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Annual Meeting set for July 16:

Residents to vote on district tax levy

The Hamilton School Board gave its approval for the 2018-19 budget that will be presented to voters at the Annual Meeting.

The budget totals \$57.5 million, which is a 3.99 percent increase over the current budget. The increase reflects expenses due to the referendum approved by voters in February, increased cost-of-living as determined by the state and educating more students as enrollment rises.

The tax rate is projected to be \$9.55 per \$1,000 of equalized property value – \$1 more than the

2017-18 rate. For each \$100,000 of property owned, citizens will pay \$955 to support local schools. The owner of a \$300,000 home can expect to pay \$2,865 in school property taxes.

The budget assumes an increase of 3.55 percent in property value, 4.56 percent in state aid and 70 additional students. If any are greater than these assumptions, the tax rate will be lower.

The budget will fund additional teaching staff to accommodate increased enrollment. The district anticipates four new teach-

ers will be needed by fall.

Residents can learn more about the Hamilton School District budget July 16 beginning at 6:15 p.m. at the Budget Hearing in the Hamilton Fine Arts Center, W220 N6151 Town Line Road, Sussex.

The Annual Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Residents vote on the tax levy at the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
July 16, 2018
7:30 p.m. or upon completion of Budget Hearing

- I. **Call to Order - Gabe Kolesari, Board President**
 - "Pledge of Allegiance"
 - Introductions
 - Agenda Approval
- II. **Notice of Hearing/Meeting**
- III. **Call for Chairperson Nominations**
- IV. **Voice Vote on Nomination of Chairperson**
- V. **The Year in Review - Paul Mielke, Ph.D.**
- VI. **Printed Resolutions**
 - A. **Approval to Lease Property for Farming Purposes**
 - B. **Adoption of Tax Levy**
 - C. **Salaries of Board Members**
 - D. **Reimbursement of Board Members' Expenses**
 - E. **Board Authority to Establish Date and Time for Annual Meeting**
- VII. **Adjournment of Meeting**

Work underway on projects approved in referendum

Voters in the Hamilton School District approved two referendum questions Feb. 20 that will allow for \$57.4 million of construction projects, including a new intermediate school, and \$1.5 million of operational costs.

Two questions were put to voters seeking approval for:

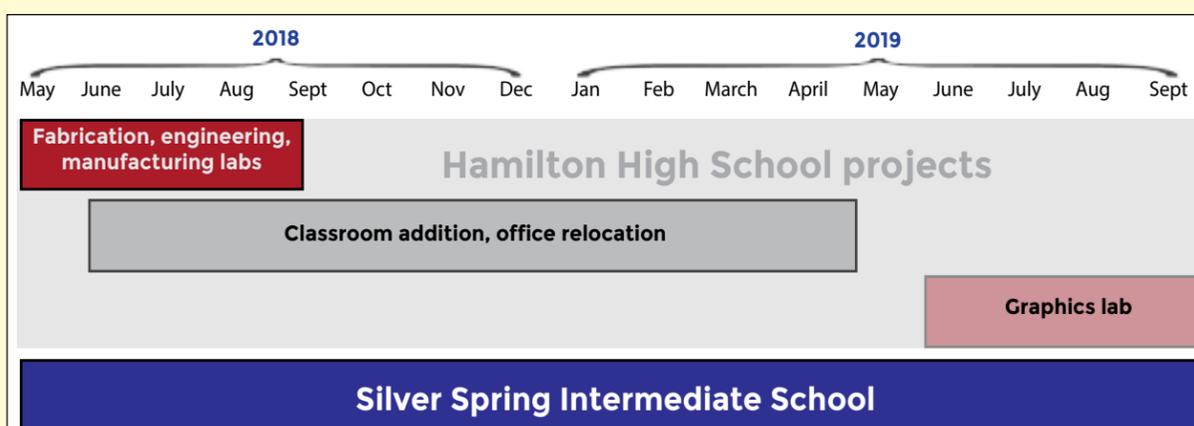
- a new intermediate school at a cost of \$42.9 million and high school classroom projects that include the renovation and expansion of the Applied Engineering and Technology Program for \$4.9 million and a 15-classroom addition on the front of the building for \$9.6 million; and
- \$1.5 million of operating costs for the intermediate school.

