



Finance Committee Meeting January 11, 2022



Agenda

- Budget Challenges 2023/2024 and beyond
- Revenue projections 2023/2024
- Fund Balance as of 6/30/2022 review
- Business Privilege Tax Regulations
- Agenda items



Budget Challenges Beyond 2022/2023

- Assessments changes and appeals (+/-)
 - Masonic Temple/Commonwealth Charter Academy
 - Reading Hospital Appeals
 - Knitting Mills Appeal resolved
 - West Reading Redevelopment (TIF)*
- State Revenue
 - Additional BEF and SEF or Flat Funding
- Cyber Enrollment/BOL
- Transportation
 - Bell Time Changes/BCTC Transportation
- Personnel
 - Hiring/Retirees/Minimum Wage/WAEA Contract Negotiations
 - ESSER Positions Funding (2 Positions)
- Economic Conditions
 - Utilities (8% increase in water/sewage)



Preliminary Revenue Budget - 2023/2024

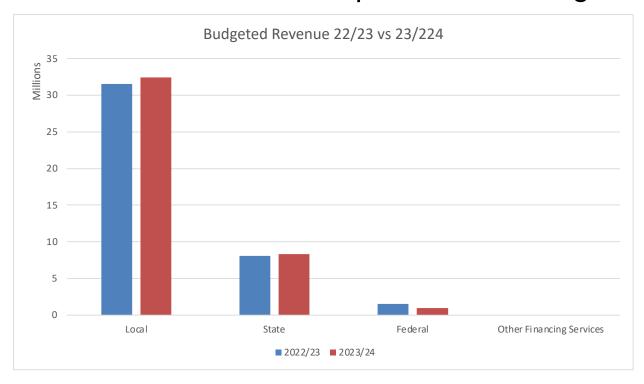
Total Preliminary Revenue: \$41,701,762

Local Revenue: \$32,407,274 (77%)

• State Revenue: \$8,358,567 (20%)

• Federal Revenue: \$935,921 (3%)

Increase over 2022/2023 Adopted Revenue Budget: 1.19%





Act I Index Review/Assessed Value

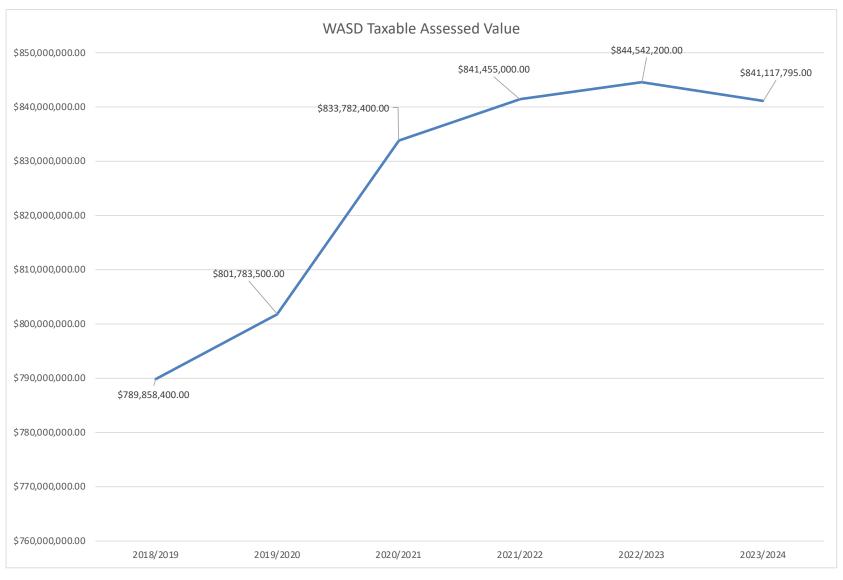
- The Act I Base Index for the 23-24 school year is 4.1%
 - 4.1% = \$1,202,115 of estimated additional tax revenue
 - Increase = 1.5 mils (value of 1 mill = \$798,837)
- 2023 vs 2022 assessed value (as of 12/06/2022)
 - West Reading: \$176,631,195 vs \$181,586,800 -\$4,955,605
 - Wyomissing[^]: \$664,486,600 vs \$662,955,400 +\$1,531,200

Overall change of assessed value = -\$3,424,405

- Note: The District's tax increase for 2022/2023 was 2.00% and the average tax increase for the past five (5) years is 2.00%
- ^Does not include the \$9,250,800 additional assessed value from the Knitting Mills Settlement

