

QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-17 FINANCING THE BUDGET-PRELIMINARY BUDGET Approved January 14, 2016			
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EXPENDITURES Budgetary Reserve	107,854,942 800,000		
TOTAL - Expenditures	108,654,942	0	0
(Shortfall) Surplus	(8,743,201)	0	o
Fund Balance - July 1, 2016 PSERS TRAUSFER GAPITAL TRAUSFER	8,326,443 1,005,464 2,000,000	2,010,931 (1,005,464)	3,250,000
Fund Balance - June 30, 2017 4.47%	4,823,583	1,005,467	1,250,000
Use of Fund Balance	6,508,324		
Needed from Taxation	2,234,877		
Value of a Mill	385,722		
Millage Increase	5.79		
Current Millage Rate	149.73		
New Millage Rate	155.52		
Percent Increase	3.87%		
Real Estate Increase - Average Taxpay	or \$152		

Part I – Where we are and how we got there

This is the Preliminary Budget that the Board approved in January.

This Budget includes using \$2 million of the Capital Fund for capital projects. According to the recent Schradergroup engineering study, the district has approximately \$65 million in maintenance needs. This \$2 million represents the first "installment" of the funds needs to address the \$4.8 million in immediate (rated "Poor") needs.

Historically, continuing work on the expenditure budget reduces the Preliminary Budget by approximately \$4 million dollars by the time the Final Budget is voted on in June.

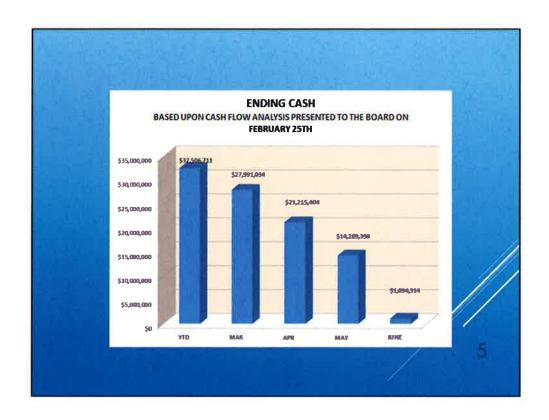
This year, the situation is complicated by the lack of a state budget.

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This revision of the Preliminary Budget pulls our the \$2 million of the capital projects and funding.

SHORTFALL ANALYSIS BRIEFED TO THE BOARD ON FEE	BRUARY 25TH	
2015-16 ESTIMATE		
2015-16 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES (appr	roved)	\$99,569,39
2015-16 REVENUE ESTIMATE	(\$97,087,935)	
PLANNED USE OF FUND BALANCE	(\$2,481,455)	(\$99,569,39
TATE REVENUE SHORT		(\$14,175,5
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	-	\$13,587,3
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2016-17 PRELIMINARY BUDGET o balance at ACT 1 Index with exception from Fund Balance	itions we	\$8,508,32
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This is the shortfall analysis presented to the Finance Committee on February 25^{th} , showing the \$14 million dollar problem we knew about at the time.



This cash flow chart, presented to the Finance Committee on February 25 th , shows that we would nearly exhaust our available cash by June 30 th .

Motion was passed to withhold District
PSERS contributions and all other District
payments to the state until all state funding
is received, and

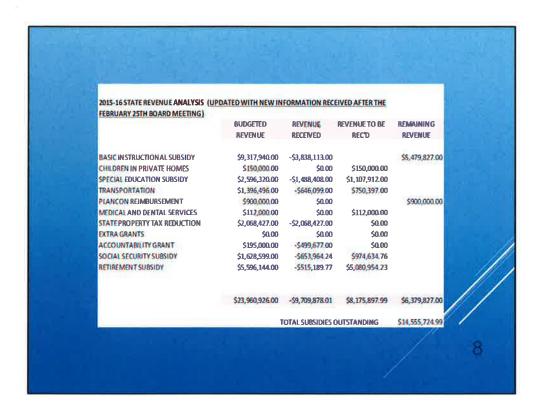
Board directed the Administration to
come back to the March 10, 2016 Board
meeting with a draft plan to conserve an
additional \$5 million in cash by June 30

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 25,
2016 BOARD MEETING

As a result of the cash flow information presented on February 25th, the Board took the following actions.

- 1. Froze payments to the state/PSERS (~\$5 million)
- 2. Froze payments to charter schools (~\$796K)
- 3. Curtailed all spending, including hiring for vacant positions, pending the March 10th Board meeting (~\$2 million for remainder of the year)
- 4. Reviewed implications for 2015-16 Superintendent/District goals

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TAKEN



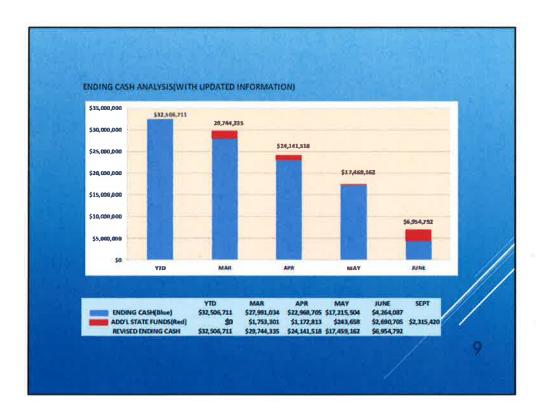
After news stories about the cash flow problem were published, we received a call from the state notifying us we would receive additional payments for non-subsidy line items.

The "Revenue to Be Received" column in this chart summarizes the individual state budget line items that **have** been fully funded.

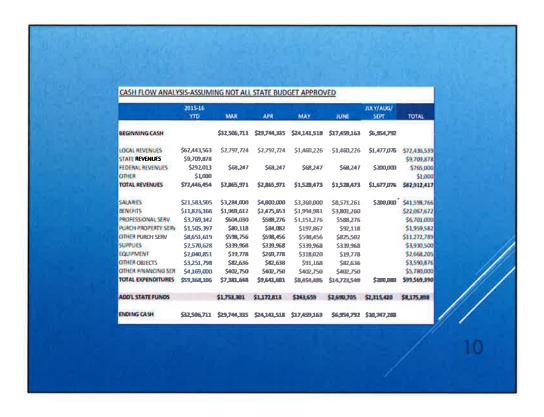
We expect to receive this additional state revenue between now and June 30th.

Notice that two items remain unfunded – the Basic Instructional Subsidy, and Plancon Reimbursement.

This new information dramatically changes our state revenue shortfall from \$14,175,158 to \$6,379,827. While this is still a very big problem, it is a smaller very big problem then two weeks ago.



This is the revised cash flow chart, showing that with the additional state funding, we will have \$6.9 million in cash at the end of the 2015-16 fiscal year, up from the \$1.1 million expected in the February 25^{th} analysis.



This spreadsheet contains the detail for the chart shown in the previous slide.

FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2015	\$15,812,81
PROJECTED REVENUES	\$97,468,14
STATE REVENUE SHORTFALL	-\$6,379,82
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	-\$99,569,39
	-\$8,481,07
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2016	\$7,331,73
UNASSIGNED	\$2,070,80
COMMITTED-PSERS	\$2,010,93
COMMITTED-CAPITAL	\$3,250,00
EST FUND BALANCE JUNE 30 2016	\$7,331,73

QCSD began the current fiscal year with almost \$16 million dollars in the fund balance.

This total includes the general fund balance, the PSERS fund balance account, and the designated capital reserve fund balance.

If the state budget situation in Harrisburg remains status quo for the remainder of the fiscal year, our fund balance will drop to \$7.3 million dollars going into 2016-17 because we will have to pay our 2015-16 bills out of our savings account.

SHORTFALL ANALYSIS		
2015-16 ESTIMATE		
2015-16 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES		99,569,390
2015-16 REVENUE ESTIMATE	(97,468,142)	
STATE REVENUE SHORTFALL	6,379,827	(91,088,315
USE OF FUND BALANCE		(8,481,075
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		15,812,811
FUND BALANCE LEFTOVER FOR 2016-17 UNASSIGNED COMMITTED PSERS COMMITTED CAPITAL	2,070,805 2,010,931 3,250,000	7,331,736
2016-17 BUDGET-ACT 1 INDEX PLUS EXCEPTION	51	
2016-17 EXPENDITURE BUDGET		107,854,942
2016-17 REVENUE BUDGET	(99,111,741)	
2016-17 ACT 1 TAX INCREASE	(1,384,742)	
2016-17 EXCEPTIONS TAX INCREASE	(850,135)	(101,346,618)
USE OF FUND BALANCE		(6,508,324)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		7,331,736
FUND BALANCE LEFTOVER FOR 2017-18 UNASSIGNED COMMITTED PSERS COMMITTED CAPITAL	(1,432,052) 1,005,464 1,250,000	823,412

This final chart updates the information shared at the February 25th Board meeting with the new revenue information we received.

Again, we expect to carry forward approximately \$7.3 million in fund balance to 2016-17.

However, the impact on 2016-17 is profound. Based on the current Preliminary Budget, and assuming a "normal" level of state funding for 2016-17, we will still nearly exhaust our fund balance by June 30, 2017 (down to \$823K).

Guidelines recommend a district fund balance of 8.5% ($1/12^{th}$) of expenditures – or approximately \$8.5 million dollars. Our fund balance will be less than 1% of expenditures.

This puts the district at risk for not having any funds available for emergencies, will negatively affect our bond rating, thereby increasing our cost of borrowing to finish the high school and future projects, and creates a deeper hole going forward that will be impossible to fill in 2017-18 without substantial program reductions.

No matter what, all these calculations require a tax increase for 2016-17 of Index plus Exceptions.



We need responsible governance instead of political posturing.

Districts need their state funding NOW.

In the absence of a solution from Harrisburg, here is how we recommend proceeding.

In the short term:

- ► Maintain the educational program (i.e., no furloughs this year)
- ► Complete Superintendent/District goals for 2015-16
- ► Control expenses this year to come in approximately \$4 million under budget
 - Cancel field trips
 - ► Cancel transportation for non-mandated activities
 - Freeze non-essential professional development (fees and travel costs, reduction in sub-costs)
 - ► Freeze non-essential hinna
 - Freeze all non-essential spending on supplies and other building allocation categories

In the longer term*:

- ▶ Create a "Budget B" for 2016-17 that:
 - Minimizes the impact on the core educational program (REALITY = significant program changes may be required)
 - Minimizes the impact on staff (REALITY = furloughs will be required)
 - ► Restores a healthy fund balance (REALITY = this will take multiple years)
 - ▶ Meets facilities maintenance needs

^{*} Planning assumption is that the loss of state revenue is a one time problem.

Timeline

- ▶ Present a revised "Budget A" and a "Budget B" for review at the April 14th Board Meeting
- ► Vote on program curtailment and furlough application motions at the April 28th Board Meeting
 - ▶ NOTE: Approvals must be obtained from PDE in advance. PDE approval does not obligate the district to actually furlough anyone