

**ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK**

**Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2025, by President Joseph Sullivan followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Members Present:** Jody Buckley, Christopher Callas (7:05), John Cole, Terry Day, Dominic Lucarelli, Joseph Sullivan, Mikki Yesesky

**Member Absent:**

**Others Present:** Michael Gill, Martha Clark, Brandon Foley, Laurie Reimel, Jeff Robbins, Frank Cicci, Andy Billotte

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda** - A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Mikki Yesesky and carried 6-0 to approve the agenda of the May 7, 2025 Board of Education Regular meeting.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Terry Day, seconded Dominic Lucarelli and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings: April 23, 2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting

**Order of Business**

A motion was made by Jody Buckley, seconded by Dominic Lucarelli, and carried 6-0 to suspend the regular order of business to accommodate guests, special discussion topics and presentations in an order of business as deemed appropriate.

**FACILITIES**

The updates below were reviewed by Andy Billotte from Welliver. Jeff Robbins from HUNT Engineers reviewed the proposed capital project that will be up for vote on May 20, 2025.

**H-1 Capital Project 2021 / Energy Performance Contract (EPC) Update** – Testing HVAC at Cohen now that there has been warmer weather. Final paperwork wrapped up and will be closed out soon.

**H-2 Capital Project 2024 / Transportation Facility Update** – Moving neighboring utilities, sewer/water lines, gas lines start tomorrow.

**H-3 2025 Capital Outlay Update** - Closeout paperwork and final cost be closed out this fiscal year.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Michael Gill - Superintendent ♦ Still waiting on NYS finalized budget. ♦ Cell phone ban from NYS is a hot topic, not a big change for our current pk-8 grade, but a change for high school. Planning to engage with students and parents to offer plans on how to contact student while at school. ♦ Lobby Day in Albany next Wednesday – Mike will be attending to address zero emission busing. ♦ Ex-officio student board member starting 2025-26 school year starting in September.

Brandon Foley – Administrator Report ♦ with Laurie Reimel, Literacy Interventionist, presented student data, Middle School schedule structure, district initiatives, PLC updates and what's next. Introduced grade level pilots for students that are above grade level. District Initiatives include Science of Reading Committee that identifies opportunities for student growth in reading and writing skills. iReady Assessments will be given to students in June. Planning to redefine Tier 3, building more independent learners as they move up in grades. ♦ Building 2025-26 CMS schedule. ♦ Agriculture Center is really coming along, Mr. Edgerton has received a few hydroponic towers through grants and the kids have built compost bins. ♦ Teacher Appreciation week has been wonderful thanks to the PFO!

Martha Clark – Business Manager ♦ Saving most of her comments for budget presentation. ♦ DASNY set up process has been time consuming. ♦ Still waiting on finalized state budget.

Other Staff/Public Comments ♦ Frank Cicci made comments about the budget

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Jody Buckley, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1 through F-2, and being further resolved that upon receipt of final clearance from the State Education Department, any conditional appointments shall be changed to regular appointments, reflecting the effective date of said Board meeting.

**F-1 Resignation/Termination/Retirements**

**Retirement**

- a. Seth Austin - for the purpose of retirement, the resignation of Seth Austin as Cleaner with best wishes and thanks for twenty-six (26) years of service to the district. His last day with the district will be June 30, 2025.
- b. Monica Forte - for the purpose of retirement, the resignation of Monica Forte as Elementary teacher with best wishes and thanks for thirty-six (36) years of service to the district. Her last day with the district will be June 27, 2025.

**F-2 Appointments**

Be it further resolved that upon receipt of final clearance from the State Education Department, any conditional appointments shall be changed to regular appointments, reflecting the effective date of said Board meeting.

- a. **Substitute Teacher:** Jason Whitney  
**Substitute Support:** Jason Whitney

- b. Instructional probationary appointments:

**John "Jack" Hourihan**

Tenure Area: Elementary Education

Effective: July 1, 2025

\*Probationary Period: four (4) years effective July 1, 2025 through July 30, 2029

Pending Certification Area: Initial Childhood Education 1-6

Total Compensation per EHTA Contract: \$47,703 (Step 1 with 0 credits)

\*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education law §3012-c and/or 3012d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teacher and building principal mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this part.

**F-3 Change in Employment Status**

Tenure status of the following staff that have successfully completed their probationary period.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Tenure Area/Position</u>
Christopher Suwak	7/1/2025	Secondary Social Studies

**FINANCIAL**

**G-1 Reports - acknowledged**

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Terry Day, and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the following consent financial reports G1a thru G1g.

