



2021-2022 Proposed Budget Presentation
Board of Education
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Budget Development Process

Ensure the continuing excellence in all academic and extra-curricular programs while developing a fiscally responsible budget that stays within the tax levy cap.



Step 1



Develop Guiding Principles

- Align budget decision with strategic vision - "Forward in Excellence"
- Educate the Whole Child
- Consider degree of impact on students and number of students impacted

Step 2



Input From Stakeholders

- Ongoing input from Board of Education, PTA Council, Citizens' Finance Committee, Building Administration, and others.

Step 3



Budget Variables

- Calculate Estimated Tax Levy Cap
- Use of Fund Balance or use of other Reserves
- Reduced Expenditures
- State Aid Uncertainty

Step 4



Budget Calendar

- July-October - Ongoing budget discussions
- December - Budget overview made to the Board
- January-March - Budget presentations made to the Board
- April - Board adopts the budget

Step 5



Budget Vote

- May 18, 2021 - Budget Vote and Trustee Election

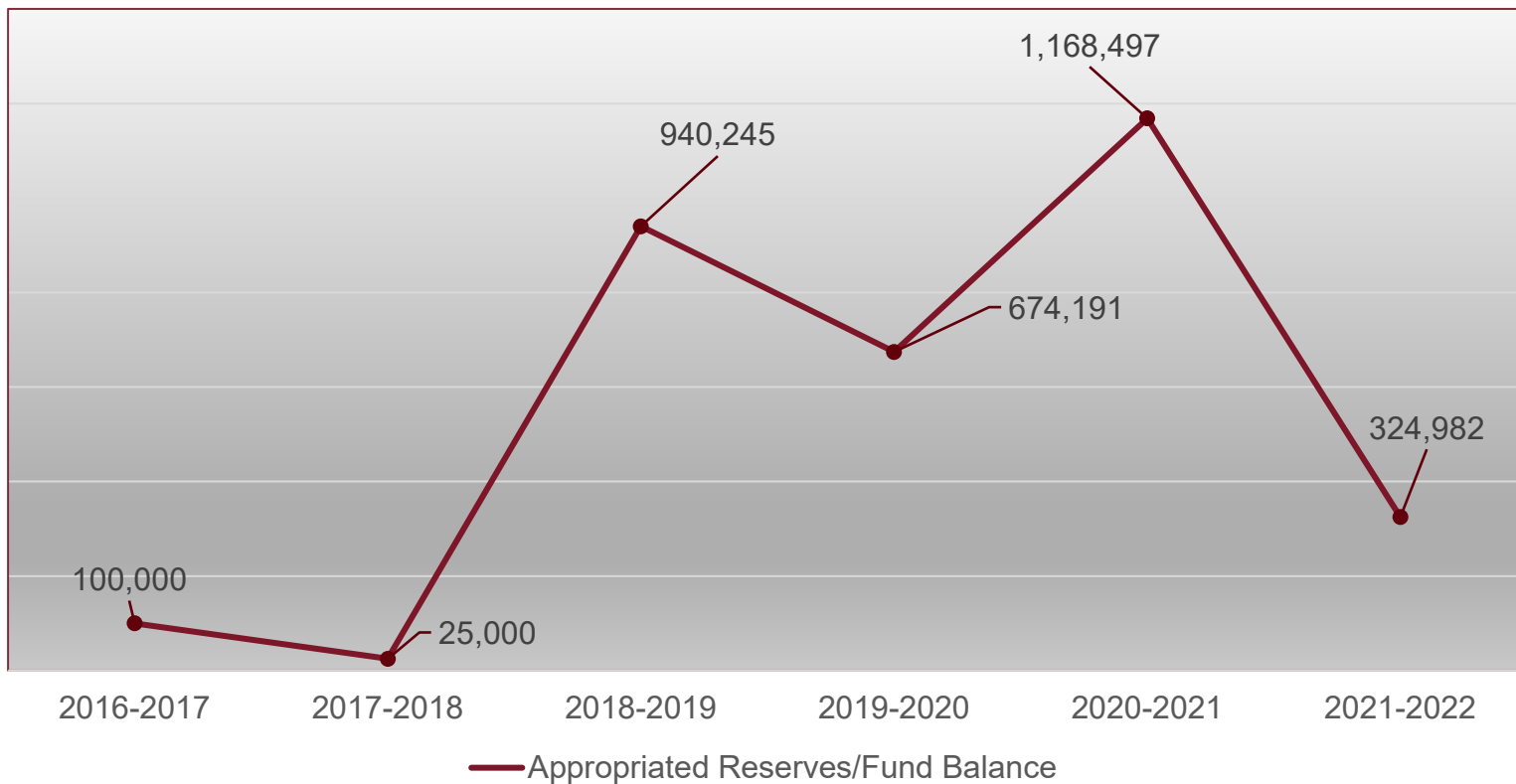


2021-2022 Proposed Budget

	2020-2021 Budget	Proposed 2021- 2022 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
School District Budget	\$94,658,822	\$97,483,143	\$2,824,321	2.98%
Use of Fund Balance	\$400,000	\$0	-\$400,000	-100.00%
Use of Reserves/Debt Service Transfer	\$868,497	\$524,982	-\$343,515	-39.55%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$100,591	\$103,609	\$3,018	3.00%
Revenues - Non Property Taxes	\$13,535,817	\$14,783,935	\$1,248,118	9.22%
Tax Levy	\$81,123,005	\$82,699,208	\$1,576,203	1.94%
Estimated Tax Rate	\$169.62	\$172.79	\$3.17	1.87%



Use of Appropriated Reserves/Fund Balance





State Aid

Aid Category	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Proposed Budget	\$ Change
Foundation Aid	\$4,034,106	\$5,772,002	\$1,737,896
BOCES	\$890,646	\$916,252	\$25,606
Excess Cost	\$424,636	\$456,875	\$32,239
Hardware	\$25,012	\$23,912	-\$1,100
Software, Textbook, Library	\$251,171	\$243,462	-\$7,709
Transportation	\$1,864,721	\$1,921,636	\$56,915
Building	\$1,913,131	\$2,182,669	\$269,538
High Tax	\$141,256	\$141,256	\$0
Total	\$9,544,679	\$11,658,064	\$2,113,385



Tax Certiorari Review

Tax Certiorari Payments					
2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
\$597,054	\$231,198	\$412,802	\$15,870	\$0	\$0

Amount in Tax Certiorari Reserve **\$ 4,491,565**

Plaintiffs' Claims Pending **\$22,714,105**

Many of these claims are ongoing and will be resolved in upcoming years. As a result of COVID-19, there has been an increase in the number of claims filed, and we expect this number to continue to rise.