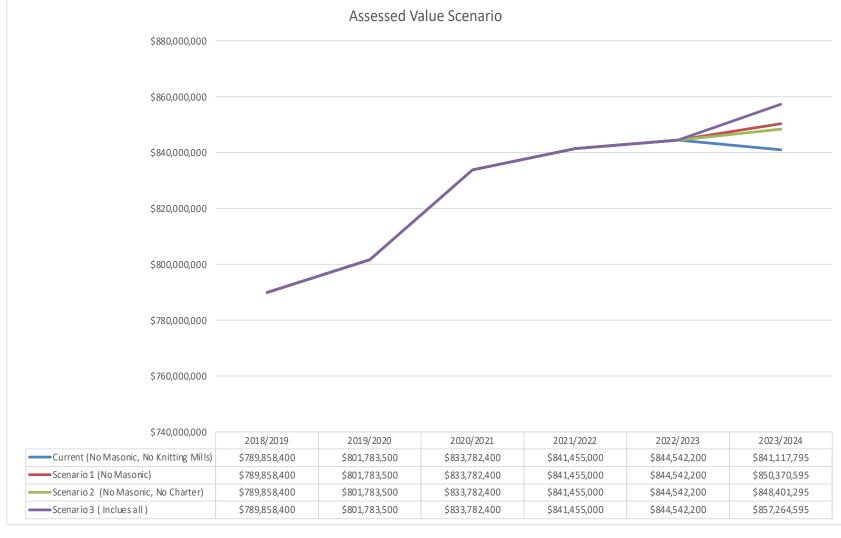


Assessed Value: 5 year Historical + I year Projection

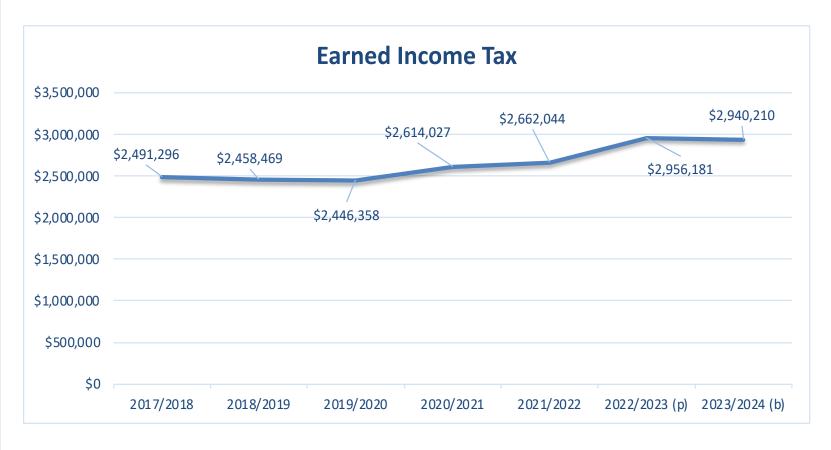




Assessed Value Scenario: 5 year Historical + 1 year Projection

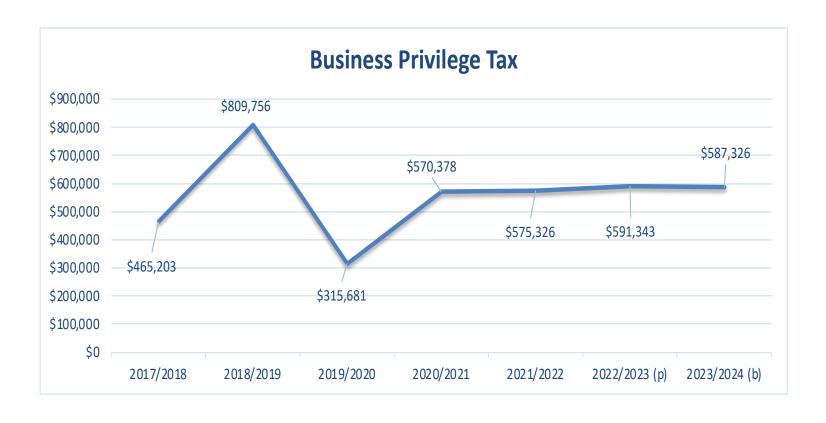


Earned Income Tax



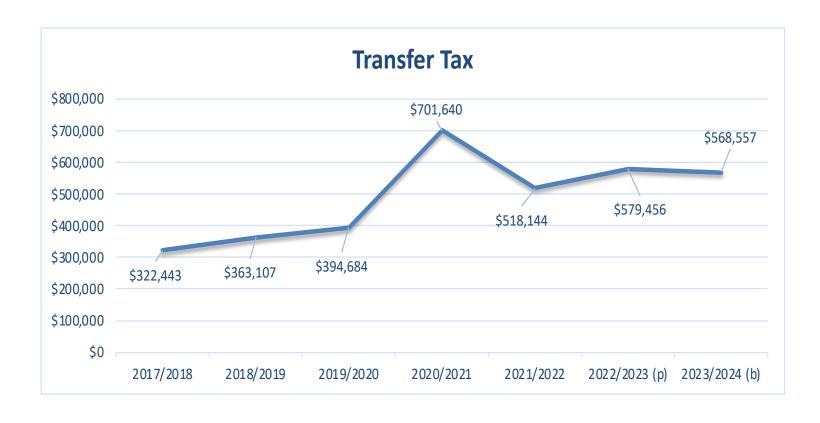


Business Privilege Tax

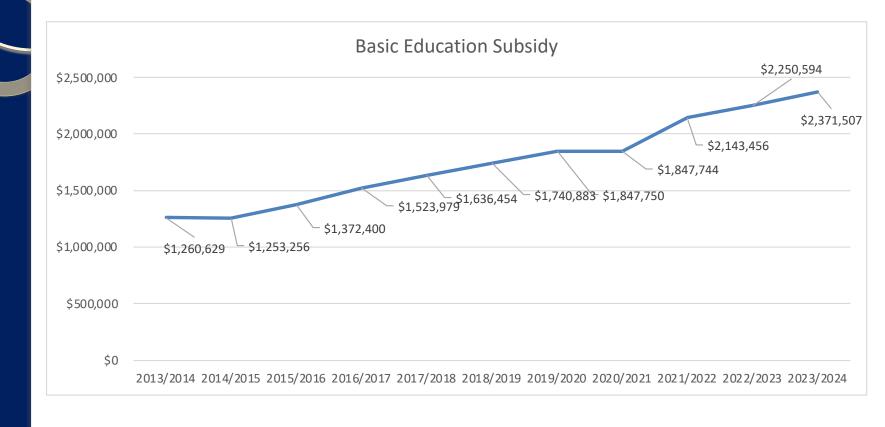




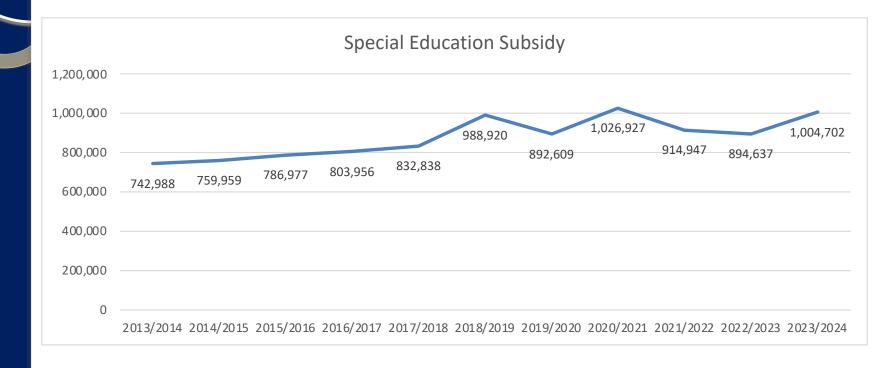
Real Estate Transfer Tax













Proposed Ending Fund Balance – as of 6/30/2022

<u>Fund Balance</u>					
	6/30/21	6/30/22			
Non Spendable	\$5,233	\$16,280			
Restricted	\$57,457	\$176,954			
Committed	\$8,395,568	\$10,673,422			
Assigned	\$247,090	\$41,539			
Unassigned	\$3,260,058	\$3,300,095			
Total	\$11,965,406	\$14,208,290			

Committed Fund Balance						
				6/30/21	6/30/22	
	Capital Desig	nated-Security	(Committed)	\$2,676,976	\$3,821,488	
		PSERS	(Committed)	\$4,193,192	\$4,193,192	
	Curriculum I	Enhancements	(Committed)	\$925,000	\$1,100,000	
Athl	etic Equipmen	t Replacement	(Committed)	\$0	\$550,000	
	Furniture	e Replacement	(Committed)	\$0	\$282,742	
Field Hou	use Equipmen	t Replacement	(Committed)	\$0	\$25,000	
Vehi	cle /Equipmen	t Replacement	(Committed)	\$600,400	\$701,000	

Note: Assigned fund balance is a placeholder for the next year's budget deficit



Business Privilege Tax Regulations/Changes

- Reviewed by the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau
- Develop universal tax regulations amongst all District and Municipalities that collect BPT
- Reviewed by Jeff Litts and Mark Boyer to assure the integrity of regulations were intact
- Wyomissing Borough and West Reading Borough are also adopting the update regulations
- West Reading Borough is moving from the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau to Berkheimer Tax Services
- What does this mean? West Reading Business Owners will need to complete two different Business Privilege Tax returns



Next Steps

- February meeting in depth review of personnel and expenditures
- First look at budget for 2022/2023