- a. Budget Status Report as of April 30, 2025
- b. Revenue Status Report as of April 30, 2025
- c. Budget Transfer Report as of April 30, 2025
- d. Treasurer's Report for March 2025
- e. Claims Auditor Report for March 2025
- f. Extra Classroom Report for March 2025

**NEW BUSINESS**

**J-1 SEQR – approved**

A motion was made by Jody Buckley, seconded by Dominic Lucarelli, and carried 7-0 to approve the below resolution designating the Elmira Heights Central School District as lead agency and determining that the 2025-26 Capital Outlay Project is a Type II action and not subject to SEQRA:

*WHEREAS, the Elmira Heights Central School District has agreed to undertake a Capital Outlay Project at the Thomas A. Edison High School building and WHEREAS, prior to commencement of any action on the project, the District must comply with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Quality Review Act, and WHEREAS, The School District Architect has recommended that the Board determine that the project is a Type II action within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its enabling regulations because 1) the scope of the work is maintenance, repair or replacement to existing structures, 2) the work involves replacement, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of a structure or facility on the same site, and does not exceed the thresholds of 617.4 of the regulations, and 3), is a routine activity of an educational institution within the meaning of 617.5(8), all of which fall within the definition of a Type II action requiring no further action or review under the SEQR process. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Elmira Heights Central School District Board of Education that: 1) Elmira Heights Central School District shall act as Lead Agency in the SEQR process. 2) That the scope of the work is maintenance, repair or replacement to existing structures which fall within the definition of a Type II action requiring no further action or review under the SEQR process.*

**J-2 Bus Garage Lease – approved**

A motion was made by Terry Day, seconded by John Cole and carried 7-0 to approve the bus garage lease for the 2025-26 school year between the Horseheads Central School District and the Elmira Heights Central School District.

**J-3 Maintenance Agreement - with Horseheads Central School District - approved**

A motion was made by Dominic Lucarelli, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 7-0 to approve the maintenance agreement for the 2025-26 school year between the Horseheads Central School District and the Elmira Heights Central School District.

**CONSENT**

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Jody Buckley, and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-9.

**K-1 CSE Recommendations** – approved

The Board approved the student placement determinations from the on April 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 25, and 28, 2025, CSE/504 meeting(s) and the funds to support such recommendations.

**K-2 CPSE Recommendations** – approved

The Board approved the student placement determinations from the on April 1, 11, and 25, 2025, CPSE meeting(s) and the funds to support such recommendations.

**K-3 Policy 5220 District Investments** - approved

The Board approved the following revised Board of Education Policies as presented at the April 23, 2025 Board of Education meeting:  
5220 District Investments.....updated individualized information

**K-4 District Plans**- approved

The Board approved the following District Plans as presented at the April 23, 2025 Board of Education meeting:

- Attendance Plan 25-26
- Code of Conduct

**K-5 2025-26 School Calendar** - approved

The Board approved the 2025-26 School Calendar as presented at the April 23, 2025 Board of Education meeting.

**K-6 Donation – Elmira Heights PFO** - accepted

The Board accepted, with thanks and appreciation, a donation from Elmira Heights PFO, in the amount of \$1,500.00 in support of the band trip transportation costs, specifically to help cover expenses related to bus travel.

**K-7 Donation – John’s Equipment** - accepted

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation a donation in kind, from John Collson from John’s Equipment Rental, of a used Kawasaki KRH300A leaf blower with an approximate value of \$75.00 to be used for the outdoor trail work for the Technology program at Cohen Middle School.

**K-8 Donation – Blackbaud Giving Fund** - accepted

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation a donation from Blackbaud Giving Fund/Corning Incorporated Community Impact & Investment and its donors, in the amount of \$75.00 to be used to support the Middle School Vocal Music department.

**K-9 Donation – Cornell University** - accepted

The Board accepted, with thanks and appreciation, a donation in kind, from Cornell University, of two (2) Whirlpool Fast Freeze 19.65-cu ft Frost-free Upright Freezers Model # WZF34X20DW with an approximate value of \$849.00 each, to be used by the Spartan Food Center at Thomas Edison High School.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**N-1 2025-26 Budget Public Presentation**

Business Manager, Martha Clark and Superintendent reviewed proposed budget and propositions.

**N-2 Proposed Board of Education Calendar 2025-26**

Reviewed dates for upcoming year.

**N-3 Rates for the 2025-26 school year**

Minor increases for the below rates to accommodate minimum wage changes and NYS nonresident tuition max rates. It was noted that the administration does not believe we will be able to accommodate new non-resident students in the 2025-26 school year.

Substitute Teacher Rates-daily -	\$16.79	Secretary
\$150.00 per diem Retired District Certified Teacher	\$18.90	Teaching Assistant - Certified
\$145.00 per diem Certified Teacher	\$16.02	Teaching Assistant - Non-Certified
\$135.00 per diem Bachelor's Degree		
\$125.00 per diem High School Diploma		
	Additional Services Rates	
Substitute Support Staff - hourly	\$30.00/hr	Tutors
\$16.02 Aides	\$25.00/hr	Curriculum Development
\$22.75 Building Maintenance Mechanic	\$18.50/hr	Detention
\$21.58 Bus Driver	\$25.00/hr	APEX Grant Activities Director
\$16.02 Cafeteria	\$30.00/hr	APEX Grant Teacher Tutor
\$16.02 Cleaner	\$22.50/hr	APEX Grant Teacher Assistant Tutor (under teacher supervision)
\$16.59 Clerk Typist	\$7,708.00	APEX Grant 2025-26 Annual Stipend per Site Coordinator
\$17.33 Cook	\$18.50/hr	Game Help/Supervisor Rates
\$22.26 Custodian	\$18.50/hr	Concert Supervision
\$20.15 LPN		
\$18.35 Maintenance		
\$24.44 RN		
	Tuition Rates 2025-2026 school year	
	\$2,500/year grades K through 5	
	\$3,000/year grades 6 through 12	

