

HALDANE HORIZONS

A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District



2022 School Budget Issue

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

PROPOSITION I - School Budget for 2022-2023
\$27,200,852

PROPOSITION II - School Vehicles
\$185,000

BUDGET GROWTH 2021/22 TO 2022/23
4.81%

ESTIMATED TAX LEVY INCREASE
WITHIN TAX CAP
3.67%

HOW DO I VOTE?



In-Person on May 17
Vote in the Haldane
Elementary School
Library



Absentee Ballots
Applications available
in the District Office
and on the Haldane
website



Vote on 2 Propositions
and 2 Board of
Education Trustee Seats

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

Haldane Elementary School Library

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

7:00AM - 9:00PM

LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Haldane Community,

Thank you for taking the time to read this budget newsletter. Haldane's annual budget is a reflection of our community's fiscal, academic, extra curricular, and cultural needs. It takes into account the additional costs and needs that have arisen due to the pandemic crisis that we have been managing for two years. It also demonstrates the district's eagerness to move forward towards a bright and dynamic future.

The annual budget maintains all existing programs and includes funding for Master Scheduling/Planning, Literacy and Intervention Training, a Special Education Program Review, Arts-in-Education programming, and additional Assistant Coaches for our Athletic Department. These additions will help our district to both address current issues within our schools and keep our district growing and thriving into the years ahead.

We are grateful to Dr. Philip Benante for his continued dedication to the Haldane school community. This budget proposition is an example of his fiscal diligence and his forward-thinking vision for our district.

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Proposition I on the upcoming ballot brings the 2022-23 school budget to \$27,200,852, with a tax levy increase of 3.67%. Proposition II on the ballot includes purchasing one new bus and two new minivans to keep our transportation fleet meeting all health and safety requirements and working efficiently.

We encourage you to place your vote on Tuesday, May 17th for Proposition I, Proposition II, and two school board trustee seats that are up for election. Your participation in this annual budget vote is essential to keeping our community moving forward together.

Yours sincerely,
The Haldane Board of Education

Jennifer Daly, President
Sean McNall, Vice-President
Dr. Peggy Clements, Trustee
John Hedlund, Trustee
Maggie Valentine, Trustee

2022-2023 PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION I - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Shall the Haldane Central School District be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$27,200,852 during the 2022-2023 school year for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures by the Board of Education with such sum to be raised by levy of tax upon the taxable property of the school district?

PROPOSITION II - SCHOOL BUS

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Haldane Central School District at Philipstown, Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of student transportation vehicles, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$185,000, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

TAX RATE IMPACT

Based on an estimated tax rate increase of 3.67%, the table below illustrates the annual tax increase that residents can expect.

HOME MARKET VALUE	ANNUAL \$ INCREASE/HOME
\$300,000	\$187
\$500,000	\$312
\$700,000	\$436
\$1,000,000	\$623

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 25,951,834	\$27,200,852	\$26,432,206
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$1,249,018	\$480,372
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.81 %	1.85%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$20,959,114	\$21,727,760	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$73,150	\$73,150	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$21,032,264	\$21,800,910	\$21,032,264
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$862,500	\$908,539	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$20,097,073	\$20,819,221	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$20,096,614	\$20,819,221	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$459	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$3,102,520	\$3,338,442	\$3,244,104
Program Component	\$19,232,369	\$20,220,235	\$19,648,848
Capital Component	\$3,616,945	\$3,642,175	\$3,539,254
* Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law and under the Tax Cap Legislation, a budget that is defeated twice will require a limit of 0% on the tax levy increase. This requirement will cause reductions of \$768,646. Those areas of reduction that are allowable by law include student supplies, community use of buildings and grounds and certain equipment. The magnitude of reductions, however, would require significant cuts to other program areas.			
** Separate Proposition that is not included in the Total Budgeted Amount. This proposition does not affect the Tax Levy Limit.			
Description			Amount
Proposition II: Student Busses			\$185,000
			\$
			\$
			\$

		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Maximum Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		Town of Fishkill \$610 Town of Philipstown \$789 Town of Putnam Valley \$760

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Haldane Central School District of Putnam and Dutchess Counties, New York, will be held at the Haldane Elementary Library in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

ENHANCING STUDENT EXPERIENCES

The recommended budget for 2022-2023 maintains all existing programs and establishes funding to restore and enhance areas that will expand instructional and experiential opportunities for all students.

