



COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2021-22 Budget Issue

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PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 5, 2021**

**6:30PM
HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**

**BUDGET VOTE and
BOARD of EDUCATION
ELECTION**

**TUESDAY
MAY 18, 2021**

**11:00am - 8:00pm
Junior/Senior High School
Room 305**

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents of the Cooperstown Central School District, I hope that this issue finds you well and enjoying the onset of spring.

Once again, it is time for us as a district to renew our financial plan for the upcoming school year. To that end, we have engaged our school community in the budget development process, producing a spending plan that is mission-driven and fiscally responsible.

Some highlights of the 2021-2022 proposed budget include:

- Tax levy increase of 1.572%
- Lease of three new school buses, as part of the district's *replacement* program (more details on page two)
- Student opportunities for advance placement courses, upgraded technology, Career & Technical Education programs, extracurriculars, foreign languages, counseling services, and athletics.

The public budget hearing will be held on May 5, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Junior/Senior High School cafeteria. This is an opportunity for all community members to

Sarah Spross -
Superintendent of
Schools, Cooperstown
Central School



learn more about our financial plan for next year, and to hear from the three candidates seeking a seat on the Board of Education. The budget vote/board election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Also in this issue you will read about the Capital Outlay Project which will complete the construction on the main office and entrance. This project will increase student and staff safety and security, reduce the number of required staff and increase parent/student privacy for meetings.

Thank you for your continued support of our district. Together, we will help shape the future of our students and broaden the opportunities that lie ahead for them.

2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET - What You Need To Know

The District budget vote, along with the Board of Education election, will be held on May 18, 2021, from 11:00am - 8:00pm in the Junior/Senior High School building, Room 305. If the proposed budget is passed by voters, it will be enacted for the 2021-2022 school year. If the proposed budget is not passed, the Board of Education can:

- Place a revised budget before the district residents for a vote.
- Place the same budget before the district residents for a vote.
- Immediately adopt a contingency budget.

If a contingency budget is adopted, only ordinary contingent expenses necessary to provide the minimum services legally re-quired to operate and maintain school buildings and the educational program, preserve the property of the district and ensure the health and safety of students and staff, are budgeted.

TO VOTE YOU MUST BE:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of the Cooperstown Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the annual vote and election
- At least 18 years old
- Not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provision of section 5-106 of the Election Law

TO VOTE YOU:

- Do NOT have to own property
- Do NOT have to be a parent/guardian
- Do NOT have to have children in the school district

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

There are three (3) candidates running for three (3) seats. The candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order:

DENISE HOLLIS
 ANTHONY SCALICI
 MATTHEW SCHUERMANN

PROPOSITIONS ON THE 2021-2022 BUDGET & ELECTION BALLOT

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District in the amount of \$20,911,064 for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To elect three (3) members of the Board for 3-year terms commencing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024 to succeed Anthony Scalici, Marcy Birch and Matthew Schuermann, whose terms expire on June 30, 2021.

3. To authorize to lease and expend thereof, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$288,000 (two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars), and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motor vehicles: three (3) sixty-three (63) passenger buses; AND, that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax collected in

annual installments; and that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the district shall be issued.

4. To authorize to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$193,513 which shall be paid to the Village of Cooperstown (in the amount of \$126,113, and increase of \$1,532) and the Kinney Memorial Public Library (in the amount of \$67,400, an increase of \$1,000) for the support of the libraries; with the appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Cooperstown Central School District.

NOTICE: The Village of Cooperstown and Kinney Memorial Public Library budget and proposition vote is separate and distinct from the school district propositions. Please contact David Kent at co.david@4cls.org or call (607) 547-8344.

Projected Revenues

REVENUES	2020-21 BUDGETED	2021-22 PROJECTED	\$ Change '20-21 to '21-22	% Change '20-21 to '21-22
State & Federal Aid	\$6,207,867	\$7,137,711	\$929,844	14.98%
Tax Levy	\$12,454,053	\$12,649,890	\$195,837	1.57%
Refunds, Tuition & Other	\$429,629	\$246,475	-\$183,154	-42.63%
Appropriated Fund Balance & Reserves	\$713,326	\$876,988	\$163,662	22.94%
Interfund Transfers (Debt Service)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$19,804,875	\$20,911,064	\$1,106,189	5.59%

Proposed Expenditures

PROGRAM

EXPENDITURES	2020-21 BUDGETED	2021-22 PROPOSED	\$ Change '20-21 to '21-22	% Change '20-21 to '21-22
Teaching	\$7,012,212	\$7,554,901	\$542,689	7.74%
Instructional Media	\$691,650	\$810,943	\$119,293	17.25%
Interfund Transfers	\$258,406	\$258,406	\$0	0.0%
Pupil Services	\$1,316,807	\$1,308,997	-\$7,810	-0.59%
Pupil Transportation	\$922,643	\$942,500	\$19,857	2.15%
Employee Benefits	\$4,409,809	\$4,731,310	\$321,501	7.29%
Program Subtotal	\$14,611,527	\$15,607,057	\$995,530	6.81%

ADMINISTRATIVE

EXPENDITURES	2020-21 BUDGETED	2021-22 PROPOSED	\$ Change '20-21 to '21-22	% Change '20-21 to '21-22
Board of Education	\$18,256	\$18,843	\$587	3.22%
Central Administration	\$218,294	\$217,529	-\$765	-0.35%
Finance	\$302,921	\$310,953	\$8,032	2.65%
Personnel	\$40,508	\$40,954	\$446	1.10%
Instruction Admin. & Improv.	\$394,623	\$402,904	\$8,281	2.10%
Legal	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.0%
Central Services	\$123,736	\$134,582	\$10,846	8.77%
Inservice Training & Instruction	\$57,802	\$78,029	\$20,227	34.99%
Employee Benefits	\$490,545	\$501,294	\$10,749	2.19%
Special and Other Items	\$427,729	\$440,695	\$12,966	3.03%
Administration Subtotal	\$2,099,414	\$2,170,783	\$71,369	3.40%

CAPITAL

EXPENDITURES	2020-21 BUDGETED	2021-22 PROPOSED	\$ Change '20-21 to '21-22	% Change '20-21 to '21-22
Central Services	\$1,208,400	\$1,234,980	\$26,580	2.20%
Debt Service	\$1,393,538	\$1,393,336	-\$202	-0.01%
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0.0%
Employee Benefits	\$386,496	\$399,908	\$13,412	3.47%
Capital Subtotal	\$3,093,434	\$3,133,224	\$39,790	1.29%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$19,804,375	\$20,911,064	\$1,106,689	5.59%



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- Marielle Ainsworth, Vice-President
- Marcy S. Birch
- Wendy Kiuber
- Anthony J. Scalici
- Matt Schuermann
- Gillian Spencer

Superintendent of Schools

Sarah Spross, M.Ed.

District Clerk

Wendy Lansing

CURRENT RESIDENT OR
ECRWSS
POSTAL PATRON

School Budget & Board Elections

Vote

MAY 18, 2021

BUDGET HEARING

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
6:30 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFO:

Qualified voters may apply for an ABSENTEE BALLOT by calling the district clerk's office 607-547-5364, or in-person, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election (May 7, 2021) if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

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**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE ON MAY 18, 2021
FROM 11am - 8pm AT THE JSHS, ROOM 305**