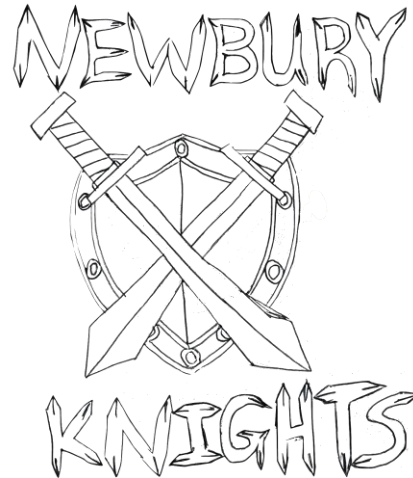


Oxbow Unified Union School District
Revised Budget Report
2020-2021



Oxbow Unified Union School District
Informational Meeting – Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Annual Meeting vote by Australian ballot – Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at
your respective town office from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dear Bradford and Newbury Voters,

We hope this letter finds you in good health. Though we are unable to express our full appreciation, we wish to thank the Oxbow Unified Union School District community, it's families, administrators, educators, employees, and volunteers. We know that our community has stepped forward by manifesting their gifts, talents, and expertise to their highest level in support of the children in our district. We stand in awe and deep appreciation.

Much has changed since our last letter to the community largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board had to postpone our annual meeting and we were unable to vote on our original proposed budget. Our current circumstances prevent us from holding a traditional in-person meeting; however, the Secretary of State has issued guidance which allows us to vote on our budget via Australian ballot. With the direction of our Town Clerks, we have agreed to mail ballots to registered voters' homes. This decision protects the health of the community by allowing voters to mail in their votes. Polling places will still be open on June 30th, from 10 am to 7 pm for those who prefer in-person voting.

Taking the current economic situation into account, the Board worked with the building principals and Superintendent to make further adjustments to the proposed budget. You will notice an approximate 2% decrease in the overall proposed budget. Since placing a pause on negotiations, we adjusted the salary increase for personnel to 3% and we were able to renegotiate the heating oil contract, which provided about \$20,000.00 in savings. The state also approved and notified the Board about higher yield, which lowered the tax rate. With these changes Bradford will have a tax increase of 8.82% (instead of 10.91% as previously warned), and Newbury will have an increase of 6.07% (versus 8.11% as already warned).

As one of the 19 school districts in the state that did not pass a budget in early March, we feel it is vital to keep our school district on an equal funding level with other schools in our local Supervisory Union and Statewide. Making drastic budgetary changes in a time of such uncertainty is not the wise choice. We are working to provide education funding for all students that is essential and budgetarily appropriate. In anticipation of extraordinary needs when students return to our schools and out of continued concerns about food insecurities, we left Provision II in the budget which provides free lunches to all of our students regardless of their ability to pay. We recognize the stresses, financial burdens, and uncertainty of our immediate futures but feel inclusion of this provision to provide meals for all our students is one way of transitioning into the new normal.

Finally, we would like to stress our understanding of the financial situation and the fact that we have experienced two years of budget increases in our communities. Our focus as a Board is to ensure that we adequately fund our schools to continue creating a vibrant and energetic educational community that serves all our students and hopefully draws families to become part of our beautifully unique towns.

We have included the basic updated information about the budgetary changes. Additional detailed reports, data, and information are available online at <https://oesu.org/ouusd/> .

Thank you-

Danielle Corti
Melissa Gordon
Timm Judas
Angela Colbeth

- PUBLIC NOTICE -

**OXBOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

Informational Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 23, 2020
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/95371647794?pwd=NERtYU85bmtScndaVG41KzV6UH
E2UT09](https://zoom.us/j/95371647794?pwd=NERtYU85bmtScndaVG41KzV6UH
E2UT09)

Meeting ID: 953 7164 7794
Password: 037923

Join by Phone

+1 478-353-3185 (PIN: 837731492)

**Annual Meeting by Australian Ballot* Following Secretary of
State's COVID-19 Guidelines**

DATE: Tuesday, June 30, 2020
TIME: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
PLACE: Bradford Voters: Bradford Academy Auditorium
Newbury Voters: Newbury Town Office

*Please note ballots will be mailed June 10th to all OUUSD voters.

WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
OXBOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 30, 2020

The legal voters of the Oxbow Unified Union School District (the "District"), comprising the legal voters, respectively, of the Towns of Bradford and Newbury, are hereby NOTIFIED AND WARNED to meet at their respective polling places, Bradford Academy Auditorium and Newbury Town Office, from 10:00 AM (when the polls will open) to 7:00 PM (when the polls will close) to vote by Australian ballot on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Clerk for a term of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 3: To amend the first paragraph of Article 11 of the Articles of Agreement for formation of the District to read as follows (added text underlined; deleted text struck through):

~~The Oxbow Unified Union School New Union District Board shall be composed of six (6) individuals elected pursuant to the "Hybrid Model" of board representation, in the numbers and allocation set forth for election of the initial members under Article 10(A), unless and until the voters of the New Union Oxbow Unified Union School District amend this Article 11 to change the number of Directors. Three seats on the Board are allocated to each town.~~

ARTICLE 4: To elect two school directors of said District (1 to represent Bradford and 1 to represent Newbury) each for three-year terms to expire 2023.

ARTICLE 5: If the result of the vote on Article 3 is in the affirmative, to elect one (1) school director of said District to represent Newbury for a one-year term to expire 2021.

ARTICLE 6: If the result of the vote on Article 3 is in the affirmative, to elect one (1) school director of said District to represent Bradford for a two-year term to expire 2022.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Oxbow Unified Union School District authorize the school board to expend seventeen million, two hundred sixty-five thousand, seven hundred eighty-one dollars (\$17,265,781) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,460 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.79% higher than spending for the current year.


ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize the school board to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts for the 2020-21 school year?

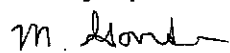
ARTICLE 9: Shall the Directors be paid \$2,000, and the Chair \$2,500 for the 2020-21 fiscal year?


A public informational hearing will be held on the above Australian ballot articles on June 23, 2020 beginning at 6:00 PM by Zoom.

The legal voters of the Oxbow Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said Annual Meeting shall be as provided in Section 706u of Title 16 and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Bradford in the County of Orange and State of Vermont this 20th day of May 2020

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Angela Colbeth

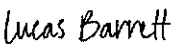
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Lucas Barrett, Clerk

