



COOPERSTOWN

CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2022-23 Budget Issue

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PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

**TUESDAY
MAY 10, 2022**

**6:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY**

BUDGET VOTE and BOARD of EDUCATION ELECTION

**TUESDAY
MAY 17, 2022**

**11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Junior/Senior High
School Auditorium**

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents of the Cooperstown Central School District,

The purpose of the newsletter is to present the proposed 2022-2023 school budget for the Cooperstown Central School District (CCSD). Within the framework of this newsletter residents will be able to review expenditures and revenues for the upcoming school year. The budget is presented in a 3-part format: Administration, Program and Capital.

The proposed tax levy to support the 2022-2023 budget is \$12,971,692, an increase of \$321,802 or a 2.54% increase over the 2021-2022 budget. The estimated budgeted expenditures reflect CCSD's commitment to continue providing high quality programs our community expects, such as:

- 5 Advanced Placement Classes, to include one new course AP English Language.
- 8 College NOW Classes in which students can earn college credit; to include new courses in Public Speaking and College Writing.
- 6 Full-time Fine Arts teachers which include visual and performance arts.
- New K-12 social emotion learning programs.
- 27 Extracurricular activities for students.
- 42 Athletic teams representing fourteen sports.



Sarah Spross—
Superintendent of
Schools, Cooperstown
Central School

To continue CCSD's efforts to prevent large future capital project costs, we have included a \$100,000 interfund transfer to the capital fund for capital improvements to the Bus Garage. The funds will be used for column repair, overhead door replacement, siding replacement and toilet room wall replacement.

The public budget hearing is May 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm, in the junior/senior high school library. This is an opportunity for all community members to 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 and school board member election is Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between 11am-8pm.

Thank you for your continued support of our district. Together, we will shape the future of our students and prepare them to be career and/or college ready.

2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET—What You Need To Know

The District budget vote, along with the Board of Education election, will be held on **May 17, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the Junior/Senior High School auditorium. If the proposed budget is passed by voters, it will be enacted for the 2022-2023 school year. If the proposed budget is not passed, the Board of Education:

- 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 required 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 two (2) seats. The candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order:

PETER IORIZZO • CODY MOORE • ALICIA CHASE

PROPOSITIONS ON THE 2022-2023 BUDGET & ELECTION BALLOT

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect candidates to fill two (2) vacancies on the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2025 to succeed Marielle Ainsworth and Wendy Kiuber, whose terms expire on June 30, 2022.
3. To authorize to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$199,000 (one hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars), and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motor vehicles: two (2) 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 \$225,641 (two hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred forty-one dollars) which shall be paid to the Village Library of Cooperstown (in the amount of \$157,641 an increase of \$31,528) and the Kinney Memorial Public Library (in the amount of \$68,000, an increase of \$600) 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 Library Director: Heather Urtz Amendolare at co.heather@4cls.org or call (607) 547-8344

Libraries are crucial hubs for our communities. With over 1,500 neighbors in attendance at our Village of Cooperstown programs in 2021, and ever increasing print and digital circulation, we see that in action every day.

After an extensive community survey and through the hard work of our Cooperstown Library staff over the past year, we have identified our priorities - maintaining current hours; providing equitable pay for staff; broadening program opportunities across all ages; and increasing books and materials.

Our proposed budget creates a more sustainable model that reduces reliance on donations to keep our doors open. The solution is an

increase in our ask, as seen in the proposition below.

Full amount of \$225,641 which shall be paid to the Village Library of Cooperstown in the amount of \$157,641 an increase of \$31,528 and the Kinney Memorial Public Library in the amount of \$68,000, an increase of \$600.

I have truly enjoyed watching the Library community grow over the past year; you have welcomed me with open arms, and I am so excited about what the future has in store. We are always open to hearing your thoughts on how the Library can support all our neighbors better; please email Heather Urtz Amendolare, Library Director at co.heather@4cls.org or phone: 607.547.8344

Projected Revenues

REVENUES	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROJECTED	\$ Change '21-22 to '22-23	% Change '21-22 to '22-23
State & Federal Aid	\$7,137,711	\$6,719,177	\$(418,534)	-5.86%
Tax Levy	\$ 12,649,890	\$12,971,692	\$321,802	2.54%
Refunds, Tuition & Other	\$246,475	\$298,860	\$52,385	21.25%
Appropriated Fund Balance & Reserves	\$898,880	\$ 876,988	\$1,050,390	119.77%
Interfund Transfers (Debt Service)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$20,911,064	\$21,917,107	\$1,006,043	4.81%

Proposed Expenditures

PROGRAM

EXPENDITURES	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROPOSED	\$ Change '21-22 to '22-23	% Change '21-22 to '22-23
Teaching	\$ 7,554,901	\$ 7,639,155	\$ 84,254	1.12%
Instructional Media	\$ 810,943	\$ 795,786	\$(15,157)	-1.87%
Interfund Transfers	\$ 258,406	\$ 190,000	\$(68,406)	-26.47%
Pupil Services	\$ 1,308,997	\$ 1,336,367	\$ 27,370	2.09%
Pupil Transportation	\$ 942,500	\$ 1,013,458	\$ 70,958	7.53%
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,731,310	\$ 5,266,869	\$ 535,559	11.32%
Program Subtotal	\$15,607,057	\$16,241,635	\$634,578	4.07%

ADMINISTRATIVE

EXPENDITURES	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROPOSED	\$ Change '21-22 to '22-23	% Change '21-22 to '22-23
Board of Education	\$ 18,843	\$17,750	\$(1,093)	-5.80%
Central Administration	\$217,529	\$221,672	\$4,143	1.90%
Finance	\$310,953	\$312,576	\$1,623	0.52%
Personnel	\$40,954	\$36,652	\$(4,302)	-10.50%
Instruction Admin. & Improv.	\$ 402,904	\$494,017	\$91,113	22.61%
Legal	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%
Central Services	\$134,582	\$203,634	\$69,052	51.31%
Inservice Training & Instruction	\$ 78,029	\$37,873	\$(40,156)	-51.46%
Employee Benefits	\$501,294	\$601,676	\$100,382	20.02%
Special and Other Items	\$440,695	\$436,193	\$(4,502)	-1.02%
Administration Subtotal	\$2,170,783	\$2,387,043	\$216,260	9.96%

CAPITAL

EXPENDITURES	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROPOSED	\$ Change '21-22 to '22-23	% Change '21-22 to '22-23
Central Services	\$1,234,980	\$1,267,433	\$32,453	2.63%
Security of Plant	\$0	\$18,100	\$18,100	0.00%
Debt Service	\$1,393,336	\$1,470,550	\$77,214	5.54%
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0.00%
Other	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$399,908	\$427,346	\$27,438	6.86%
Capital Subtotal	\$3,133,224	\$3,288,429	\$155,205	4.95%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$20,911,064	\$21,917,107	\$1,006,043	\$4.81%
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Board of Education

Timothy Hayes, President
 Marielle Ainsworth, Vice-President
 Denise Hollis
 Wendy Kiuber
 Anthony J. Scalici
 Matt Schuermann
 Gillian Spencer

Superintendent of Schools

Sarah Spross

District Clerk

Wendy Lansing

CURRENT RESIDENT OR

ECRWSS
 POSTAL PATRON

School Budget & Board Elections

Vote
MAY 17, 2022

BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 • 6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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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 10, 2022) 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 17, 2022.



PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE
on May 17, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
at the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium