

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Board Approves Proposed Final Budget

The Board approved the Proposed Final Budget for the 2024-25 school year at its Legislative Meeting on Thursday, April 26.

The approved General Fund Budget outlines \$121,614,478 in expenses, with anticipated revenue of \$120,729,557 and projected use of \$884,921 from the fund balance. This budget also includes a 3.5% tax increase.

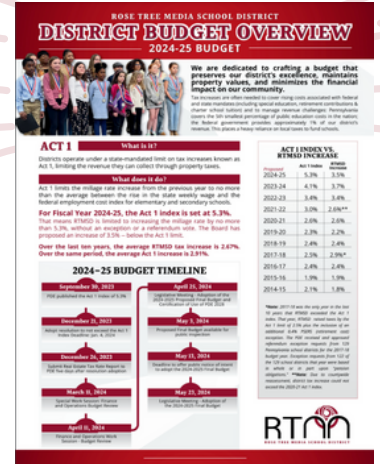
As explained by this district [fact sheet](#), the tax increase falls below the 5.3% index set by Act 1, a state-mandated limit on tax increases that governs the district's revenue through property taxes.

The proposed budget will cover rising costs associated with federal and state mandates, such as special education, retirement contributions, and charter school tuition. Additionally, it addresses revenue challenges stemming from insufficient state and federal assistance, which increases the district's reliance on local property taxes.

Only 0.41% of the district's overall revenue is sourced from the federal government, while 82% is generated locally, largely from annual real estate taxes.

The full approved budget will be available for public review during the first week of May at the Education Center, all district schools, and local libraries.

The final budget is expected to be officially adopted by the school board at its Legislative Meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024.



The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held a Policy Meeting on April 2, a Work Session on April 11 and a Legislative Meeting on April 25, 2024.

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Other Board Actions

At the April Legislative Meeting, the Board reviewed the following [Policies](#) for **Second Read and Vote**:

- 105.2 Exemption From Instruction
- 108 Adoption of Textbooks
- 109 Resource Materials

The Board also reviewed the following policies for a **First Read and Review**:

- 106 Guidelines for Planned Instruction
- Retire 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
- 107 AR Adoption of Planned Instruction

Points of Pride

The Board of School Directors approved and recognized the retirement of the following classified employees:

- **Dr. Sharon Sweeney**, Assistant Principal, Penncrest HS. She is **retiring after 36 years** of dedicated service.
- **Arlene Douge**, Bus Driver, Transportation Dept. She is **retiring after 15 years** of dedicated service.
- **John Corcoran**, Bus Driver, Transportation Dept. He is **retiring after 11 years** of dedicated service.
- **James Elliott**, Bus Driver, Transportation Dept. He is **retiring after 16 years** of dedicated service.
- **Lawrence Smith**, Custodian, Springton Lake MS. He is **retiring after 25 years** of dedicated service.

The Penncrest High School Cheerleaders placed 1st in the Garden State Regionals and in the National Competition in Orlando, Florida they placed 6th in the Nation. Congratulations to the following Cheerleaders: Keira Chaga, Sophia Chaga, Rael Colucci, Riley Duffy, Victoria Dunoff, Megan Falkinburg, Riley Fredericks, Gabriella Hamilton, Zoe Lambert, Sarah Meek, Delaney Millison, Sabrina Novoa, Abigail Puckett, Heidi Renneisen, Abigail Sheridan, Abigail Wolf and the team manager, Disha Patel. The Cheerleaders are coached by Gina Lucente and Kaitlyn Schumacker.

Congratulations to the following girls who placed at the Girls State Track Competition that was held at Penn State:
 Zoe Clark - 6th Place in the 400m; Zoe Clark, Olivia Clark, Regina Zizivily, and Sophia Donnelly - 5th Place in the 4x200m; Zoe Clark, Olivia Clark, Keeley Aiken, and Sophia Donnelly - 4th Place in the 4x400m. The coaches are: Zachary Musselman and Marella Angello.

Congratulations to the following Boys Indoor Track Team who participated in the Nike Indoor National State Competition held at Penn State.

- The Distance Medley Relay team consists of Rowan Carr, Brendan Hefferan, Nicholas Fante, and Edomias Mulugeta. They placed 4th in the 4x Mile Championship.
- Kaden Salaria, Brendan Hefferan, Nicholas Fante and Rowan Carr placed 3rd in the 4x800 Distance Medley Relay.
- James Hansen, Brendan Hefferan, Kaden Salaria and Edomias Mulugeta placed 5th in the Distance Medley.
- George Bostwick placed 4th in the 60 Meter Hurdles.
- The Boys Indoor Track coaches are Dion Durnell and Tom Kennedy.

Congratulations to swimmer, Jonathan Hoole. Jonathan received a Silver Medal in the 50 Meter Free (he missed the gold by just .01 of a second!) and a Bronze Metal in the 100 Meter Back in the PIAA State Swimming competition. The swimming coaches are Kristin Ciavarelli and Mike Covolus.

Congratulations to all the Rose Tree Media athletes on their fulfilled seasons!



Upcoming Board Meetings

All board meetings, work sessions, and legislative meetings are live-streamed on the District's YouTube Channel, [RTMSD Media](#).

Policy Committee: Mon, May 6 @ 5:30 p.m.
 Education Center Board Room

Work Session: Thur, May 9, @ 6:30 p.m.
 Springton Lake Middle School Library

Legislative Meeting: Thur, May 23, @ 6:30 p.m.
 Penncrest High School Auditorium