The referendum drew strong voter turnout with 61.7 percent voting in favor of the facilities project and 57 percent approving increased district operational costs.



Groundbreaking ceremonies for Hamilton High School's addition-renovation projects and the new Silver Spring Intermediate School were held May 1. Results of the districtwide online vote for the new school mascot was revealed at the event. Families overwhelmingly chose Panthers as the school mascot. Pictured from left are: (front) School Board Member Dawn Van Aacken, holding banner students Lauren Steighner and Anton Galang, (second row) third- and fourth-graders Tesfanesh Peterson, Nicholas Lykins, Elizabeth Berrall, Xzavier Mielke, Samuel Julka, Owen Hess, Felicity Kane and Conner Wasserburger, (back row) JP Cullen representative Shannon Metoxen, district Facilities Manager Jeff Grove, Business Services Assistant Superintendent Bryan Ruud, School Board Member Deborah Briggs, Superintendent Paul Mielke, Ph.D., School Board President Gabe Kolesari, School Board Members Jennifer Waltz and Jay Jones, CLASS Committee Co-Chairs Sandi Blackwell and Jamie Schounard, Hamilton Applied Engineering and Technology teacher Alan Mamerow, Hamilton student Jacob Wieseckel, Hamilton Principal Candis Mongan, Hamilton student Ashton Curtis and Plunkett-Raysich Architects representative Scott Kramer.

Construction timeline



When facilities will be ready for use

- September 2018 - Hamilton High school fabrication, engineering, construction and manufacturing labs
- May 2019 - Office relocations
- September 2019 - Hamilton classroom addition
- September 2019 - Silver Spring Intermediate School and Hamilton High School graphics lab

Leland selected Templeton associate principal

The Hamilton School Board approved Cody Leland as the new Templeton Middle School associate principal.



Previously, Leland was a teacher at Richmond School where he also held positions of athletic activities director, summer school principal and wellness coordinator.

He earned his master's degree in educational leadership in 2016 from Viterbo University and his bachelor's degree in education in 2011 from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.

"We are pleased to hire an individual who helps students find success through positive interaction and compassionate understanding of their needs," Superintendent Paul Mielke, Ph.D., said. "Mr. Leland is an outgoing, energetic educator who holds high standards for students and works collaboratively with families and staff to ensure student achievement."

Keeping projects on budget:

Good timing, proactive budget management work in taxpayers' favor

A combination of good timing and fiscal management is working to keep referendum project costs in check.

Proactive planning and fiscal management

- Because the district maintained the highest Moody's rating it can achieve based on its size, interest rates came in at a favorable 3.06 percent — lower than the 3.71 percent that had been projected.
- Applied Engineering and Technology (AET) staff took advantage of a generous offer from Milwaukee Tool to buy tools and equipment at greatly reduced rates for AET labs, saving the district approximately \$15,000.
- The district packaged equip-

ment requests to receive discounts from companies that sell equipment for the AET fabrication, engineering, construction and machining labs.

- Used furniture in good condition was purchased at discounted prices from the Bradley Center for use in schools.

Timing

- Hamilton was able to let out bids before demand for labor and supplies pushed up the cost of construction. One Wisconsin school district, which planned to open a new school one year after Silver Spring Intermediate School is completed, learned that

construction costs will be 18 percent higher than what they predicted. Hamilton's bids came in as estimated.

- Financing was secured before the Federal Reserve raised interest rates.



AET staff were able to obtain greatly reduced Milwaukee Tool equipment for use in construction and fabrication labs.

District gives annual notice of policies, procedures; entire policies available online

Certain state and federal regulations and Hamilton School District policies require that residents receive annual public notice. Below is the list of notices published to keep citizens informed and meet notification requirements. More detailed information on each of these notices is posted at www.hamilton.k12.wi.us > "District" > "District forms and annual notices." Residents may also contact the Public Information Office at (262) 246-1973 x1100 to obtain the entire district policy or further information on any of these matters.

- **Academic standards** - The Hamilton School Board approves educational standards and curriculum documents for each subject area. Information is available on the district website including parent guides detailing content for each grade level.
- **Nondiscrimination** - The Hamilton School District will not deny any person admission to any public school or deny any person participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or discriminate against any person in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other reason prohibited by state or federal laws or regulations.
- **Goal setting** - The School Board recognizes the value of goal setting for school improvement based on districtwide needs and concerns.
- **Student records** - FERPA affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student's education and health records.
- **Parent rights and the curriculum** - Parents have the right to inspect instructional materials and deny their child's participation in certain curricular activities, and reasonable accommodations may be made because of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs.
- **Student, parent privacy rights** - The district respects the privacy rights of parents and their children and complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment requirements with respect to privacy rights.
- **Directory data** - The School Board designates certain student record information as directory data that may be disclosed to any person unless the adult student, parent or guardian informs the school that all or any part of the directory data may not be released.
- **Use of cameras on buses** - Video cameras are used on school buses to reduce disciplinary problems and vandalism and allow bus drivers to focus on driving.
- **Entrance age** - Children who meet the entrance age requirements shall be enrolled in kindergarten and first grade in the district. Early admission to 5-year-old kindergarten or first grade may be granted only according to established procedures.
- **Asbestos, air quality** - The district complies with state and federal regulations concerning asbestos and indoor air quality management.
- **Americans with Disabilities Act** - The district has taken steps to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a law designed to protect individuals with disabilities from discrimination in services, programs, activities and employment.
- **Alternative programs** - Alternative programming and curriculum modifications are available to students.
- **Classroom Code of Conduct** - Wisconsin law requires that teachers shall be authorized to remove students from class for reasons specified in a School Board-adopted Code of Classroom Conduct.
- **Qualified teachers, paraprofessionals** - Federal law requires that school districts share the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals.
- **Special Education referral and evaluation procedures** - Upon request, the Hamilton School District is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district. A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made. Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting John Peterson, Supervisor of Special Services, Hamilton School District, at (262) 246-1973 x1184, or by writing him at W220 N6151 Town Line Road, Sussex, WI 53089.
- **Education of homeless** - Children and youth who are homeless have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children residing in the district.

Minutes from 2017 annual public hearing, meeting

Budget Hearing Minutes July 17, 2017 — 6:15 p.m.

School Board President Gabe Kolesari called the hearing to order at 6:17 p.m. and Board Clerk Dawn Van Aacken read the meeting notice.

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Bryan Ruud presented a slide presentation highlighting projects and purchases for the Hamilton School District during the 2016-17 school year. Ruud reviewed the proposed 2017-18 budget including:

EXPENDITURES - \$55,074,582.00	INSTRUCTIONAL - \$31,456,491.00
Salary & Fringes – 76.71%	Undifferentiated – 35.70%
Purchased Services – 17.73%	Regular – 38.73%
Non-Capital Objects – 3.20%	Vocational – 3.98%
Capital Objects – 0.97%	Physical Education – 4.48%
Debt Retirement – 0.15%	Special Education – 15.24%
Insurance & Judgments – 0.84%	Co-Curricular – 1.83%
Other Objects – 0.40%	Other Special Needs – .05%
OPERATIONAL BUDGET - \$55,074,582.00	REVENUE FUND 10 & 27 - \$55,074,582.00
Instruction – 57.12%	Tax Levy – 50.99%
Support Services – 16.28%	State Aids – 42.63%
Maintenance – 12.34%	Local Aids – 2.10%
Pupil Services – 4.22%	Interdistrict Aids – 1.62%
Transportation – 5.79%	Grants – 2.66%
Administration – 4.24%	
Debt Service – .01%	

Ruud showed several slides that included the following topics: overview of academic achievements, completed construction projects, budget increase, general state aid, equalization valuation trend, membership trends, mil rate trends, taxes receivable, cost per pupil, budget summary by comparison, object versus total budget and tax levy projections.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Annual Meeting Minutes July 17, 2017 — 7:30 p.m.

School Board President Gabe Kolesari called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

President Kolesari introduced the Board members, Superintendent Paul Mielke, Buelow & Vetter Attorney Gary Ruesch and Assistant Board Clerk Susan Moll.

