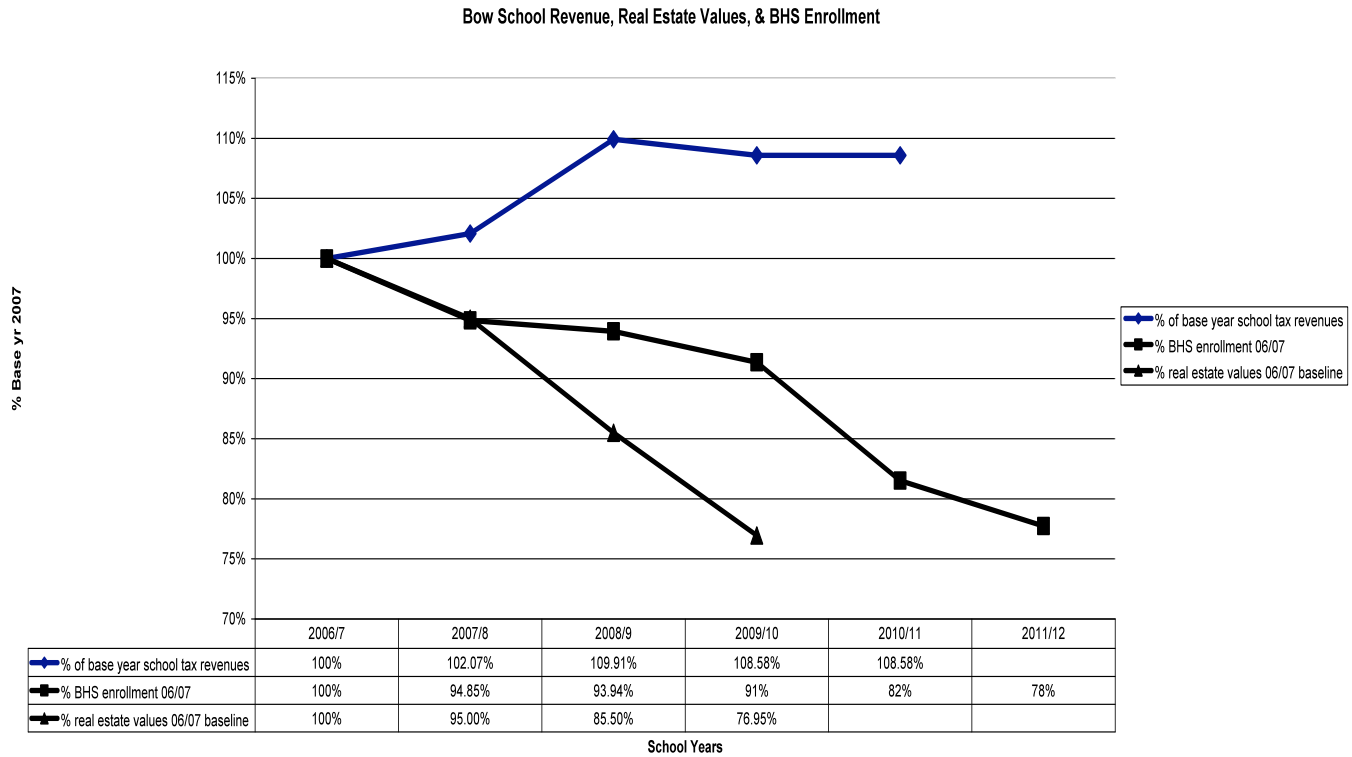


Bow School Budget What Holding Flat 2009/10 to 2010/11 Really Means

Current Status

- School tax revenues kept high despite plunging enrollment and home values
- SB's RIF of 7 teachers just offsets union's negotiated 3% raises + health care
- Need further reduction in school revenue costs - reflect enrollment decline
- Additional RIF of 3 teachers, total of 10 would begin to address enrollment too



Next Steps

- Suggest the Budget Committee consider going back to SAU 67 School Board and administration requesting a total teacher RIF, Reduction in Force of 10 vice 7.
- Recommend Select Board take action to amp up the Business Development efforts to actually relocate select businesses to Bow to help carry the tax load.
- Strongly support early discussions addressing recruitment out of town tuition students at the High School; however, the current BHS costs/pupil are too high.