Elmira Heights Central School District  
Elmira Heights, New York  
2025-2026

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR USE OF FACILITIES**

Schools	Classroom	Library	Cafeteria	Auditorium/ Community Room	Gym~	Football Field ~	Track~	Baseball Field~	Golf Facility
<b>TAE High School</b>	\$40 per use	\$40 per use	\$95 per use	\$125 per use	\$125 per use	Sanctioned Games \$285 per use Multiple Games \$210 per use Practices \$160 per use	\$185 per use	\$135 per use	\$85 per use
	<b>Classroom</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>Cafeteria</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Gym~</b>	<b>Softball Field</b>	<b>Practice Field</b>	<b>Soccer Field</b>	
<b>Cohen Elementary/Middle School</b>	\$40 per use	\$40 per use	Full Cafeteria \$110 per use 1/2 Cafeteria \$80 per use	\$125 per use	Large gym \$125 per use Small gym \$125 per use	\$135 per use	\$85 per use	\$85 per use	
<b>Additional Charges</b>									
<b>Air Conditioning</b>	There will be a charge per day for air conditioning requested during any event (library, cafe, auditorium, gym).					\$80 per day per room			
<b>Equipment Charges</b>	There will be a charge per piece of equipment requested during any event (microphones, batting cage, score clock, etc).					\$30 per piece of equipment per day. Capped at \$210 per year.			
<b>Custodial Staff Charges</b>	Custodial staff charges are determined based on regular staff already working during any given event. Any additional custodial staff needed will be determined and payable after the event . The District reserves the right to assess charges up to 8 additional hours to cover the cost of cleanup after any event as per the hourly rates stated.					Regular rate \$30 per hour per staff Overtime rate \$45 per hour per staff			
<b>Supervision/Security</b>	Supervision and security may be requested. The District reserves the right to require supervision based on its assessment of the event.					\$30 per hour per supervisor			
<b>Cafeteria Staff</b>	To be determined by the School Lunch Manager					Per contract			
***	<b>Youth Leagues</b>				<b>All Other Leagues</b>				
<b>Season Long Leagues</b>	\$740 flat fee for 8 weeks				\$740 flat fee for 4 weeks/ max of 2 days per week. \$95 per day for each additional day. Maximum charge of \$1,600 per season.				
<b>Season Long Practices</b>	\$740 flat fee for 8 weeks				\$740 flat fee for 4 weeks/ max of 2 days per week. \$85 per day for each additional day. Maximum charge of \$2,200 per season.				
<b>Tournaments</b>	\$140 per gym per day				\$180 per gym per day				
<b>Soccer Fields</b>	Soccer fields will be charged 1/2 of stated fees for season long Leagues and practices				Soccer fields will be charged 1/2 of stated fees for season long Leagues and practices.				

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday	May 20, 2025	Annual Mtg/Budget Vote/BOE Elections	7am-8pm	TAE Gym
Wednesday	May 21, 2025	Regular BOE Meeting (if needed)	7:00 pm	Comm Rm
Wednesday	June 4, 2025	Regular BOE Meeting	7:00 pm	Comm Rm

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:50pm a motion was made by Jody Buckley, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss particular personnel employment histories and negotiations.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 9:33pm a motion was made by Terry Day, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 9:35pm motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Dominic Lucarelli, and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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# Elmira Heights Central School District

## **Proposed Capital Project Board of Education Meeting**

May 7, 2025

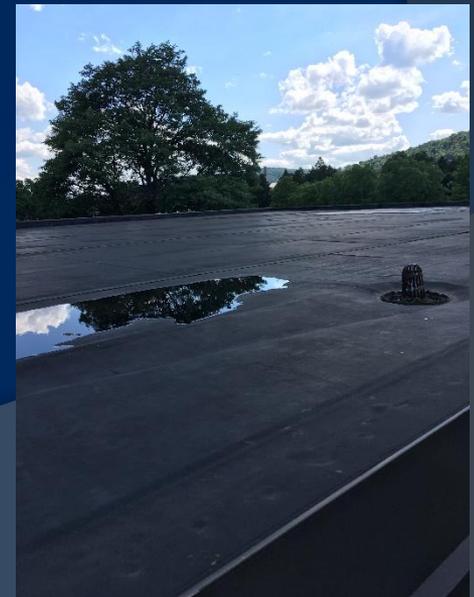
# Capital Project Proposed Scope

## Cohen Elementary/Middle School

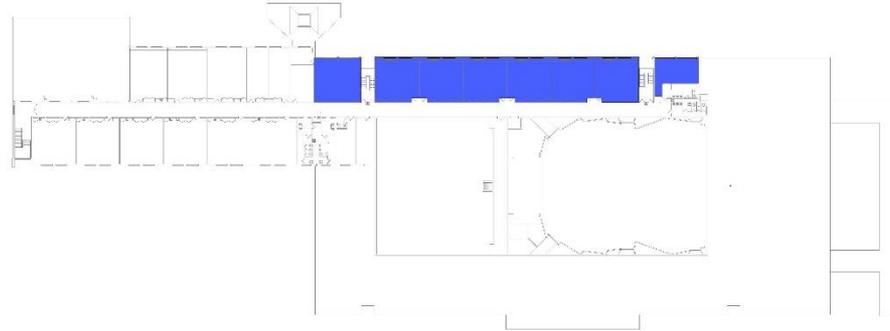
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## Thomas A. Edison High School

