

**SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING**

DISTRICT OFFICE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

- A. Call to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance

- B. Emergency Evacuation Procedures
 - Smoke Free School District

- C. Introduction of Candidates for Board of Education
 - Gino Cruz
 - Lisa Di Santo
 - Regina Hunt
 - Jeannette Mistler
 - Chris Picini

- D. Budget Presentation
 - Budget Hearing- Three Part Budget

- E. Public Participation

- F. Adjournment



South Country

Central School District

Budget Hearing Three Part Budget

Budget Presentation #8
May 6, 2015

Three Part Budget

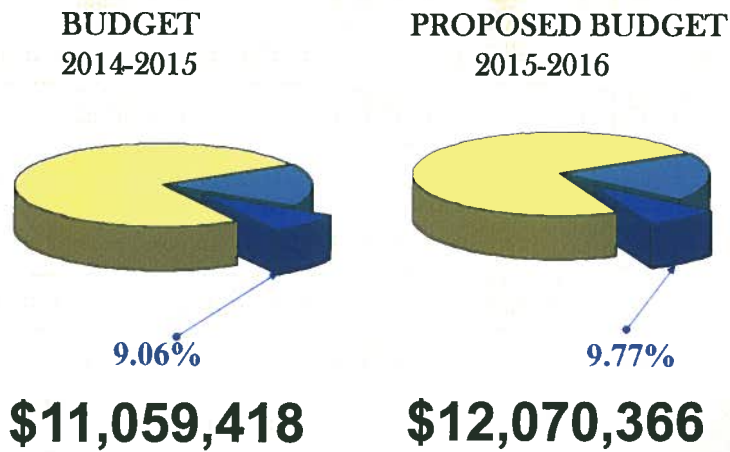
The three part budget consists of three components:

- Administrative
- Capital
- Educational

Budget by Administrative Component

	BUDGET 2014-2015	ADOPTED 2015-2016	CHANGE
Board of Education	\$ 127,389	\$ 92,446	(34,943)
Central Administration	\$ 333,354	\$ 375,307	41,953
Finance	\$ 902,598	\$ 889,922	(12,676)
Legal Services	\$ 35,377	\$ 35,377	
Personnel Services	\$ 433,828	\$ 433,799	(29)
Public Information	\$ 40,000	\$ 15,000	(25,000)
Central Services	\$ 1,660,965	\$ 2,156,904	495,939
Insurance, BOCES & Other Items	\$ 1,186,496	\$ 1,192,000	5,504
Curr Developmt & Supervision	\$ 477,608	\$ 482,319	4,711
Supervising Reg Schools	\$ 3,056,357	\$ 3,628,867	572,510
Research, Evaluation & Planning	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,802,946	\$ 2,765,925	(37,021)
Total Administrative Component	\$ 11,059,418	\$ 12,070,366	1,010,948

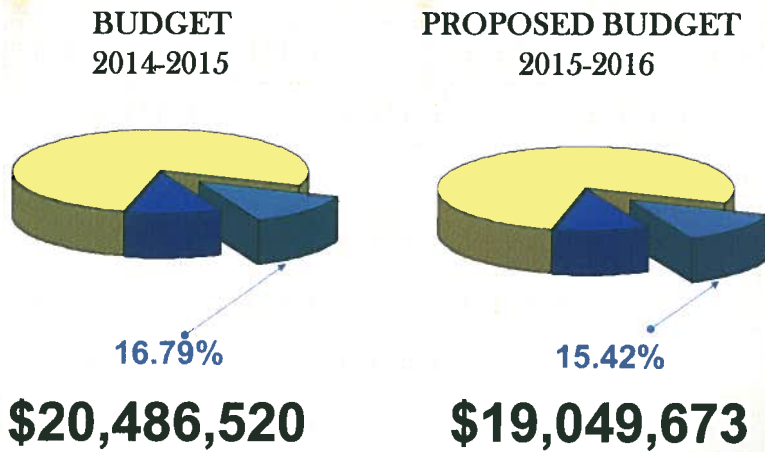
Budget by Administrative Component



Budget by Capital Component

	BUDGET 2014-15	ADOPTED 2015-16	CHANGE
Operation of Plant	\$6,367,756	\$6,461,051	\$93,295
Maintenance of Plant	\$292,074	\$285,772	(\$6,302)
Employee Benefits	\$2,310,581	\$2,278,881	(31,700)
Debt Service	\$10,016,109	\$10,023,969	\$7,860
Transfer to Capital	\$1,500,000		(\$1,500,000)
Total Capital Component	\$20,486,520	\$19,049,673	(\$1,436,847)