Motion by Dawn Van Aacken, seconded by Jennifer Waltz, resolved to approve the agenda. Voice vote on agenda. Motion carried.

Dawn Van Aacken read the official meeting notice publication.

Motion by Sue Posh, seconded by Debbie Briggs, resolved to nominate Gerald Schmitz to serve as chairperson of the Annual Meeting. (There were no other nominations). Voice vote on nomination of chairperson. Motion carried.

Superintendent Paul Mielke presented the "Year in Review."

Schmitz read the voter eligibility rules – must be 18 years of age and a resident of the Hamilton School District for at least 28 days prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION A: Approval to Lease District Property for Farming Purposes
Motion by John Peterson, seconded by Jay Jones, resolved that the School Board is hereby authorized during the current school year to negotiate a lease of district property for farming purposes: approximately 60 acres on Clover Lane and Hwy. VV for \$5,400 with Robert and Edward Fleisner; approximately 19.05 acres on Town Line and Silver Spring for \$2,476.50 with Robert and Edward Fleisner; and approximately 38 acres on Plainview Road for \$4,940 with Hillside Farms. Show of hands vote on Resolution A. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION B: Adoption of Tax Levy
Motion by Gabe Kolesari, seconded by Jennifer Waltz, resolved that a tax for the operation and maintenance of the schools in the amount of \$28,076,167 (\$28,255,437 less a computer exemption of \$179,270), a tax for debt retirement in the amount of \$668,450, a tax for charge backs in the amount of \$6,275 and tax for community services fund of \$31,000 for a total of \$28,781,892 be levied upon the taxable property of the district for the school year 2017-18.. Show of hands vote on Resolution B. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION C: Salaries of School Board Members
Motion by Kay Doro, seconded by Posh, resolved to approve the annual salary rate of \$4,500 for Hamilton School District Board of Education members. Show of hands vote on Resolution C. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION D: Reimbursement of Board Members' Expense
Motion by Van Aacken, seconded by Peterson, resolved that payment be authorized for actual and necessary expenses and for actual loss of earnings for School Board members when such expenses are incurred in the performance of their duties. Show of hands vote on Resolution D. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION E: Board Authority to Establish Date and Time for Annual Meeting
Motion by Jones, seconded by Doro, resolved that the 2018 Annual Meeting and Annual Meetings thereafter will be at a time and on a date selected by the School Board. Show of hands vote on Resolution E. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Briggs, seconded by Kolesari, resolved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Assistant Board Clerk Susan Moll

Citizens to vote on 2018 resolutions

Approval to Lease District Property for Farming Purposes — Be it resolved that the school board is hereby authorized, during the current school year to negotiate a lease of district property for farming purposes.

- Approximately 55 acres on Clover Lane and Hwy. VV for \$5,400 with Robert and Edward Fleisner;
- Approximately 38 acres on Plainview Road for \$4,940 with Hillside Farms.

Adoption of Tax Levy — Be it resolved that a tax for the operation and maintenance of the schools in the amount of \$29,064,673, a tax for debt retirement in the amount of \$4,240,668 and tax for community services fund of \$31,000 for a total of \$33,336,341 be levied upon the taxable property of the district for the school year 2018-19.

*Board recommended budget.

Salaries of School Board Members — Be it resolved that the following yearly salary of \$_____ be adopted for members of the Hamilton School District Board of Education. [Current salary is \$4,500 per year.]

Reimbursement of Board Members' Expenses — Be it resolved that payment be authorized for actual and necessary expenses and for actual loss of earnings for school board members when such expenses are incurred in the performance of their duties. [Wisconsin State Statutes 120.10(4)].

Board Authority to Establish Date and Time for Annual Meeting — Be it resolved that the 2019 Annual Meeting and Annual Meetings thereafter will be at a time and on a date selected by the School Board.