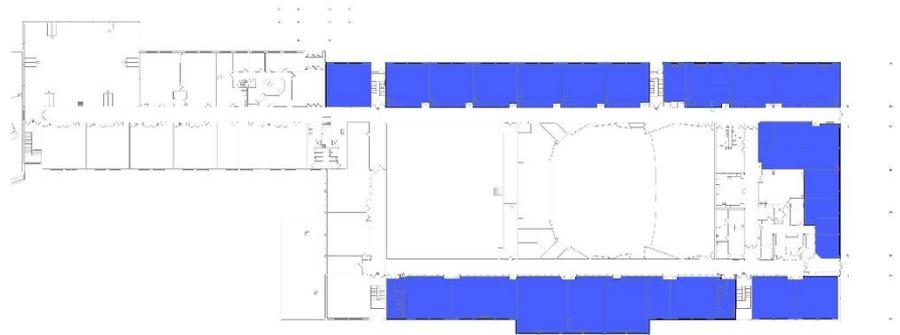
- Select Window/Door Replacements
- Resurface Facade Stucco Panels
- Select Roof Replacements Currently Out of Warranty



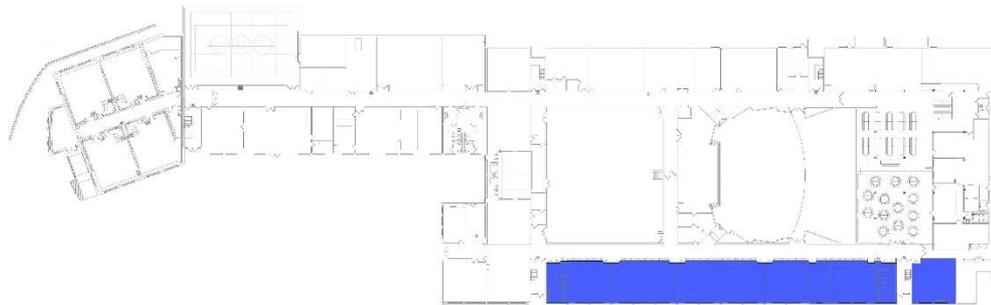
# Proposed Window Replacements Cohen Elementary/Middle



THIRD FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

# Proposed Window Replacements Thomas A. Edison



# Proposed Roof Replacements Thomas A. Edison





# Capital Project Cost Summary

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Construction Cost.....	\$3,341,354
General Conditions 1.5%.....	\$50,120
Design Contingency +/- 8%.....	\$277,723
Construction Contingency 10%.....	\$334,135
TOTAL Construction Cost.....	\$4,003,332
Incidental Cost 12%+/-.....	\$451,068
TOTAL REFERNDUM PROJECT COST.....	<u>\$4,454,400</u>



# Capital Project Schedule



Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
Present BOE Project Scope / Financials	1 Days	2/5/25	
BOE SEQR Determination – Type II/ Referendum	1 Day	3/5/25	
Public Notice for Referendum (Min 45 Days from Legal Advertisement)	75 Days	3/5/25	5/20/25
Legal Advertisement (1 <sup>st</sup> Ad Min 45 Days Before Vote – total 4 times)	4 Times	3/5/25	5/19/25
Referendum Vote	1 Day	5/20/25	
<b>To Be Included With Phase II – Building Design Package (Transportation Facility)</b>			
Construction	406 Days	6/26/25	8/6/26
Project Closeout	111 Days	9/7/26	12/27/26



# Voting Information

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Date: Tuesday May 20, 2025

Time: 7:00am until 8:00pm

Location: Thomas A. Edison High School Gymnasium

2025-2026

# Budget Proposal

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Public Hearing

May 7, 2025



# Budget Presentation

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Three Part Budget Review

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Revenue Projections

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Property Tax Impact

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Propositions

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School Board Elections

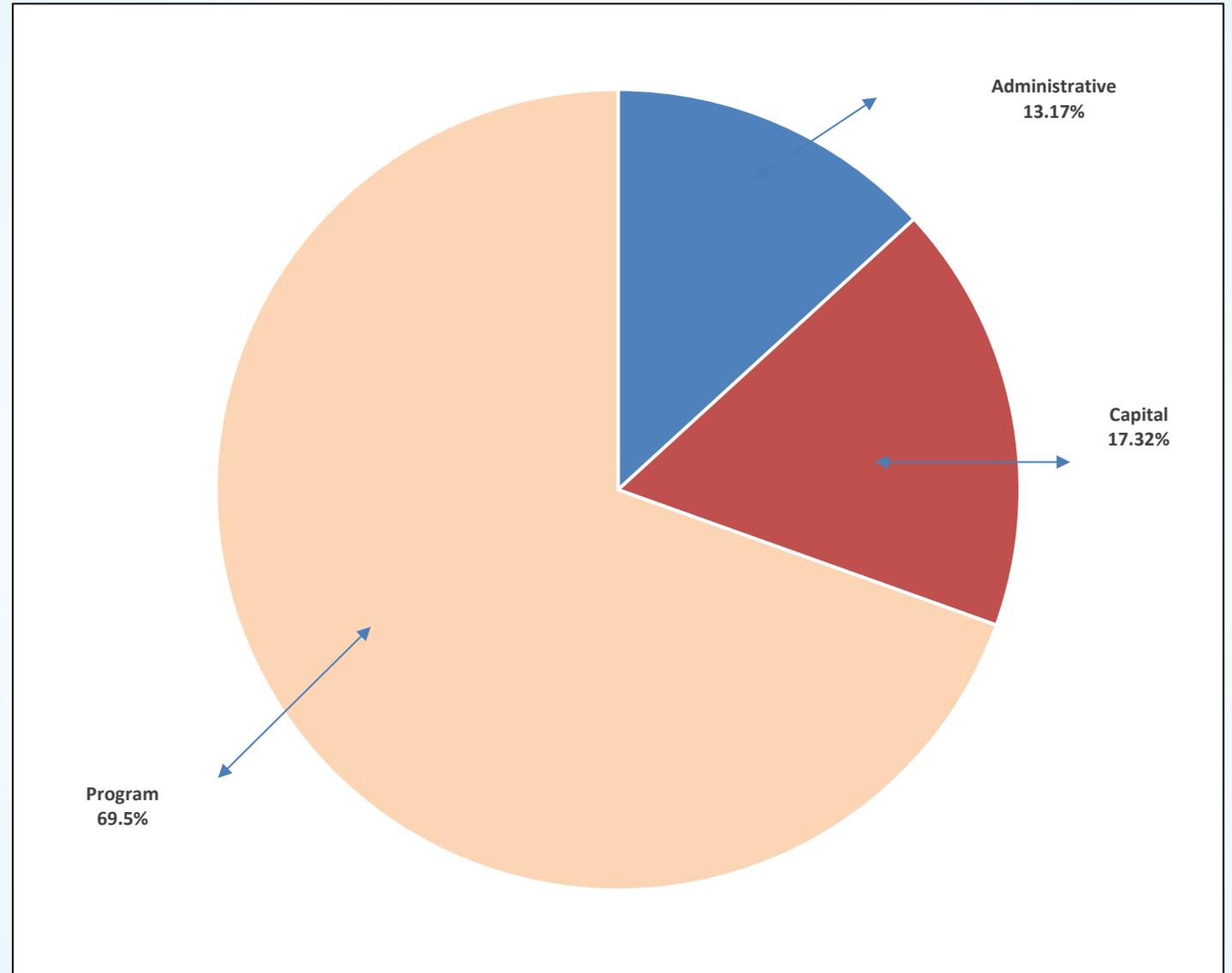
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Budget Vote – May 20th

# Three Part Budget

<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 3,749,072</b>	<b>\$ 3,949,422</b>	<b>\$ 200,350</b>	<b>5.34%</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 4,270,312</b>	<b>\$ 5,191,120</b>	<b>\$ 920,808</b>	<b>21.56%</b>
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>\$ 20,924,405</b>	<b>\$ 20,838,426</b>	<b>\$ (85,979)</b>	<b>-0.41%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 28,943,789</b>	<b>\$ 29,978,969</b>	<b>\$ 1,035,180</b>	<b>3.58%</b>

# Three Part Budget



# Administrative Component

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The administrative component of the 2025-2026 proposed budget is 13.17%. These expenditures represent all costs associated with the operation of the district office, each school's main office, salaries/benefits of all district administrators and all district office personnel. In addition, costs associated with the Board of Education, Business Administration, and printing and mailing are included in this section.

Increases in contractual commitments for salaries and benefits, BOCES administrative costs, and BOCES Central Data Processing are included in this section of the three-part budget.

# Administrative Component



ADMINISTRATIVE				
Function	2024-25	2025-26	\$ change	% change
Board of Education	\$ 23,081	\$ 17,762	\$ (5,319)	-23.04%
Central Administration	\$ 230,229	\$ 241,861	\$ 11,632	5.05%
Business Administration	\$ 734,348	\$ 772,697	\$ 38,349	5.22%
Legal	\$ 15,250	\$ 17,750	\$ 2,500	16.39%
Personnel	\$ 45,600	\$ 47,738	\$ 2,138	4.69%
Public Information	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,348	\$ 198	3.84%
Printing/Mailing	\$ 68,000	\$ 73,000	\$ 5,000	7.35%
Central Data Processing	\$ 950,567	\$ 990,090	\$ 39,523	4.16%
Other Central Services	\$ 88,500	\$ 89,000	\$ 500	0.56%
Insurance	\$ 87,500	\$ 103,000	\$ 15,500	17.71%
BOCES Administration	\$ 507,739	\$ 533,126	\$ 25,387	5.00%
Supervision/Regular School	\$ 531,381	\$ 546,690	\$ 15,309	2.88%
Planning/Evaluation	\$ 7,015	\$ 7,439	\$ 424	6.04%
Employee Benefits	\$ 454,712	\$ 503,921	\$ 49,209	10.82%
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 3,749,072</b>	<b>\$ 3,949,422</b>	<b>\$ 200,350</b>	<b>5.34%</b>

# Capital Component

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The capital component of the 2025-2026 proposed budget is 17.32%. This portion of the budget covers the entire cost of cleaning and maintaining district facilities. Personnel costs, service contracts, utilities, materials & supplies, equipment, and debt service are also included in this section of the three-part budget.

A yearly \$100,000 capital outlay project that receives state building aid the following year is planned for the Edison campus. The contractual agreement for the facilities lease between the District and Horseheads Central School District is included in the capital component.

Increases in contractual commitments for salaries and benefits, the replacement of a maintenance tractor, and debt service payment for the capital project that includes construction of a new transportation facility is included in this section of the three-part budget.

