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May 2, 2011

Dear Residents:

The Annual Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in the downstairs cafeteria. This is an informational evening to present the 2011-2012 budget to be placed before the voters. Comments are welcome.

Attached you will find the budget component summary sheet for your review. Anyone who wishes to receive the complete itemized budget as well as the Tax Exemption Impact Report and/or the NYS District Report Card can contact the district office or go to the school's website at [www.ekcsk12.org](http://www.ekcsk12.org).

The actual budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M. in the auditorium. In addition to the budget, there will be a proposition to purchase two busses and one small suburban or van type bus, plus elect three Board of Education members. In order to be eligible to vote, the following qualifications must be met:

1. 18 years of age.
2. A citizen of the United States
3. A resident of the Edwards-Knox School District for 30 days.

If you have any questions prior to the Budget Hearing, please contact my office at 562-8130, ext. 1511.

Sincerely,



Suzanne L. Kelly  
Superintendent of Schools

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## CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS

### Wheeler D. Maynard, Jr. Seat:

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Penny (Given) Allen

### Andrea Webb Seat:

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**EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL  
AGENDA  
FOR SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING**

**May 10, 2011  
7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order by President of the Board of Education
2. Availability of the notice by the District Clerk
3. Permanent Chairperson of meeting assumes the chair (Appointed by Board)
4. Announcement of the Voting Inspectors. (Appointed by Board)
5. Presentation of proposed 2011-2012 budget & ballots/propositions.
6. Adjournment to 12:00 noon - May 17, 2011
7. May 17, 2011: 12:00 noon - opening of polls in the cafeteria.
8. Voting closed at 8:00 p.m.

**VOTER QUALIFICATIONS**

1. A citizen of the United States of America.
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. A resident within the Edwards-Knox Central School District for a period of at least thirty days preceding the meeting at which he or she offers to vote.

	<u>2010-2011</u>		<u>2011- 2012</u>		<u>Difference</u>
TAX LEVY	\$1,695,547	3.0%	\$1,746,413		\$50,866
TAX RATE PER \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUE*	\$10.910 \$12.026	Edwards Russell	\$11.237 \$12.386		\$0.33 \$0.36
EST. TAXES FOR \$50,000** PROPERTY (WITHOUT STAR REDUCTION)	\$545.50 \$601.30	Edwards Russell	\$561.85 \$619.30		\$16.35 \$18.00
EST. TAXES FOR \$50,000** PROPERTY (WITH REGULAR STAR REDUCTION: ASSESSED VALUE - \$30,000)	\$327.30 \$360.78	Edwards Russell	\$337.11 \$371.58		\$9.81 \$10.80
EST. TAXES FOR \$50,000 PROPERTY (FOR INCOME ELIGIBLE SENIORS: ASSESSED VALUE - \$50,000)	\$0.00 \$0.00	Edwards Russell	\$0 \$0		\$0 \$0

\* ASSUMES NO CHANGE IN TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE FOR 2010-2011

\*\* \$50,000 = FULL VALUE For MID-RANGE PROPERTY IN RUSSELL & EDWARDS

EXEMPTION

Basic	\$26,400	\$29,100
Enhanced	\$52,890	\$58,300

2011-2012 REVENUES

	2010-2011	2011-2012	% Change
State Aid Estimate	\$9,675,668	\$9,138,898	-5.5%
Other Revenues	30,844	26,700	-13.4%
Fund Balance Appropriated	650,000	800,000	23.1%
Tax Levy Estimated	1,695,547	1,746,413	3.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,052,059</b>	<b>\$11,712,011</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>

