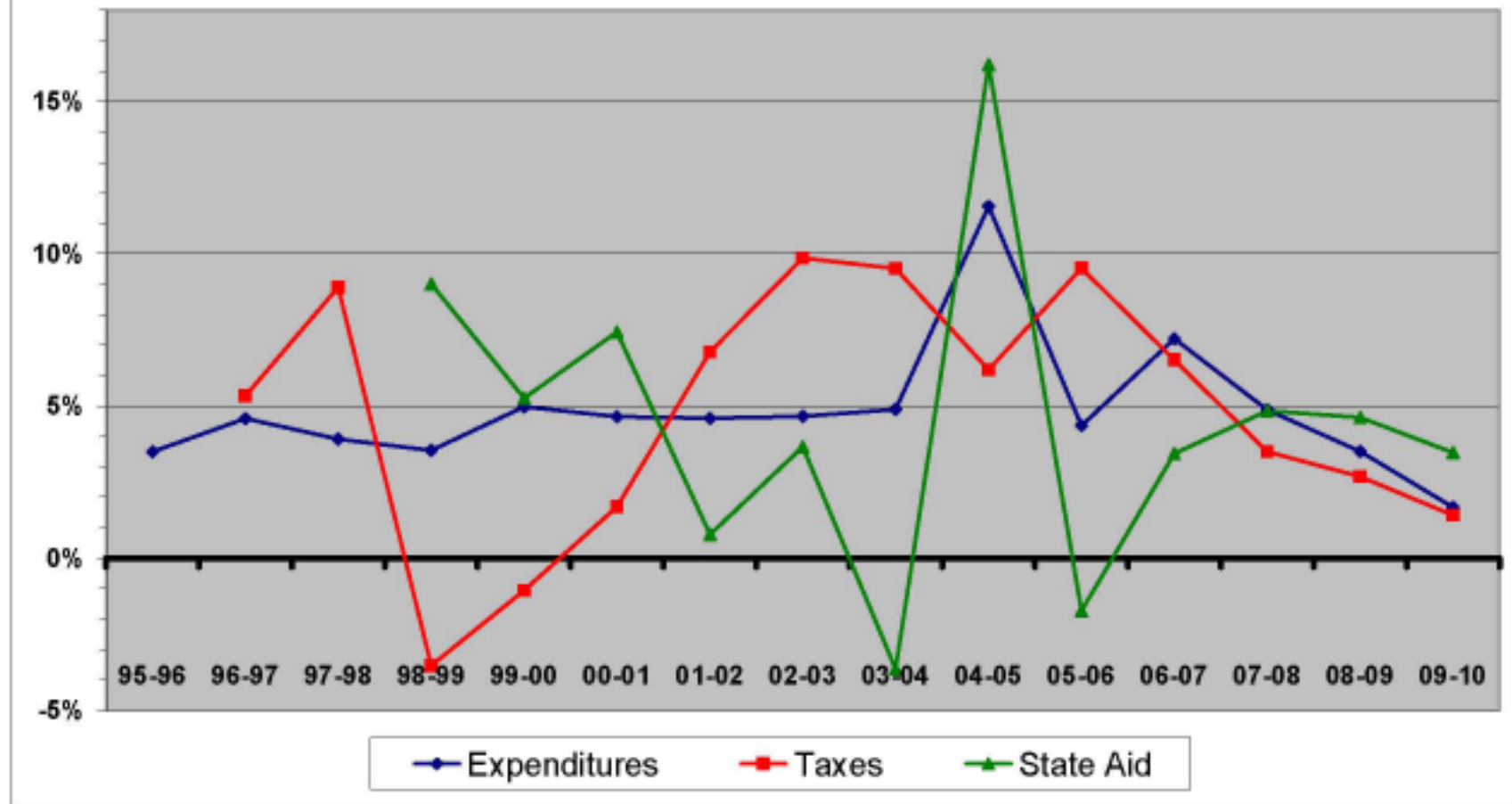


**Change in Expenditures, Taxes, and State Aid  
Owego Apalachin Central School District  
Percent of Annual Increase or Decrease, 1995-2009**



*Note: In the graph above, the large spike in expenditures and state aid in 2004-05 is attributable to the first year of new costs and state aid associated with construction of the new middle school and transportation facility.*

## OA district budget - taking the long view

A key part of the Owego Apalachin district's long-range budget strategy is to keep expenditure increases and any corresponding tax increases low, stable, and predictable.

The graph shown above shows the 15-year history of yearly changes in expenditures, taxes, and state school aid.

The three years at the right-hand end of the chart (2007-08 thru 2009-10)

show the implementation of this strategy.

"We are very sensitive to the concerns of our taxpayers about large tax increases," said Dr. Bill Russell, OA superintendent of schools.

"Our Board of Education recognizes that, like any large enterprise, we will have some inevitable budget increases, but they are insistent that we keep them tightly constrained and hold any tax increases to a very modest level."