund"?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2020-2021 exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District upon request or by accessing the District website at www.gblions.org.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall file written notice with the Clerk of the School District in the District Office not later than 5:00 p.m. EST, May 11, 2020.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be requested by contacting the District Clerk at dbennett@gblions.org. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on June 9, 2020.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age and older, and (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election.

The School District will also require all persons offering to vote via absentee ballot to provide their signature, printed name and address.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education, in accordance with §2035 and §2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Clerk of the School District in the District Office on or before May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

By Order of the Board of Education
General Brown Central School District
Debra L. Bennett, School District Clerk
Dexter, New York 13634
Dated: May 7, 2020

GENERAL BROWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Budget Hearing and Annual School District Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, May 13, 2019 - 6:15 p.m. Prevailing Time
Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium

6:15 p.m.: The meeting was called to order by President Klindt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were in attendance.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion is made by Natalie Hurley, and seconded by Jamie Lee, with motion approved 7-0.

2. Introduction of the District Clerk by President Klindt.

3. A motion is requested to dispense with the reading of the legal notice.

A motion is made by Donna Keefer, and seconded by David Ramie - None opposed, motion carried.

4. A motion is requested to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting.

A motion is made by Nicole Donaldson, and seconded by Michael Parobeck - None opposed, motion carried.

5. A motion is requested for a Resolution to use a single poll list to vote for trustees and budget.

A motion is made by Donna Keefer, and seconded by Nicole Donaldson - None opposed, motion carried.

6. Election of trustees:

Vacancies on the Board of Education shall *not* be considered as separate specific offices and nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated.

The following candidates have submitted petitions signed by 25 or more eligible voters and presented to the District Clerk days in advance as required by law:

- Tiffany Orcesi
- Sandra Young Klindt
- Marc S. Thomas
- Mark M. Zehr
- Brien Spooner

Qualifications of voters:

- A citizen of the United States of America;
- eighteen years of age or older;
- a resident within the District for a period of thirty days in advance, as required by law.

7. President Klindt:

- Introduction of Mrs. Barbara Case, Superintendent and Mrs. Lisa Smith, Assistant Superintendent

8. Mrs. Case and Mrs. Smith:

- Presentation of the 2019-2020 Budget

9. Questions regarding the 2019-2020 Annual Budget: no questions

10. Introduction of Board of Education Candidates. Each candidate provided a brief introduction.

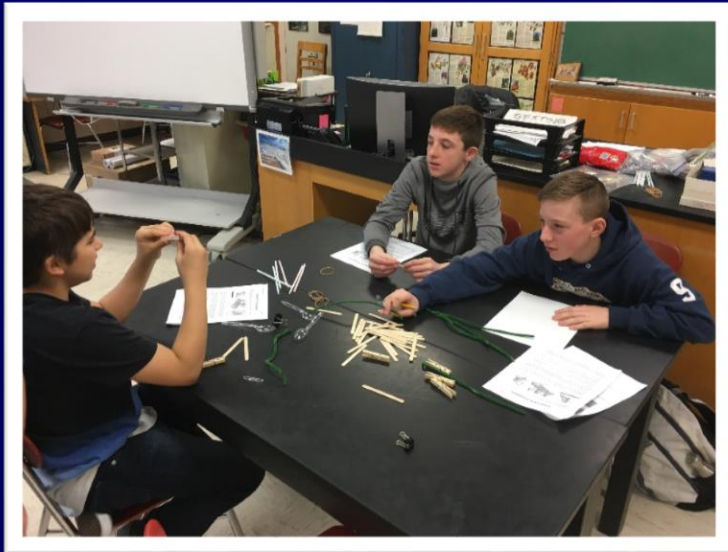
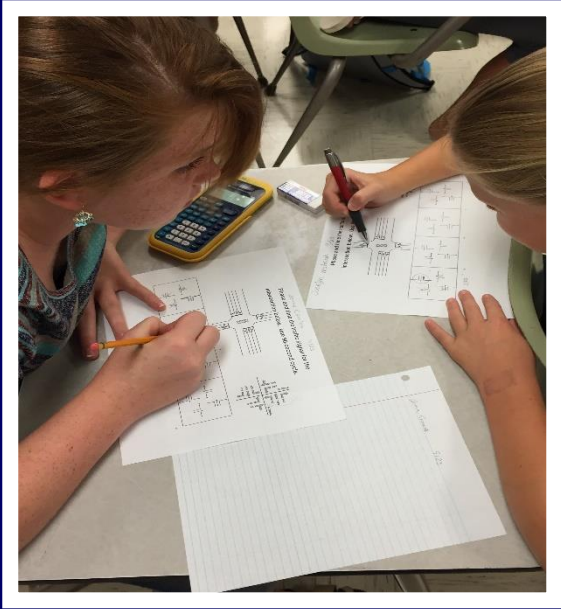
11. The Annual Meeting is adjourned until 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the new gymnasium of the Jr.-Sr. High School. Time of adjournment 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra L. Bennett, District Clerk