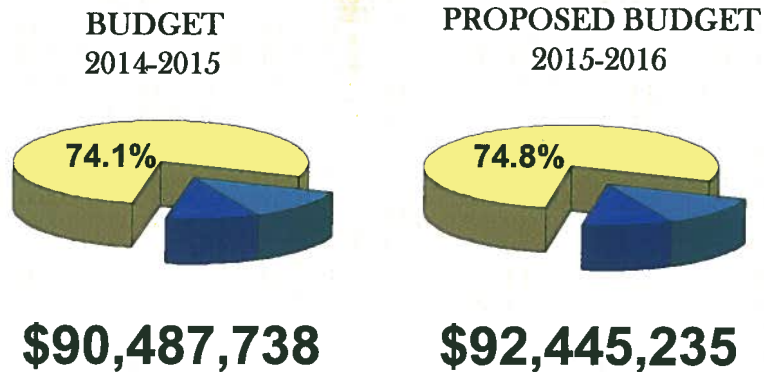
Budget by Capital Component



Budget by Educational Component

	BUDGET 2014-15	ADOPTED 2015-16	CHANGE
Legal Services	\$328,1223	\$328,123	
Instruction (w/o supervision)	\$56,855,569	\$58,997,121	2,141,552
Other District Transportation	\$347,525	\$332,000	(15,525)
Contract Transportation	\$7,503,433	\$7,643,400	139,967
Employee Benefits	\$25,363,088	\$25,019,591	(343,497)
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	\$90,000	\$125,000	35,000
Total Educational Component	\$90,487,738	\$92,445,235	1,957,497

Budget by Educational Component



Tax Levy Limit

Prior year tax levy (14-15)	\$56,241,540
Multiply tax base growth factor	X 1.0020 \$56,354,023
Add PILOT receivable during prior year (13-14)	+ \$7,058,865 \$63,412,888
Add taxes levied to pay for local capital expenditures (14-15)	+ \$0 \$63,412,888
<i>Adjusted Prior Year Tax Levy</i>	\$63,412,888
Allowable levy growth factor (lesser of 2% or CPI) <i>Assumed Rate</i>	X 1.62% \$64,440,177
Less PILOT receivable in the coming year (14-15)	- \$7,058,865 \$57,381,312
Add available carryover, if any <i>Tax Levy Limit</i>	+ \$0 \$57,381,312
Add 2014-15 school year exemptions/exclusions- <i>Currently</i>	+ \$0
<i>Maximum Allowable Tax Levy (requiring simple majority)</i>	\$57,381,312
<i>Allowable Tax Levy Increase</i>	\$1,139,772 2.0267%