The District continues to monitor these claims and reserves funds accordingly. Currently, we are reserved for 19.77% of the petitioners' requests.



Federal Stimulus Funds

- Somers has been allocated \$675,017 based upon Title 1 child counts.
- Funds must be used over the next three fiscal years.
- Funds must be accounted for in the Special Aid Fund, not the General Fund.
- The State budget includes the requirement of district allocations to “prioritize spending on non-recurring expenses for safe return to in-person instruction.”
- Somers #1 Priority - Provide staffing and resources for unknown needs of all students.



Universal Pre-K

- **Unanticipated potential funding of \$237,600.**
- **Time is needed to research the requirements to establish a Pre-K program.**
 - **Full-day or half-day**
 - **Number of students**
 - **Age of students**
 - **On-site or off-site**
- **Funds are accounted for in the Special Aid Fund, not the General Fund.**



If the Budget is Not Approved by the Voters

- If the budget is not approved by the voters, the District has the following options:
 - Resubmit the same budget for another vote on June 15, 2021.
 - Revise the budget and submit a revised budget for vote on June 15, 2021.
 - Adopt a contingent budget with a tax levy increase of \$0 from the previous year. No additional vote is needed.

	Proposed Budget	Contingent Budget	Dollar Change
Tax Levy	\$82,699,208	\$81,123,005	- \$1,576,203
Total Budget	\$97,483,143	\$95,906,940	- \$1,576,203



Energy Performance Contract Proposition

- **The voters will be asked in May, via a separate proposition on the ballot, to vote on an Energy Performance Contract for the District. If the vote is successful, it will allow the District to receive an additional 10% in state aid on all eligible expenses related to the project.**
- **The Energy Performance Contract proposition will have a maximum estimated cost of \$8,900,000.**



Energy Performance Contract Proposition (Continued)

- **RESOLVED**, that the Somers Central School District, Westchester County, New York, is hereby authorized to make various energy conservation and efficiency improvements to and reconstruction of various School District facilities, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$8,900,000, and finance same with a lease purchase financing obligation.



Upcoming BOE Meeting Dates and Trustee Election Information

May 11, 2021	Public Budget Hearing
May 18, 2021	Budget Vote and Trustee Election 7 am – 9 pm Somers Middle School Gymnasium

The terms of School Board members
Heidi Cambareri and Michael D'Anna expire this year.

This year's candidates are:

- **Paul Padovani**
- **Nicholas Mancini**
- **Gilbert Lopez**
- **Rodric Rabbah**
- **Heidi Cambareri**



Questions?