*Supporting documents may be found in supplemental file dated May 13, 2019

General Brown Central School District



**Budget Hearing
June 1, 2020**

Board of Education

Dedicated Service to Our School Community



District Profile



Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Teachers	Administration	Other staff
PK-12	1,436	115	7	91

High School Graduates Earning Regents Diplomas



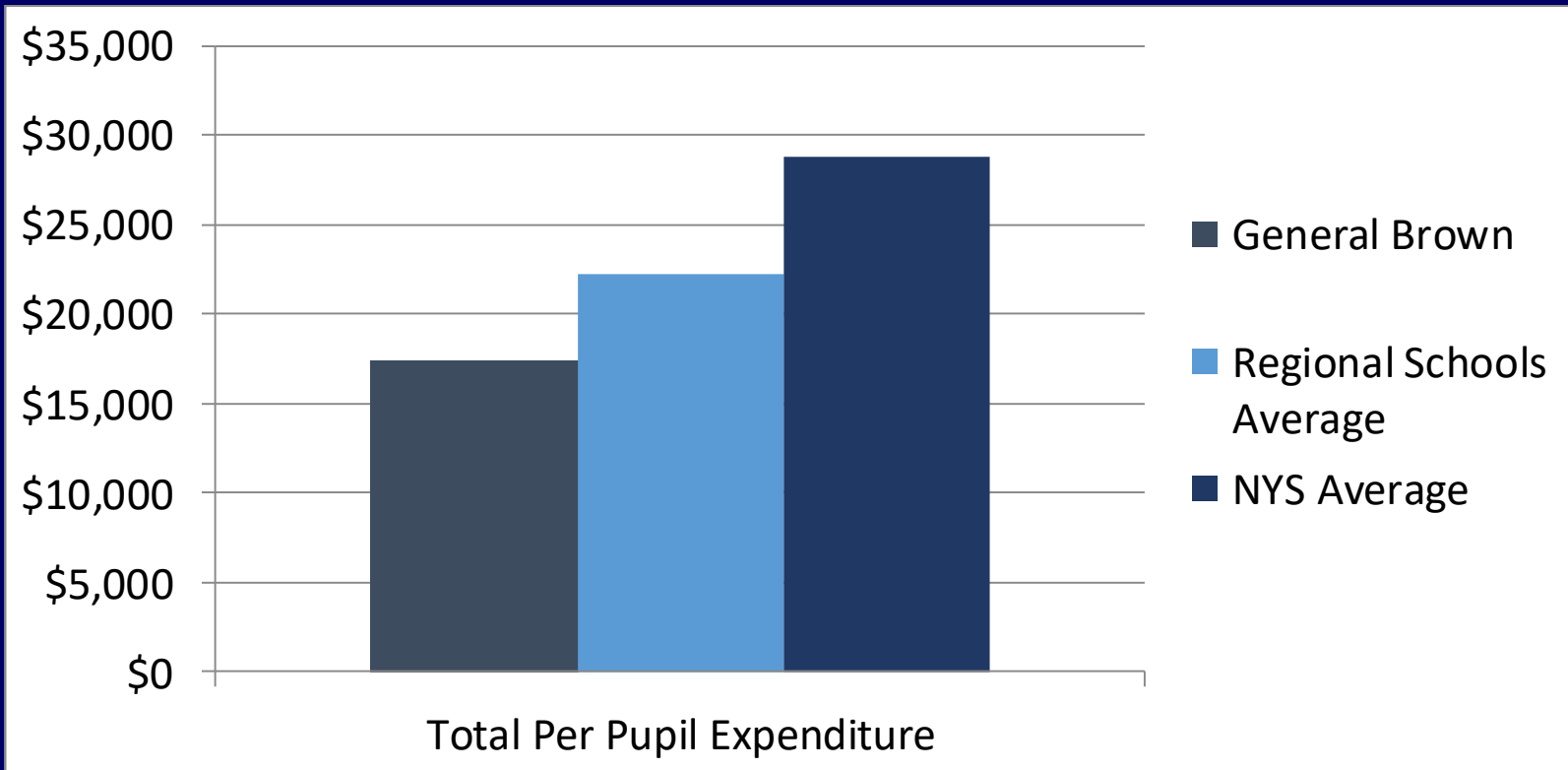
2016-2017			2017-2018			2018-2019		
Total Graduates	Regents Diplomas	% Regents Diplomas	Total Graduates	Regents Diplomas	% Regents Diplomas	Total Graduates	Regents Diplomas	% Regents Diplomas
110	102	93%	92	87	95%	100	94	94%