Hamilton School Board members

Member	Representing	Term expires
Gabe Kolesari, president	Sussex	2019
Jennifer Waltz, vice-president	At large	2019
Jay Jones	Lannon	2020
Dawn Van Aacken, clerk	Lisbon	2021
Michael Hyland	At large	2020
Brian Schneider	Menomonee Falls	2021
Vacant	Butler	2021*

*Appointee until April 2019

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Balance sheets summarize district expenses, revenues

State statutes require that school budgets must be formulated and published prior to the Annual Meeting. The budget summaries below are formulated according to state requirements. Additional information about the budget has been printed throughout this publication.

Statements of revenues and expenditures

GENERAL & SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS (10 & 27)				DEBT SERVICE FUND (39)				TRUST FUNDS (72 & 73)			
	Audited 2016-17	Unaudited 2017-18	Budget 2018-19		Audited 2016-17	Unaudited 2017-18	Budget 2018-19		Audited 2016-17	Unaudited 2017-18	Budget 2018-19
BALANCE SHEET (END OF YEAR)				BALANCE SHEET (END OF YEAR)				BALANCE SHEET (END OF YEAR)			
Assets	22,824,155	23,930,451	23,994,201	Assets	70,275	1,961,451	2,118,564	Assets	21,726,265	23,552,439	24,849,977
Liabilities	2,618,903	2,550,000	2,613,750	Liabilities	3,804	1,897,293	1,040,803	Liabilities	29,031	462	0
Fund Balance	20,205,252	21,380,451	21,380,451	Fund Balance	66,471	64,158	1,077,761	Fund Balance	21,697,234	23,551,977	24,849,977
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Local Sources	29,014,109	29,424,763	30,332,718		949,709	672,662	6,141,961		2,868,111	3,305,659	2,580,300
Interdistrict Sources	830,086	727,962	825,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Intermediate Sources	37,535	26,419	33,934		959,978	674,975	5,128,358		912,782	1,450,916	1,282,300
State Sources	22,588,457	24,168,192	25,129,677	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (40)				COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (80)			
Federal Sources	1,503,211	1,009,039	1,088,357		Audited 2016-17	Unaudited 2017-18	Budget 2018-19		Audited 2016-17	Unaudited 2017-18	Budget 2018-19
All Other Sources	139,201	367,136	56,500	BALANCE SHEET (END OF YEAR)				BALANCE SHEET (END OF YEAR)			
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	54,112,600	55,723,511	57,466,186	Assets	0	54,802,286	6,030,789	Assets	112,783	111,758	105,503
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				Liabilities	0	0	0	Liabilities	154	6,255	0
Instruction	31,088,260	32,343,123	33,430,289	Fund Balance	0	54,802,286	6,030,789	Fund Balance	112,629	105,503	105,503
Support Services	19,414,089	20,395,560	22,202,678	TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Non-Program	1,348,213	1,809,629	1,833,219		0	57,429,189	611,503		99,876	61,909	86,740
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	53,934,835	54,548,312	57,466,186	TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
					0	2,626,903	49,383,000		85,842	69,035	86,740
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND (21)				FOOD SERVICE FUND (50)				PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
	Audited 2016-17	Unaudited 2017-18	Budget 2018-19		Audited 2016-17	Unaudited 2017-18	Budget 2018-19		Audited 2016-17	Unaudited 2017-18	Budget 2018-19
BALANCE SHEET (END OF YEAR)				BALANCE SHEET (END OF YEAR)				General Fund			
Assets	103,833	147,812	147,812	Assets	407,959	338,473	73,890	27,843,170.00 28,114,330.00 29,064,673.00			
Liabilities	845	0	0	Liabilities	85,365	84,911	0	Debt Service Fund			
Fund Balance	102,988	147,812	147,812	Fund Balance	322,594	253,562	73,890	948,500.00 668,450.00 4,240,668.00			
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				Community Service Fund			
	253,282	343,683	298,860		1,147,149	1,146,375	1,191,000	31,000.00 31,000.00 31,000.00			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY			
	235,064	298,859	298,860		1,062,745	1,180,182	1,370,672	28,822,670.00 28,813,780.00 33,336,341.00			
								PERCENTAGE INCREASE - TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR			
								-2.62% -0.03% 15.70%			

2016-17 financial statements of the district were audited by Reilly, Penner & Benton LLP. The audit report is available for inspection in the Business Office.