

This just in

Taxes up in Neshaminy

The news at Tuesday evening's Neshaminy school board meeting came with the board's approval of a \$161.6 million budget for next year.

With revenues reaching just \$158.8 million, the district is facing a \$2.78 million deficit that demands 3.4 more mills of revenue from each taxpayer. For the homeowner with the average assessed property of \$27,080, that means a 2.29 percent tax increase, though gambling revenue is expected to offset that with a \$211 credit.

To the relief of some community members packing Maple Point Middle School's auditorium, 11 additional items previously considered for cuts will be preserved, including middle school sports, guidance counselors and reading specialists, as well as closure of the district's two pools. However, people at the meeting still grumbled about a tax increase and previously reduced items, including the layoffs of 65 people.