VERSION #3						Run: 5/19/20
DRAFT Proposed Budget - FY2021						
OXBOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT						
Program	Bradford	Newburv	Oxbow	River Bend	OUUSD	Total
Pre-K	211,594	76,651	0	0		288,245
EEE	88,748	31,518	0	0		120,266
Direct Instruction	1,684,314	856,412	2,209,631	0		4,750,357
Vocational Ed	0	0	397,459	1,150,059		1,547,518
Special Ed	807,583	509,711	885,610	0		2,202,904
Other Instruction Programs	54,304	0	0	53,433		107,737
Student Activities	10,560	6,000	257,382	4,500		278,442
Guidance	183,742	102,201	354,326	109,074		749,344
Health	95,110	80,750	86,836	0		262,696
Prof Development	28,350	34,500	34,000	28,500		125,350
Library	55,283	9,300	126,021	0		190,605
School Board and Treasurer	0	0	0	2,000	53,704	55,704
OESU	341,515	159,206	395,349	80,573		976,643
Principal	246,938	206,340	444,422	404,570		1,302,269
Technology Services	86,459	68,011	281,086	43,870		479,426
Facilities	428,550	208,975	1,159,219	285,000		2,081,744
Transportation	73,404	109,106	322,365	7,500		512,375
Fund Transfers- FServ Def & Tsfr	53,670	38,638	24,444	0	0	116,752
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	296,035	296,035
Fund Transfers- GenFund Deficit	0	0	0	52,267	0	52,267
Provision II- Food for all students	0	0	0	0	195,000	195,000
Subtotal- General Fund	4,450,123	2,497,319	6,978,151	2,221,347	544,739	16,691,679
Medicaid & CFP/Other Grants	232,358	174,744	50,000	117,000		574,102
Budget Expense Total	4,682,482	2,672,062	7,028,151	2,338,347	544,739	17,265,781
Less Other Revenues						
Special Ed	220,754	188,220	232,871			641,844
Tuition	35,000		726,700	2,003,920		2,765,620
Transportation	34,500	36,500	112,000			183,000
Surplus- General Fund	0	0	0	0	125,155	125,155
Other		3,500	285,000	71,630		360,130
Grants and Medicaid	232,358	174,744	50,000	262,797		719,899
Budget Revenue Totals	522,612	402,963	1,406,571	2,338,347	125,155	4,795,648
Estimated State Ed Spending FY2021	4,159,870	2,269,099	5,621,580	0	419,584	12,470,133
VERSION #1 Budget Total approved by board and in the annual report 17,373,393						
VERSION #2- Decrease to Salaries of 1%- new ESTIMATED Salaries now 3%						(125,058)
VERSION #2- Add 5,000 to Audit Expense and Add 14,000 to Short Term Interest Expense						19,000
Subtotal VERSION #2 (5/5/20)						17,267,335
VERSION #3- Remove Universal Meals -195,000						(195,000)
VERSION #3- Adjust Technology Salaries & Benefits OHS						18,446
Subtotal VERSION #3						17,090,781
VERSION #4- Add Univiersal Meals back into budget						195,000
VERSION #4- Decrease in cost of fuel oil						(20,000)
Total VERSION #4 (5/18/20) FINAL						17,265,781

OXBOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Run: 5/19/2020

BRADFORD GRADED SCHOOL
 NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 OXBOW UNION HIGH SCHOOL
 RIVER BEND TECH CENTER

Estimated Education Spending

School District Budgets

Less Anticipated Receipts (Revenue)

Tax Rate Estimates

Estimated Education Spending

Equalized Pupils Per Agency of Education
 Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil
 Excess Spending Calculation:
 Less net eligible construction costs per equalized pupil
 Less share of Special Ed Costs excess of \$50,000 2 yrs prior
 New Teacher retirement adjustment
 Net Education Spending per Equalized Pupil for Excess Spending
 Excess Spending Threshold

Total Estimated Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil

Property Yield (was: State BASE Education Amount)
 Adjustment for Spending above State BASE
 State Base Homestead Tax Rate

Estimated Total Homestead Base Tax Rate, Equalized
 CLA - Estimate Common Level of Appraisal FY21 Budget
 Estimated Total Homestead Base Tax Rate, Equalized & CLA

TAX WORKSHEET FY2021		VERSION #4
Adopted Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	
16,312,935	\$17,265,781	Exp Incr \$952,846 Percent Incr 5.84%
4,682,753	\$4,795,648	Rev Incr \$112,895 Percent Incr 2.41%
11,630,182	\$12,470,133	EdSp Incr \$839,951 Percent Incr 7.22%
691.69	675.52	EqPup Decr (16.17) Percent Decr -2.34%
\$16,814	\$18,460	\$1,646 9.79%
\$16,814	\$18,460	
\$18,311	\$18,756	
\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$16,814	\$18,460	
\$10,648	\$10,998	BaseRateIncr 9.94%
157.91%	167.849%	
\$1.00	\$1.00	
\$1.5791	\$1.6785	
		Bradford Newbury
		97.90% 101.63%
		\$1.7145 \$1.6516
		Actual FY2020
		1.5756 1.5571
		8.82% 6.07%
	% Increase	