# Capital Component



CAPITAL				
Function	2024-25	2025-26	\$ change	% change
Operation of Plant	\$ 1,148,415	\$ 1,173,810	\$ 25,395	2.2%
Maintenance of Plant	\$ 515,322	\$ 534,391	\$ 19,069	3.7%
Judgements & Claims	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.0%
Employee Benefits	\$ 400,901	\$ 448,357	\$ 47,456	11.8%
Debt Service	\$ 2,104,674	\$ 2,933,562	\$ 828,888	39.4%
Transfer to Capital	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	0.0%
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 4,270,312</b>	<b>\$ 5,191,120</b>	<b>\$ 920,808</b>	<b>21.56%</b>

# 25-26 Capital Outlay

- Scope of the project at Thomas Edison High School with a total cost of \$100,000
  - Classroom renovation to accommodate Family & Consumer Science curriculum
  - Stage door replacement
  - Weight Room floor upgrade (as budget allows)



# Program Component

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The program component of the 2025-2026 proposed budget represents 69.51% of the total budget. Expenditures include funding for all K-12 educational programs including teacher and support staff salaries & benefits, BOCES services, special education, instructional services, professional development, athletics, and transportation costs.

While year over year there is a less than 0.5% decrease in this area, we were able to maintain all staffing and programming, along with adding both varsity soccer and winter track to our Athletics program.

# Program Component



PROGRAM				
Function	2024-25	2025-26	\$ change	% change
Legal	\$ 15,250	\$ 17,750	\$ 2,500	0.0%
In-service Training	\$ 268,751	\$ 286,048	\$ 17,297	6.4%
Instruction-Regular School	\$ 7,495,358	\$ 7,377,373	\$ (117,985)	-1.6%
Special Education	\$ 4,642,037	\$ 4,239,050	\$ (402,987)	-8.7%
Occupational Education	\$ 1,221,662	\$ 1,284,863	\$ 63,201	5.2%
Instruction-Special Schools	\$ 278,537	\$ 288,997	\$ 10,460	3.8%
Library/Media	\$ 111,306	\$ 114,659	\$ 3,353	3.0%
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$ 39,933	\$ 38,469	\$ (1,464)	-3.7%
Guidance	\$ 280,017	\$ 289,050	\$ 9,033	3.2%
Health Services	\$ 236,016	\$ 257,540	\$ 21,524	9.1%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 65,500	\$ 71,000	\$ 5,500	8.4%
Interscholastic Athletics	\$ 307,100	\$ 304,800	\$ (2,300)	-0.7%
Transportation	\$ 705,069	\$ 735,066	\$ 29,997	4.3%
Transfers to other funds	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0.0%
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,207,869	\$ 5,483,761	\$ 275,892	5.3%
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>\$ 20,924,405</b>	<b>\$ 20,838,426</b>	<b>\$ (85,979)</b>	<b>-0.41%</b>

# GST BOCES Initial Service Request

Code	Description	2024-25 Initial Request	2025-26 Initial Request	\$ Change Year to Year	% Change Year to Year
1010	Board of Education	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
1310	Business Administration	\$ 642,048	\$ 661,167	\$ 19,119	2.89%
1680	Computer Services	\$ 950,567	\$ 1,079,170	\$ 128,603	11.92%
1981	BOCES Administration	\$ 507,739	\$ 533,155	\$ 25,416	4.77%
2020	Supervision	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,300	\$ 100	2.33%
2060	Research/Planning/Evaluation	\$ 7,015	\$ 7,130	\$ 115	1.61%
2070	In-Service	\$ 224,251	\$ 227,439	\$ 3,188	1.40%
2110	Teaching - Regular	\$ 414,392	\$ 422,291	\$ 7,899	1.87%
2250	Special Education	\$ 3,304,663	\$ 3,224,055	\$ (80,608)	-2.50%
2280	Occupational Education	\$ 1,221,662	\$ 1,170,584	\$ (51,078)	-4.36%
2330	Teaching - Special	\$ 278,537	\$ 281,165	\$ 2,628	0.93%
2815	School Nurse	\$ -	\$ 42,563	\$ 42,563	100.00%
5510	Transportation	\$ 1,872	\$ 1,898	\$ 26	1.37%
	<b>TOTAL BOCES BUDGETED</b>	<b>\$ 7,557,946</b>	<b>\$ 7,655,917</b>	<b>\$ 97,971</b>	<b>1.30%</b>

# Projected Revenue

Account	2024-2025 Adopted Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget	Dollar Difference	Percent Difference
Real Property Tax Items	8,681,519	8,843,695	162,176	1.87%
Charges For Services	61,000	61,000	0	0.00%
Use of Money & Property	158,524	307,000	148,476	93.66%
Reimbursements/Refunds	366,000	466,000	100,000	27.32%
State Aid	19,449,848	20,256,274	806,426	4.15%
Federal Aid	50,000	45,000	(5000)	-10.00%
Appropriated Reserves & Fund Balance	176,898	-	(176,898)	-100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,943,789</b>	<b>29,978,969</b>	<b>1,035,180</b>	<b>3.58%</b>

**2025-26 Executive Budget Estimates of General Support for Public Schools for the  
Elmira Heights Central School District**