**2011-2012 Budget Summary**

	2010-2011	2011-2012	%Change
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
Board of Education	\$24,317	\$27,483	13.02%
Central Administration	\$154,406	\$158,521	2.67%
Finance	\$158,332	\$164,701	4.02%
Legal Staff	\$19,497	\$19,139	-1.84%
Central Services	\$87,549	\$96,694	10.45%
Special Items	\$369,885	\$374,048	1.13%
Instructional Administrative	\$262,753	\$239,832	-8.72%
Research & Planning	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.00%
In-Service Education	\$9,900	\$8,850	-10.61%
Administrative Benefits	\$232,563	\$273,672	17.68%
Subtotal	\$1,323,202	\$1,366,940	3.31%
<b>PROGRAM</b>			
Teaching Regular School	\$2,638,265	\$2,391,900	-9.34%
Special Education	\$1,088,127	\$1,093,578	0.50%
Occupational Education	\$660,226	\$625,963	-5.19%
Special Schools	\$103,177	\$45,376	-56.02%
Instructional Media	\$147,898	\$112,433	-23.98%
Computer Instruction	\$245,339	\$231,308	-5.72%
Pupil Services	\$156,458	\$152,297	-2.66%
Health Services	\$147,819	\$151,819	2.71%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$145,946	\$140,915	-3.45%
Pupil Transportation	\$646,397	\$710,588	9.93%
Bus Garage Bldg.	\$21,000	\$23,300	10.95%
Community Service	\$7,200	\$6,500	-9.72%
Program Benefits	\$2,401,605	\$2,404,634	0.13%
Subtotal	\$8,409,457	\$8,090,611	-3.79%
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
Central Services-Operations	\$750,939	\$697,230	-7.15%
Central Services-Maintenance	\$195,348	\$122,877	-37.10%
Central Services-Benefits	\$196,314	\$203,359	3.59%
Debt Service	\$78,500	\$46,900	-40.25%
Interfund Transfers	\$1,184,094	\$1,184,094	0.00%
Subtotal	\$2,405,195	\$2,254,460	-6.27%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$12,137,854	\$11,712,011	

**DETERMINATION OF ESTIMATED TAX LEVY FOR 2011-2012  
FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES**

<b>Total Amount Authorized</b>	<b>\$11,712,011</b>
<b>Total Revenues Other Than Real Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$9,165,598</b>
<b>Amount of Fund Balance Used for Levy of Tax</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
<b>Total Real Property Tax Levy to be raised for School Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,746,413</b>

At recent Board Meetings, several residents requested information regarding what happens if the budget is voted down and what is included and/or excluded in a Contingent Budget.

### SPENDING CAPS

A contingency budget has two spending caps. The first is a spending cap on the total district spending. The formulary for 2011-12 places this spending cap at a total of 1.92% more than the total for 2010-11. The proposed 2011-12 budget is an decrease of \$425,843.

The second cap is for the administrative component of the budget. Under this regulation, the administrative costs under a contingency budget must be the lesser of:

- a) the percentage the 2010-11 budget that was assigned to administrative costs (excluding capital component)

or

- b) the percentage that the administrative component comprised in the last defeated budget (excluding capital component)

### WHEN DOES A SCHOOL BOARD ADOPT A CONTINGENCY BUDGET?

A school board may adopt a contingency budget after voters reject a proposed budget one time. The school board must adopt a contingency budget after voters reject a proposed budget a second time.

### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A CONTINGENCY BUDGET?

According to School Law: 33<sup>rd</sup> Edition (2010), "ordinary contingent expenses have been defined under the law to include: (1) legal obligations; (2) expenditures specifically authorized by statute; and (3) other items necessary to maintain the educational program, preserve property and ensure the health and safety of the students and staff . . . " (pg. 84)

Legal obligations include debt service, judgments, payments to retirement systems, payroll taxes, pre-existing contractual obligations, etc.

Expenditures specifically authorized by statute include: teacher salaries; athletics; field trips; extracurricular activities; transportation; cafeteria expenses; textbooks; conference expenses; in-service training; BOCES services; health services; kindergarten and pre-kindergarten; library resources; etc.

Items deemed necessary may include: travel expenses for employees and board members; legal services; teacher supplies, salaries of non-teaching staff; utilities; use of school facilities for teachers' meetings and parent-teacher association meetings; emergency repairs; etc.

### WHAT COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN A CONTINGENCY BUDGET?

According to School Law: 33<sup>rd</sup> Edition (2010), contingency budgets cannot include costs for new equipment; public use of the building or grounds when there is a cost to the district, nonessential maintenance and non-emergency capital expenditures.

# **REMINDER:**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2011: Informational Budget Hearing  
7:00 P.M. School Cafeteria**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2011: Budget Vote, including  
Bus Proposition & Board Member Elections  
12:00 Noon - 8:00 P.M.  
School Auditorium**

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