

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET REVIEW & ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

**1. Call to Order – 7:32 p.m.**

**2. Attendance**

BRAC: Ms. Espinosa, Mr. Khan, Ms. Lento, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Romanowski

Admin: Mr. Simons, Ms. Belmont, Mr. Edson

Board of Education: Ms. Taylor, Mr. Mann

Guest: Mr. Conway, Town of East Greenbush Supervisor

**3. Update from Town of East Greenbush Supervisor**

Mr. Conway shared a listing of residential development projects pending in the Town of East Greenbush as of October 2017. He reflected that the projects are all in various stages of completion, with some applications requiring more information in order to obtain approvals.

The Town is investigating possible tenants for the former K-Mart building. Committee members discussed the need for development along Columbia Turnpike and traffic concerns along Route 4, particularly in the afternoon. There were also comments about attracting technology companies to East Greenbush and the greater Capital Region.

Mr. Conway shared that the Luther Road Sidewalk Project is scheduled for completion the week of Columbus Day. Mr. Conway commented that projects in cooperation with the District have been successful, including the paving of the softball and baseball fields parking lot on Gilligan Road.

Mr. Mann requested that the planning board review access for buses and emergency response vehicles in any new housing developments or apartment communities.

Mr. Edson said that the rep from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) will be calling the Town for additional information on the proposed developments. CDRPC will be preparing the enrollment projections study for the District in the current year. A presentation of the study is planned for a February or March BRAC meeting.

**4. Other**

Mr. Edson shared that the Board recently met to develop goals for the 2017-2018 school year. As part of the meeting, they reviewed the committee structures within the District, including BRAC. Mr. Edson requested committee members to

review the BRAC summary attached to the agenda for potential revision and correction.

Mr. Edson said the Superintendent and Board of Education are also engaging in a strategic planning process for 2017-2018. Mr. Simons plans to share information on the strategic plan with BRAC at the October 30 meeting to obtain feedback.

Mr. Edson advised that part of the strategic plan included more collaboration among committees, departments, and schools. Expansion of technology opportunities is also a major goal of the Board. Thus, BRAC will be having a joint meeting with the technology committee on October 16 at the Center of Gravity in Downtown Troy. The meeting will include a tour and follow-up briefing with the committee.

The Board has adopted the budget calendar for the 2018-2019 budget. Information has been posted on the District website.

**5. Adjournment – 8:55 p.m.**