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Foundation Aid</b>	<b>\$13,915,012</b>	<b>\$14,193,312</b>	<b>\$278,300</b>	<b>2.00%</b>
<b>Expense-based Aids</b>				
Building Aid	\$1,198,807	\$1,258,972	\$60,165	5.02%
Transportation Aid*	\$658,126	\$775,902	\$117,776	17.90%
BOCES Aid	\$2,419,878	\$2,740,478	\$320,600	13.25%
Public High Cost Excess Cost Aid	\$573,193	\$350,454	(\$222,739)	-38.86%
Private Excess Cost Aid	\$43,049	\$42,475	(\$574)	-1.33%
Special Services Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>Instructional Materials Aids</b>				
Software Aid	\$9,468	\$15,429	\$5,961	62.96%
Hardware & Technology Aid	\$21,020	\$20,340	(\$680)	-3.24%
Textbook Aid	\$60,289	\$58,658	(\$1,631)	-2.71%
Library Materials Aid	\$6,446	\$6,438	(\$8)	-0.12%
<b>Other Operating Aids</b>				
Academic Enhancement Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Charter School Transitional Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
High Tax Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Supplemental Public Excess Cost Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>Aid for Recent Consolidations</b>				
Operating Reorganization Incentive Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Building Reorganization Incentive Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$18,905,288</b>	<b>\$19,462,458</b>	<b>\$557,170</b>	<b>2.95%</b>
<b>Aid for Early Childhood Education</b>				
Full Day Kindergarten Conversion Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Universal Prekindergarten Aid**	\$340,155	\$340,155	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total School Aid</b>	<b>\$19,245,443</b>	<b>\$19,802,613</b>	<b>\$557,170</b>	<b>2.90%</b>

\*Includes Summer Transportation

\*\*Increases represent actual claims in 2024-25 returning to the maximum grant allocation, and may not reflect actual increase in funds.

# School Aid Database

## Update Estimates

	February Current Law Database Update			
	2024-25	2025-26	Change	%
<b>Expense-based Aids</b>				
Building Aid	\$1,361,082	\$1,327,550	(\$33,532)	-2.46%
Transportation Aid*	\$658,126	\$775,902	\$117,776	17.90%
BOCES Aid	\$2,418,030	\$2,740,478	\$322,448	13.34%
Public High Cost Excess Cost Aid	\$652,809	\$479,906	(\$172,903)	-26.49%
Private Excess Cost Aid	\$43,049	\$42,375	(\$674)	-1.57%
Special Services Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>Instructional Materials Aids</b>				
Software Aid	\$9,468	\$15,220	\$5,752	60.75%
Hardware & Technology Aid	\$21,020	\$20,063	(\$957)	-4.55%
Textbook Aid	\$60,289	\$58,600	(\$1,689)	-2.80%
Library Materials Aid	\$6,446	\$6,350	(\$96)	-1.49%
<b>Other Operating Aids</b>				
Academic Enhancement Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Charter School Transitional Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
High Tax Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Supplemental Public Excess Cost Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>Aid for Recent Consolidations</b>				
Operating Reorganization Incentive Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Building Reorganization Incentive Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,230,319</b>	<b>\$5,466,444</b>	<b>\$236,125</b>	<b>4.51%</b>
<b>Aid for Early Childhood Education</b>				
Full Day Kindergarten Conversion Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Universal Prekindergarten Aid**	\$340,155	\$340,155	\$0	0.00%
<b>School Aid excluding Foundation Aid</b>	<b>\$5,570,474</b>	<b>\$5,806,599</b>	<b>\$236,125</b>	<b>4.24%</b>

# Tax Cap Calculation

## Elmira Heights Central School District

### Tax Levy Limit Determination (Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011)

#### 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

#### Tax Levy Cap - Calculations and Totals

#### Tax Levy Limit (Cap) Before Exclusions

Tax Levy Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 06/30/2025	\$8,562,053
Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount from FYE 06/30/2025	\$0
Tax Base Growth Factor**	1.0040
PILOTS receivable FYE 06/30/2025	\$90,398
Capital Tax Levy for FYE 06/30/2025	231,910
Allowable levy growth factor***	1.0200
PILOTS receivable FYE 06/30/2026	\$90,398
Available Carryover from FYE 06/30/2025	\$0
<b>Total Levy Limit Before Exclusions</b>	<b>\$8,533,490</b>

\*\* As determined by the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS)

\*\*\* As determined by the NYS Office of the State Comptroller

# Tax Cap Cont'd

<b>Exclusions</b>	
Tax levy necessary for expenditures resulting from tort orders/judgments over 5% FYE 06/30/2025 tax levy	\$0
Capital Tax Levy for FYE 06/30/2026	\$607,696
Tax levy necessary for pension contribution expenditures caused by growth in ERS	\$0
TRS	\$0
<b>Total Exclusions</b>	<b>\$ 607,696</b>
<b>Tax Levy Limit, Plus Exclusions</b>	<b>\$ 9,141,186</b>
<b>Tax Levy Limit, Plus Exclusions %</b>	<b>6.76%</b>
<b>Proposed Levy for FYE 06/30/2026</b>	<b>\$8,733,297</b>
<b>Difference Between Tax Levy Limit Plus Exclusions and Proposed Levy</b>	<b>(\$407,889)</b>
<b>Do you plan to override the cap in 2025?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