LITERACY & INTERVENTION TRAINING

Increased literacy and intervention training will ensure that classroom practices are aligned to those which yield the most significant growth in literacy skills acquisition.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REVIEW

A review of our existing special education program will help to create a vision for how to best service our students with unique learning needs.

ARTS-IN-EDUCATION & AUDIO VISUAL SUPPORT

Arts-in-Education programs will complement our elementary students' core instructional experience and introduce them to artists with unique backgrounds. Established audio visual support will provide consistent technological expertise across K-12 theatrical productions and other school-wide events.

ATHLETICS: ASSISTANT COACHES

The proposed budget restores assistant coaching positions for 11 Haldane athletic teams to increase small group and individualized support. Additionally, the athletic program will benefit from the restoration of clerical support for athlete registration and competition scheduling.

MASTER SCHEDULING & EXPANDED ELECTIVES

A comprehensive review of master schedules will enable the district to ensure that student schedules are aligned with the district's long-term goals. Elective offerings for high school students will be expanded by ten courses through increased music staffing and partnership with BOCES.

GET TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

The ballot includes two Board of Education Trustee seats for terms from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The terms of Jennifer Daly, Board of Education President, and Sean McNall, Board of Education Trustee, will expire on June 30, 2022. Sean is running for an additional three-year term.

SEAN McNALL



Since 2014, Sean has been Director of Education and Associate Artistic Director at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival here in Philipstown, primarily responsible for the successful design, execution, and healthy fiscal management of HVSF's arts education and professional training programs, which serve over 60,000 teachers and students from middle school through post-secondary school throughout the tri-state area. Sean lives in Nelsonville with his wife Abigail, and with his 9 year-old son, Declan.

EZRA CLEMENTSON



Ezra Clementson and his wife Aria (Haldane Class of 2000) raise their two children in Nelsonville and have watched them thrive at Haldane. With nearly 20 years experience in NY secondary public education, 6 years as a faculty union president, current Haldane School Foundation trustee, Little League Softball assistant coach, and stints on the Cold Spring and Nelsonville Planning Boards, Ezra is ready to roll up his sleeves for the Board of Education. A steadfast advocate for public education and the Haldane Community, Ezra hopes to continue the progress at Haldane and looks forward to bringing his energy to the board.

VOTER INFORMATION

ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

Please vote on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between 7:00am and 9:00pm in the Haldane Elementary School Library. Parking is available in the Bell Lot. Please enter through the Elementary School doors to the left of the Middle School entrance.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE ELECTION

Registered voters may vote for two trustee positions: Two (2) three-year terms expiring June 30, 2025.

WHO CAN VOTE?

You must be a registered voter in order to vote. If you voted in a school district, county, or national election within the past four years, you are already registered. In order to register, you must be a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older, and a resident of the Haldane Central School District for at least 30 days. Voter registration will be held on May 12, 2022 between 4:00pm and 8:00pm in the District Office.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained via www.haldaneschool.org on the Annual Budget page under Board of Education or by emailing the District Clerk at cplatt@haldaneschool.org. In-person requests may also be made at the District Office between 9:00am and 3:00pm Monday through Friday. Applications must be received by mail or in-person at the District Office by 2:00pm on May 10, 2022 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by 4:00pm on May 16, 2022 if the ballot is to be delivered personally. Absentee ballots will be mailed via First Class mail only. You may request an absentee ballot if you are concerned about the transmission of COVID-19. Please mark Box 1 "Temporary illness or physical disability" on the application.

BUDGET DOCUMENT

A copy of the proposed 2022-2023 school budget, as adopted by the Board of Education, may be obtained by any resident during the 14 days immediately preceding the vote. Please call 845-265-9254, ext. 111 to request a copy.

Full budget details are also available at www.haldaneschool.org

THANK YOU

Best wishes and heartfelt thanks to Board President, Jen Daly as she completes her term on the Haldane Board of Education. Jen served the Haldane community for three terms, beginning in 2013. Her commitment to the students, families, faculty, and staff is greatly appreciated.

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