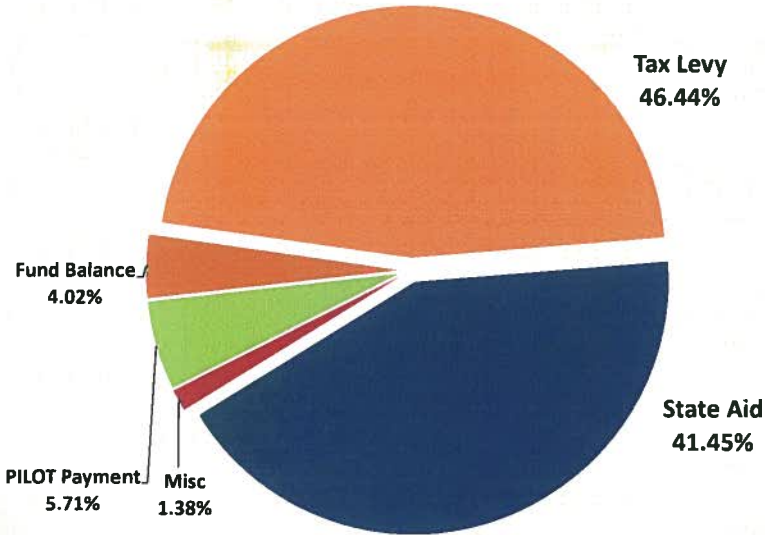
Property Tax Report Card

Total Spending 2014-15 Budget:	\$ 122,033,676
Total Proposed 2015-16 Budget:	\$ 123,565,274
Budget to Budget Increase:	\$ 1,531,598
Total Actual Tax Levy 2014-15 :	\$ 56,241,540
Total Estimated Tax Levy 2015-16:	\$ 57,381,312
Tax Levy Increase:	\$ 1,139,772
Percentage Increase Spending:	1.2551 %
Percentage Increase Tax Levy:	2.0267 %

Revenue Breakdown

Tax Levy	\$ 57,381,312
State Aid	\$ 52,455,093
PILOT Payments	\$ 7,058,865
Reserve Appropriation	\$ 4,968,304
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 1,701,700
Total Revenue	\$ 123,565,274

Revenue Breakdown



How do we contain costs?

- EVALUATION OF ALL EXPENDITURES AT BOTH THE BUILDING AND DISTRICT LEVELS
- INDEPENDENT CLAIMS AUDITOR REVIEWS EVERY EXPENDITURE
- USING RFPs (REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS) FOR ALL SERVICES
- USING BOCES BIDDING SERVICES
- USING STATE AND COUNTY CONTRACTS
- USING COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS
- MEMBERSHIP IN NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE RECIPROCAL
- MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW YORK STATE FUEL COOPERATIVE
- MEMBERSHIP IN THE SUFFOLK COUNTY NATURAL GAS COOPERATIVE
- APPLYING FOR GRANTS TO FUND DISTRICT PROGRAMS
- GOOD FISCAL MANAGEMENT THAT HAS LED TO IMPROVED BOND RATING, WHICH RESULTED IN LOWER INTEREST RATE ON BORROWING
- CONTINUE TO EXPLORE NEW STREAMS OF REVENUE

Impact of the STAR Program

- **STAR is the New York State Tax Relief Program that provides a partial exemption from school property taxes for owner occupied, primary residences.**
- **Each homeowner who applies for the BASIC STAR Program will receive a reduction in their assessed value and their school property taxes!**
- **Also, each homeowner who is 65, or older, can apply each year for the ENHANCED STAR program. They may be eligible for a larger exemption based on their income.**

	Reduced Assessment	Reduced Taxes	Number of Households
Avg. SC Resident	\$30,000	\$530.00	5,062
Avg. SC Senior	\$50,000	\$1,142.00	781

***STAR amounts provided by Office of Real Property Taxes**

What the Budget means to the Average Homeowner

Proposed Budget

Amount	\$ 123,565,274
Increase	\$ 1,531,598
Tax Levy	\$ 57,381,312 (2.0267%)

- What is the estimated annual tax Increase on the average home in South Country Schools?*

Average Assessed Home	2,660
Proposed Increase	\$114.91/year

*Average home assessment provided by the Town of Brookhaven Assessor's Office

What happens if....

- What happens if voters defeat the school district budget on May 19th?
 - Option 1 - **Resubmit** same proposal or revised proposal for revote on June 16th
 - Option 2 - **Adopt** a contingent budget
- If voters defeat school district budget a second time (June 16) the district must adopt a contingent budget
 - Contingency means 0% increase on the Tax Levy
- What would our contingent budget look like?
 - Using an appropriation of \$4.9m from fund balance and reserves, the budget would need to be reduced by \$1,651,912.

**Voting for 2015-2016 School
Budget and Election of Trustees**

TUESDAY MAY 19, 2015

7 A.M - 9:00 P.M.

**LOCATION: Bellport Middle
School**

Proposition 1 – School Budget

Proposition 2 – Reduce Board from 9 to 7