Distribution of 2018-2019 Graduates (All Students)



	To 4-year college	To 2-year college	To Other Post-Secondary	To the Military	To Employment
Percent	26%	39%	2%	3%	13%

Statewide Spending Per Pupil Benchmarks



Highlights from 2019-2020

- Reconfiguration of Dexter and Brownville-Glen Park into a PK-2 and 3-6 building was successfully completed.
- The district implemented inclusion which has afforded our students with disabilities greater opportunities.
- One student earned the Seal of Biliteracy.
- 25 students received a career and technical endorsement.
- The Performing Arts Club presented “Beauty and the Beast” to the school community.
- General Brown had six scholar athlete teams.
- Teacher Leaders provided professional development to their colleagues.

The Budget Process



Budget Process

- The Board of Education begins formal budget discussion in January following the Executive budget proposal
- Once the State budget is adopted, the Board of Education adopts a spending plan that balances the needs of the students and that of the taxpayers

Revenue Factors

- Foundation Aid remains flat; No increase from current year.
- Building Aid was increased by \$389,546
- Tax Levy Increase yields \$424,614

Budget Factors

- Salaries and benefits increased by \$449,028
- BOCES costs decreased by \$1,447,377
- Contractual and insurance costs increased by \$158,625

Proposed Spending Plan 2019-2020



The Proposed Spending Plan

Proposed Budget of \$24,334,794

- Tax levy increase of 05.4% (\$424,614)
 - *Property Tax Cap Compliant*
- Maintains current staffing and programs



Proposed Tax Levy Increase

- 2019-2020 Tax Levy: \$7,856,032

2020-2021 Tax Levy Increase	\$ Increase	Total Tax Levy
5.4%	\$424,614	\$8,280,646

Adoption of this budget must be approved by a simple majority (50% + 1) because the tax levy is within the tax cap of 5.4%

3 Component Budget

- Format, as recommended by the state, shows *total* budgets for each functional area of the school.
- Each functional area is assigned a code; for example, code 1210 represents the total budget for the Superintendent of Schools Office (salaries for the Superintendent and her Secretary, and budget amounts for contractual expenditures and supplies for the Central Office).

Administrative Component

Account Group	2020-2021	% of Budget
General Support	\$1,316,521	
Instruction	\$849,380	
Employee Fringe	\$406,342	
TOTAL	\$2,572,243	

Program Component

Account Group	2020-2021	% of Budget
Instruction	\$11,780,003	
Transportation	\$1,037,320	
Employee Fringe	\$5,064,982	
TOTAL	\$17,882,305	73.48%

Capital Component

Account Group	2020-2021	% of Budget
General Support	\$1,350,200	
Employee Fringe & Capital	\$2,530,046	
TOTAL	\$3,880,246	15.95%

Contingency Budget

If the proposed budget is NOT approved by the required margin, the Board may:

- Resubmit the original budget
- Submit a revised budget to the voters on the third Tuesday in June
- Adopt a contingency budget that levies a tax no greater than that of the prior year (0% increase in tax levy).

Purchase of Four (4) Buses

Proposition #2:

The purchase of four (4) school buses for
2019-20 school year

Amount

\$375,000

State Aid Reimbursement at 76.3%

\$ 286,125

Net cost of 4 buses

\$ 88,875



\$375,000



Propositions



Propositions/Election of Trustees to the Board of Education

PROPOSITION No. 1 – Approval of Annual Budget for School Year 2020-2021

Shall the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2020-2021 be approved and the raising by taxation on the taxable property of the District of the requisite portion thereof be authorized in the amount of \$24,334,794?

Propositions/Election of Trustees to the Board of Education

PROPOSITION No. 2 – In the event Proposition No. 1 The Annual Budget is NOT approved.

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase up to four (4) school buses of varying capacities at a cost of not to exceed \$375,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to be financed by the funds accumulated in the Bus Purchase (Capital) Fund?

Vote by Absentee Ballot

**Pursuant to executive order, eligible voters were mailed an absentee ballot. If any eligible voter did not receive a ballot, please contact Debbie Bennett @
dbennett@gblions.org.**

Budget Questions?



Election of Trustees to the Board of Education of the General Brown Central School District of Brownville and Dexter

- Two (2) trustees who will serve for three (3) years – Terms to expire June 30, 2023.
- Vote for Two (2) Candidates:
 - *Natalie Hurley*
 - *Scott Lytle*
 - *Albert Romano, Jr.*
 - *Kimberly Shuler*

The Annual Budget Vote and
Election of Board of Education
Candidates is
June 9, 2020.

Ballots must be received by
5:00 p.m. on June 9.



Thank you