



# **Northern Adirondack Central School District**

Budget Hearing Presentation

May 10, 2022

# Welcome!

Presentation by: James C. Knight, Jr.- Superintendent of Schools  
&

Brian Tousignant- School Business Executive

**Panelists:** Steven Bartlemus- BOE President, Bryan Trombley-BOE Vice President,  
Phalon Miner-BOE Member, Mark DeCoste-BOE Member, Trevor Finley-BOE Member,  
Amanda Smith- BOE Member, Richard Harriman,Sr. -BOE Member, and  
Brittany LaBombard- District Clerk

## HOME OF THE BOBCATS



# Budget Information Resources

- \* **Budget Post Card Mailings were Mailed March 18th**
- \* Legal Notice's in Press Republican April 2, 13th, 22nd and May 6th <https://5il.co/17rec>
- \* April 28, 2022 Absentee Ballots Available upon request with application filled out <https://5il.co/17zf3>
- **Budget Newsletter Mailed out April 28, 2022** <https://5il.co/19i8w>
  - \* May 3, 2022 the Proposed Budget Summary Available on District Website and in District Office
  - \* Important Update to Newsletter: Projected Tax Rate Revised on May 5, 2022 (Posted on the District Website in the News Section, on Facebook, and Posted throughout the District in Public Locations)
  - \* Budget Hearing is held 7 days prior to Budget Vote per NYS Guidelines
  - \* **6 Day Budget Notice will be mailed out on May 11, 2022**



# Budget Development

\*BOE, Administration, Department Heads started meeting December/ January.

\* Budget Workshops Started - January 20, 2022.

We held a total of 5 budget planning workshops (all open to the public)

All Meeting Minutes are posted on District Website

January 20, 2022- <https://5il.co/161h5>

February 17, 2022- <https://5il.co/16wt4>

March 3, 2022- <https://5il.co/17cma>

March 17, 2022- <https://5il.co/1817x>

March 31, 2022- <https://5il.co/18yzo>

\* April 14, 2022 BOE Voted on Proposed Budget and approved



# Governor's Budget

- ▶ In the past- while Governor Cuomo was in office the proposed budget was “worse case scenario” for school districts, and then the Legislature would adjust the executive budget to make it be “generally better”.
- ▶ Currently, Governor Hochul is attempting to correct the Foundation Aid Runs and has projected the “best case scenario”, with little change by the Legislature.
- ▶ NACS is projected to receive a 3% “ Hold Harmless” increase in Foundation Aid.
- ▶ Expense Based Aids ( Fully Funded under the Governor's Budget)
  - ▶ Transportation
  - ▶ BOCES
  - ▶ Building
  - ▶ Excess Cost

# 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

- ▶ On April 14, 2022, the Northern Adirondack Central School District Board of Education adopted a proposed budget for the 2022 - 2023 school year of \$25,979,925.
- ▶ Increase of \$1,242,700 over the budget that was approved for the 2021 - 2022 school year (\$24,737,225).
- ▶ The 2022-2023 Proposed Budget is Tax Cap compliant
- ▶ Projected Tax Rate is \$15.66 per \$1,000 of real property assessed value.
- ▶ Levy ( amount collected from tax payers) proposed increase of \$295,000
  - ▶ 20/21 Levy \$7,300,000
  - ▶ 21/22 Levy \$7,700,000
  - ▶ 22/23 Proposed Levy \$7,995,000

# Projected Tax Rate Change

## Major Update to the Recently Mailed Budget Newsletter

We recently sent out the required annual Budget Newsletter within the State's designated 14 day timeframe, and as of late yesterday have a very important update for everyone to be aware of. In the Budget Newsletter an estimated tax rate per \$1,000 of real property was provided at \$18.34 based on the information that we had when the Budget Newsletter was printed. The information that we received yesterday from the Clinton County Real Property Office included the release of the 2022 - 2023 estimated assessments, which resulted in a major change from the dollar amount listed in our Budget Newsletter. The great news is that our estimated tax rate per \$1,000 of real property has been adjusted down to \$15.66. This adjustment is good news, however the actual number does not become official until after the timeframe for appeals on adjusted assessments is completed, which is normally sometime in July. Fortunately the actual rate determined after the appeals process will be very close to matching the most currently adjusted rate provided, \$15.66 per \$1,000 of real property.

As a reminder, the Northern Adirondack Central School District does not determine property assessments and is not increasing our proposed budget as a result of increased assessment values. In fact, the School Budget includes a Tax Levy amount which is a fixed amount of money that does not change with an increase or a decrease in assessment values. Your estimated tax rate has decreased because of increases in assessed property values set by the Clinton County Real Property Office. Once the assessment and appeals process is final in late July, we will keep you informed and update you on the eventually finalized tax rate.

# Items Included in Current 2022-2023 Budget Proposal

- ▶ Increase to Fuel Costs: Heating and Bus Diesel
- ▶ Maintain all Staffing/ Contractual increases Attempt to fill current vacancies
- ▶ Increase in debt service- CVES Capital Project
- ▶ Continuations of \$100,000 Capital Outlay Exception Project (Aided at 88.9% in subsequent year)
- ▶ Increase to BOCES Placements/ Cost- Special Education and CTE
- ▶ 4.5% Health Insurance Premium Increase
- ▶ TRS Increase from 9.80% to 10.29%
- ▶ ERS Decrease from 12.5% to 12.0%
- ▶ Proposition:
  - Purchase of (3) Buses Not to Exceed \$390,000



# Staffing Changes

## Federal Stimulus Funded *Important to know*

### Additional Support Staff Hired

**\*\* 7 Teacher Aides, 1 School Psychologist, and 2 LPNs**

### Additional Programs

**\*\* Summer School**

**\*\* After School Programs**

### Additional Sports

**\*\* Bowling**

*All Federal Proposed Spending Can be found on the District Website.*

ARP SLR- <https://5il.co/19pnx>

APR ESSER- <https://5il.co/19pnz>

CARES Act- <https://5il.co/19po5>

CRRSA ESSER- <https://5il.co/19po9>

## Replacement Staff and Positions

### Retirements-

CSE Chairperson ( Director of Pupil Personnel Services)

### Replacement of Staff

9-12 English Teacher, Elementary Teacher (Filling Pre-k Position) Building Maintenance Mechanic, Automotive Mechanic Helper

### NYS Fully Funds Pre-K

Pre-k teacher hired 2yrs ago was absorbed as a K-5 teacher due to a larger class size

# School Bus Proposition

## Annual Bus Purchases

- Rotation of 3 Buses Annually to Maintain Fleet
- Bus Aid Currently 90%
- (3) 66 Passenger Busses to not exceed \$390,000
- Debt Service Payment begin 2023/24



# School Board Candidates

## Available BOE Seats

*Two open seats for the 2022-23 school year. The term is for five years; one of the seats that is available is currently held by Mark DeCoste and the other open seat is a three year term to fill the remaining term of Willie Venne. The seat available is held by Richard Harriman, Sr.*

## Nominating Petition Received

Nicholas Manor

Richard Moore

Mark Reif

Pamela Ross

*Most votes will be placed in the 5 year term and runner up will be placed in the 3 year term*



# *QUESTIONS*