# Estimated Impact of Proposed Tax Levy on a \$100,000 House

- This chart estimates the possible 2025-2026 tax increase on a property with a \$100,000 value with a 2.0% tax levy increase. This chart does not take into account any changes in your town equalization rates & assessments

<b>** Maximum STAR increase per law is 2% over prior year.</b>		<b>2024-25 Actual</b>	<b>2025-26 Proposed with Tax Cap of 2.0%</b>
Property Value	\$100,000		
Tax rate per \$1000 of assessed value		\$24.52	\$25.01
Average School Tax Bill		\$2,452	\$2,501
Annual \$ tax increase (before STAR)			\$49
Monthly \$ tax increase (before STAR)			\$4.09
Basic STAR Savings		\$631	563
Average tax due after STAR		\$1,821	\$1,938
Annual \$ tax increase (after STAR)			\$117
Monthly \$ tax increase (after STAR)			\$9.75

# What is at stake?

If the Voters reject the District's proposed budget the Board of Education may do one of the following:

Resubmit the defeated budget

Submit a revised budget

Adopt a contingent budget



If the resubmitted or revised budget is defeated the BOE must adopt a contingent budget consisting of “teachers” salaries & ordinary contingent expenses, subject to a cap on the administrative portion of the budget, **with no increase in tax levy over the prior year.**

# Contingent Budget

District is required to :

Charge all outside agencies for the use of facilities

Eliminate all equipment purchases

Eliminate Capital Outlay Project

Eliminate all salary increase for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement

Adjustments to be made if contingent budget is required:

Administrative	(\$10,222)	Salary increase for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement
Program	(\$42,419)	Equipment and salary increases for employees not covered by collective bargaining agreement
Capital	(\$156,040)	Capital Outlay Project, equipment, and salary increase for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement

**Administrative CAP = The administrative component of a contingency budget must not exceed the lesser of the percent the administrative component comprised in the prior year's budget (exclusive of the capital component) or the percent the administrative component comprised in the last defeated budget (exclusive of the capital component)**

2025-26 Admin CAP

15.93%

# Proposition #1 - Budget

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RESOLVED that the proposed budget of \$29,978,969 of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2025-26 be approved in accordance with Section 2022 of the Education Law and that the balance of said budget after applying available public moneys thereto be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of said District.

Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 2.0% which does not exceed the statutory limit of 6.76% for this school fiscal year and therefore does not exceed the state tax cap and must be approved by a simple majority, more than fifty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

# Proposition #2 – Purchase Buses

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of two (2) 64-passenger diesel school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$333,367, less trade-in value, if any, and that such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$333,367 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to finance the purchase in that method.

# Proposition #3 – Supplemental Financing

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain additional capital improvements consisting of the replacement of windows and doors at Cohen Elementary/Middle School and windows, doors and roof replacement and resurfacing of exterior insulation finish system at Thomas A. Edison High School, as an expansion to the capital improvements previously authorized by the voters of the Elmira Heights Central School District on March 12, 2024, at an estimated maximum aggregate additional cost of \$4,210,100; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund \$520,000 for the overall project costs, and that the balance of such additional cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$3,690,100 shall be issued.

# Proposition #4 – Technology Reserve

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651(1) of the Education Law (to be known as the “Technology Capital Reserve Fund”) with the purpose of such fund being technology related purchases and initiatives that ensures the District to keep pace with technological advancements and support effective instruction; in a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, for a probable term of ten years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, with and initial transfer from unappropriated fund balance made during the 2024-2025 school year, and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

# Proposition #5 – Transportation Reserve

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651(1) of the Education Law (to be known as the “Transportation Capital Reserve Fund”) with the purpose of such fund being the purchase of school buses, similar student transportation vehicles, and equipment needed for the use in the transportation program of the District, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, for a probable term of ten years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, with an initial transfer from unappropriated fund balance made during the 2024-2025 school year, and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

# Proposition #6 – Maintenance Equipment Reserve

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651(1) of the Education Law (to be known as the “Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund”) with the purpose of such fund being for the purchase of maintenance vehicles and other equipment for the use in the operations and maintenance program of the District, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for a probable term of ten years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, with and initial transfer from unappropriated fund balance made during the 2024-2025 school year, and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.



ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Elmira Heights, New York  
**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
 May 20, 2025

Mark an X or ✓ in the appropriate box for each proposition to indicate your vote.

<b>Proposition # 1</b> <b>(Budget)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>Proposition # 2</b> <b>(Purchase of School Buses)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>Proposition # 3</b> <b>(Supplemental Financing)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>Proposition # 4</b> <b>(Technology Reserve)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>Proposition # 5</b> <b>(Transportation Reserve)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>Proposition # 6</b> <b>(Maintenance Equipment Reserve)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the proposed budget of \$9,788,969 for the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2026 be approved in accordance with Section 202 of the Education Law and that the balance of the fund after applying available monies therefrom be raised by a tax on the taxable property of said district.</p> <p>Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 6.76% which does not exceed the statutory limit of 6.76% for this school fiscal year and therefore does not exceed the state tax cap and must be approved by a simple majority, more than fifty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.</p>	<p>Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of two (2) 64-passenger diesel school buses at an estimated maximum project cost of \$333,367, less transportation, if any, and that such cost, so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by a tax to be collected in annual installments; 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- Budget Vote

- Tuesday May 20, 2025
- 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- TAE Gymnasium





**Questions??**