



Forward in Excellence

**2019-2020 Proposed Budget Presentation
Board of Education
March 19, 2019**



Somers Central School District

Our Mission

Somers CSD will ignite a passion in each student by engaging all students at a personal level to ensure success in a global society.

Our Vision

The vision for the Somers CSD encompasses three fundamental areas, each an important component of the Whole Child:

- *21st Century Knowledge & Skills**
- *Social-Emotional-Physical Wellness**
- *Global Citizenship**



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Items Discussed at March 5 Board meeting

- **Credit Overview – Moody’s Investor Services**
- **Governor’s Proposed Budget for Education**
- **Tax Levy Cap – Review, Formula, and History**
- **Enrollment Projections**
- **Instructional Program - Elementary, Secondary, District, Adjustments**
- **State Aid Projections**
- **Non-Instructional Costs – Auditing, Legal, Insurances, B&G’s, Transportation, Benefits, & Debt Service.**



Update - State Budget - Aid to Education

Governor's Proposal – Additional \$956M or +3.6%

NYS Senate & Assembly Proposal – Additional \$1.62B or +6%

Governor states that he will not sign any legislation without the Tax Levy Cap, in current form, being made permanent.

Negotiations between Governor and Legislature starting to take place as each side now has proposals to form the basis for negotiations.

Comptroller – NYS facing a \$2.6B revenue shortfall.

State budget year runs April 1 – March 31



District Enrollment

Grade	October 2017 Actual	October 2018 Actual	October 2019 Projected
Kindergarten	164	182	177
First	161	169	175
Second	180	163	173
Third	184	186	167
Fourth	210	191	187
Fifth	229	211	191
Sixth	237	234	213
Seventh	270	246	235
Eighth	265	276	244
Ninth	270	264	264
Tenth	285	274	262
Eleventh	255	289	277
Twelfth	283	266	294
Ungraded	2	0	0
Total	2,993	2,951	2,859



Elementary – Class Sections and Enrollment

	Current Class Sections 2018-2019	Projected Class Sections 2019-2020	Projected Enrollment 2019-2020
Kindergarten	9	9	177
First Grade	8	9	175
Second Grade	8	8	173
Third Grade	8	8	167
Fourth Grade	8	8	187
Fifth Grade	9	8	191
Total Sections/Enrollment	50	50	1070



2019-2020 STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS

Position	Location	FTE
Behavior Intervention Specialist	District	1
Grade 1 Teacher	Primrose	1
World Language Teacher (Grade 6 addition)	Somers Middle School	1
Mathematics Teacher (class size)	Somers High School	1
Science Teacher (class size)	Somers High School	1
Mathematics Content Coach	SMS/SHS	1
Grade 5 Teacher	Somers Intermediate	-1
Art	Somers Middle School	-.6
Music	Somers Middle School	-.5
Grade 6	Somers Middle School	-1
Special Education Teacher (Elementary)	K-5	-2
Total		.9



Debt Service

Debt Previously Issued*	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Total	\$4,705,870	\$3,353,119	\$3,362,094	\$3,379,444	\$3,378,844
New Debt Issued**	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
\$5.5M Ban	\$112,127	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$13.6M Bond (to be issued summer 2019)	\$0	\$936,367	\$939,579	\$942,326	\$939,488
Total	\$112,127	\$936,367	\$939,579	\$942,326	\$939,488
Total Debt	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Total Debt	\$4,817,997	\$4,289,486	\$4,301,673	\$4,321,770	\$4,318,332

***The debt service schedule for debt previously issued will run through 2029-2030**

****Debt to be issued in the Summer of 2019 for the \$13.6M bond, will run through 2039-2040**



2019/2020 Proposed Budget

	2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
School District Budget	\$91,257,500	\$93,677,220	\$2,419,720	2.65%
Use of Fund Balance	\$171,345	\$100,000	-\$71,345	
Use of Reserves/Debt Service Transfer	\$868,900	\$674,191	-\$194,709	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$64,288	\$67,957	\$3,669	
Revenues-Non Property Taxes	\$12,413,050	\$13,057,287	\$644,237	
Tax Levy	\$77,739,977	\$79,777,785	\$2,037,808	2.62%
Estimated Assessables	\$477,380,603	\$477,380,603	\$0	
Tax Rate/\$1,000	\$162.81	\$167.12	\$4.31	2.65%



Contingent Budget - Tax Levy Cap

Legislation signed by Governor Cuomo June 2011.

