



Minisink Valley CSD

We teach someone you love.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The development of the 2006-2007 school budget has been in full swing since December 2005. Principals and directors met with central administration and then with the finance committee of the board of education to present their needs. These meetings were open to the public. The board of education and the administration has faced the major-league challenge of balancing what we want for our children with what taxpayers are able to support.

The result of this work is a budget proposal of \$71,166,852 for the 2006-2007 school year, which represents a 7.95% increase over the current spending plan. Due to continuing growth and an infusion of the expected and anticipated building aid for our middle school project, the average tax rate increase should be about 3.5%.

The budget number reflects several "hard to control" costs, such as increases in health insurance, employee pension contributions, and energy costs. But the budget number also includes some "good news" for our students - increased staffing to address our growing enrollment, the restoration of some gifted and talented opportunities, field trips, and the late bus run for after school sports and extracurricular activities.

It's been great seeing many of you at our spring events both in our schools and on our fields. As a community, you've always shown strong support for Minisink Valley students and we never take that for granted.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools



Minisink Valley HS Graduation
June 23, 2006 - 6:00 PM
(Raindate: June 24 - 1:00 PM)



Wanted: Children's Books

Do you have children's books on your shelves that your kids/grandchildren have outgrown? If so, please consider donating them to Minisink Valley. Books in good condition can be dropped off at any school office or the central administration office anytime during normal business hours.

The donated books will be used to help start our new pre-school reading initiative entitled **1,000 Book Club**. The goal of the program is to have 1,000 books read to three and four-year olds before they enter kindergarten. Any donated books that are not appropriate for this age level will be added to our classroom libraries.

Questions? Call John Bell at 355-5111.

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P.O. Box 217, Rte. 6, Slate Hill, NY 10973

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School District Budget Notice Overall Budget Proposal

Please note: This budget is presented in conformance with, and in the format prescribed by, regulation for all public schools in New York State.

	Budget Adopted for the 2005-06 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2006-07 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2006-07 School Year*
Total budgeted amount	\$ 65,926,718	\$ 71,166,852	\$ 70,784,341
Increase/decrease for the 2006-07 school year		\$ 5,240,134	\$ 4,857,623
Percentage increase/decrease in each proposed budget		7.95%	7.37%
Change in the consumer price index		3.4%	
Resulting est. property tax levy for the 2006-07 school year		\$ 32,251,852	\$ 31,869,341
Administrative component	\$ 5,088,023	\$ 5,276,297	\$ 5,276,297
Program component	\$ 50,927,525	\$ 55,048,146	\$ 54,696,151
Capital component	\$ 9,911,170	\$ 10,842,409	\$ 10,811,893

* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2006-07 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated:

- A. Student enrollment will increase in September 2006 by an estimated 2+%.
- B. Enrollment in special education intensive needs placements has increased by twenty; minimum of twelve additional placements projected.
- C. Enrollment in alternative education programs and services, including Career and Technical Education, has increased by ten; minimum of ten additional placements projected.
- D. Transportation needs will increase, reflecting increased student enrollment and placements in alternative special education settings.

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)

Please note: 1) The full value of an individual home may vary from year to year. 2) The STAR savings is calculated on a \$30,000 assessment reduction and not a % of the homeowner's tax bill.

	Budget Adopted for the 2005-06 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2006-07 School Year
Basic STAR tax savings	\$ 751	\$ 775
School tax increase/decrease	\$ 77	\$ 57
Net Basic STAR tax savings	\$ 674	\$ 718

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2006-07 by the qualified voters of the Minisink Valley Central School District, Orange County, New York, will be held at Intermediate and Otisville Schools in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 between the hours of noon and 9:00 PM, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

2006-07 Budget Proposal

2005 - 2006 2006 - 2007

Instruction

Principals, teachers, support staff, special education, academic intervention services, libraries, AV, computers, health services, pupil personnel services, extracurricular clubs and activities, and interscholastic sports. *This budget includes additional teaching and support staff to address increasing enrollment.*

\$37,046,989 \$39,766,938

Transportation

Transportation to our five schools, 20 or more nonpublic and special education schools, athletic and field trip events, BOCES special and occupational education programs and the purchase of seven buses. *Additional bus runs will be needed to accommodate increasing enrollment.*

\$ 3,916,895 \$ 4,334,926

General Support

Board of education, central administration, business functions, facility operation and maintenance, legal services, insurance, data processing, and BOCES costs. *This budget reflects increased costs for utilities, insurance, and mandated reporting requirements.*

\$ 5,946,944 \$ 6,514,981

Community Services

Includes \$500 for school/community collaborative projects.

