

## Readsboro School District

### Informational Meeting Highlights

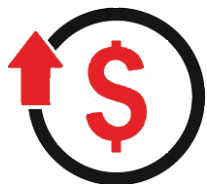


#### Annual Meeting: Monday, March 3, 2025 @ 6:00pm

This meeting will be held at the Readsboro School Auditorium to act on Articles (VII, VIII) of the 2025 Readsboro School District Annual Meeting Warning. If you are unable to attend in person, the meeting can also be accessed by the [\(GOOGLE Link\)](#) from the **Agenda** or by phone **(US) +1 662-540-5273 PIN: 130 542 250#** The meeting will then be adjourned.

#### Voting Day: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Voting on Articles (I, II, III, IV, V) by Australian Ballot will take place at the Readsboro School Auditorium. For this purpose, the polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.



#### Projected Budget Numbers

2025/2026

2024/2025

Educational Spending

\$1,840,509.00

\$1,702,929.00

Per-Pupil Cost

\$14,143.00

\$13,111.36

Equalized Tax Rate

1.654

1.342

Residential Tax Rates

1.5887

1.481

**Tax Increase**

**0.1077**

**1.481**

#### Uncontrollable items that impacted the budget and tax increases

- The SU assessment increased **82.5%** this year from \$251,108 to **\$458,217**
- Insurance increased **12%**; Contractual raises increased **4.7%**; Inflation up **3.5%**
- The funding formula mechanism changed significantly this year to a statewide CLA along with adjustments to the yield to meet the ed fund needs impacted tax rates

**Surplus Fund Balance = \$121,319.00 Unaudited**

There was a fund balance of \$121,319.00, which was applied in full to revenues to offset tax increases.

## What's Going On at Readsboro School?

Readsboro School continues to be a warm, welcoming, and supportive environment where students thrive both academically and emotionally. This year, we've made several key improvements to enhance learning, student well-being, and overall school operations:

- **Clear Leadership Roles** – The roles of the School Board, Superintendent, and Principal have been clearly defined to support smooth decision-making and effective leadership.
- **Transportation Savings** – We amended bus routes based on ridership needs, eliminating an under-utilized bus route and **saving the school \$34,529** per year.
- **Fiscal Responsibility** – The school Board approved a **line of credit note** from M&T Bank in the amount of **\$275,000** for the FY24/25 school year to support our financial planning and budgeting.
- **Enhanced Academic Support** – We strengthened our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to focus more on intervention, ensuring that all students participate in math groups for dedicated intervention or enrichment time.
- **Social-Emotional Learning** – Our School Counselor is implementing **Zones of Regulation**, a curriculum that helps students develop self-awareness, emotional regulation, and problem-solving skills, fostering a more inclusive and supportive school environment.
- **Student Safety and Community Access** – We've continued our collaboration with the SU Facilities Manager to enhance student safety and improve access to the town library.

The **Zones of Regulation** curriculum has been used in schools worldwide for over 15 years to help students build essential social-emotional skills. By providing a common language for emotional understanding and problem-solving, this program allows more time for learning and less time spent on behavior management, contributing to a positive school culture.

As always, we remain committed to making Readsboro School a place where every student and staff member feels like part of a family.

## **A Heartfelt Thank You from the Board to all the Staff and Teachers at Readsboro**

This year, we are grateful to have a dedicated team at Readsboro School who continue to meet our students' academic, social, and emotional needs. Their hard work and commitment ensure that our school remains a supportive and enriching place for learning and growth.

The School Board would like to extend our heartfelt thanks—not only to our incredible teachers and staff but also to our community members who continue to support our school in so many ways. Your involvement and dedication make a meaningful difference every day.

Thank you for being a part of our school community!

### **Facility Maintenance Updates**

Over the past year, we've continued to invest in maintaining and improving our school building to ensure a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment for everyone. Some of the key updates include:

- **Enhanced climate control** – We upgraded our heating controls, allowing for web-based temperature monitoring in classrooms and school spaces, along with real-time alerts for any issues.
- **Strengthened security** – We installed 13 new security cameras with 24-hour remote access and replaced door contacts to enhance building safety.
- **Campus upkeep** – We removed trees as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain and beautify our school grounds.

We are committed to keeping our school a safe and well-cared-for place for students, staff, and families. Thank you for your continued support!

Helyn Strom-Henriksen

Cindy Florence

Jim Irace

**Readsboro School Directors**