\$ 500 \$ 500

Employee Benefits

Costs for employees' retirement systems, social security, workers' compensation and health insurance. *Employer contribution rates for the TRS pension system and workers' compensation will increase for 2006-07.*

\$14,150,116 \$15,357,707

Debt Service, Misc.

Debt service on outstanding bonds which finance school building construction. *The increase reflects the final phase of financing for the Middle School capital project. New building aid will offset this increase.*

\$ 4,865,274 \$ 5,191,800

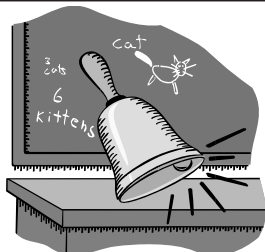
TOTAL Budget Increase Over Prior Year: 7.95%

\$65,926,718 \$71,166,852

PROJECTED Tax rate increase: 3.5% (average)

School Board Election

Residents will vote to elect two members to the board of education. There are six candidates. The names appear here as they will appear on the ballot on May 16, 2006. According to New York State Education Law, the order of candidates must be determined by a drawing held "the day after the last possible date for candidates to file a petition." The drawing was held on April 18, 2006.



Richard Ferrara
Joan Romanyschyn
Barry Sullivan
Shawn O'Connor
Lewis Szymanski
David Whitworth

VOTE
May 16
Noon - 9:00PM

Census Information- Attention Parents of Preschoolers of any age...

Please fill out this form so that we can update our census information and be sure that your family is on our mailing list. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Ann Shand at 355-5812.

Preschooler's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Parents' Names: _____

Note: If you have more than one preschooler, please include the same information on an additional sheet of paper and mail to Ann Shand, Registrar, Minisink Valley CSD, PO Box 217, Slate Hill, NY 10973.

Annual Budget Vote Information

Who may vote?

To vote, you must be a district resident for 30 days and U.S. Citizen - 18 years of age or older and must be registered for either a general election or a school board election.

How do I register?

At the district clerk's office, Minisink Valley Central School District, Route 6, Slate Hill, New York, until May 11, 2006, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on days when school is in session. Please provide proof of residency. Any questions, call 355-5115.

When is the vote?

Tuesday, May 16, Noon to 9:00 PM

Where do I vote?

Residents of District #1 (Towns of Greenville, Minisink and Wawayanda)

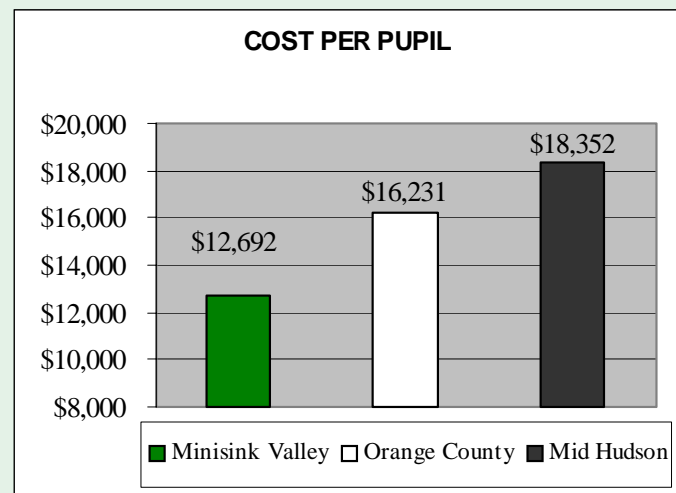
Vote in the Intermediate School Gym A, Route 6 campus.

Residents of District #2 (Towns of Mount Hope, Mamakating and Wallkill)

Vote in the Otisville Elementary School Gym.

Absentee ballots?

Applications may be obtained at the office of the school district clerk. Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 16.



Source: Mid Hudson School Study Council