The New York State Legislature passed property tax relief legislation that imposes a cap on the growth of local property taxes. The law caps school and local government tax levy increase to 2% or the change in Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lower.

If a school district that is subject to a tax levy limit proposes an annual budget that would exceed the school district's tax levy limit, then the proposed budget must be approved by 60 percent of the vote.



Contingent Budget

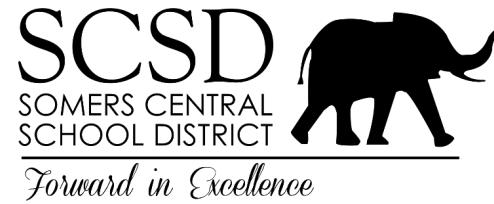
- **In the event voters reject the District's proposed budget twice, the Board must adopt a Contingent Budget.**
- **Contingent expenses are those necessary to provide minimum services to operate and maintain school buildings and the educational program, preserve the property of the District and ensure the health and safety of students and staff.**
- **Within the framework of education law, the Board determines which expenses constitute contingent expenses. The Board is empowered to levy a tax sufficient to defray the cost of those items specifically authorized by statute, and the cost of those items determined by the Board to constitute contingent expenses.**
- **The contingent budget shall not result in a tax levy greater than the tax levied for the prior school year.**



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 18, 2019**
 - **Revise the budget and submit a revised budget for vote on June 18, 2019**
 - **Adopt a contingent budget with a tax levy increase of \$0 from the previous year. No additional vote is needed.**

	Proposed	Contingent Budget	Dollar Change
Tax Levy	\$79,777,785	\$77,739,977	- \$2,037,808
Total Budget	\$93,677,220	\$91,639,412	- \$2,037,808



SAFETY & SECURITY



Safety/Security

- **The safety and well-being of our students is always our first priority in the Somers Schools. The tragic shooting in Parkland, Florida and other such school shooting throughout the Country prompted many inquiries about the safety procedures in place in our Schools.**
- **Knowing that the potential exists for such tragedies, we train, we drill and we coordinate with law enforcement to deter or react to potential threats.**
- **With the above in mind, the District did create a Safety/Security Task Force that meet numerous times over the Summer of 2018 and held a Safety/Security Forum in August 2018.**



Safety Task Force

- **A Safety Task Force comprised of 15 parents, 3 students and 10 District staff members met multiple times during the summer of 2018.**
- **A Safety/Security community forum was held in in August 2018.**
- **The Safety Task Force brought forth multiple recommendations for the District to consider.**
- **On February 5, 2019 the Safety Task Force met again to review cost proposals.**
- **At the March 5, 2019 Board meeting recommended items were discussed.**



Safety/Security – Current Measures

- **Armed School Resource Officers, with patrol cars, at each school building.**
- **Ongoing patrols of each campus by the Somers Police Department.**
- **NY State Troopers do periodic walkthroughs of our school buildings. SROs check exterior/perimeter doors throughout the day.**
- **Single point of entry into school buildings along with a check-in system.**
- **Security vestibules now operational at each school building.**
- **Interior and exterior security cameras.**
- **After hours security guards at each school building**
- **Utilization of the Anonymous Alert System so individuals can anonymously report information to administration.**
- **Use of Altaris Consulting Group for safety/security consultations and the hiring of a part time Director of Safety, Security & Emergency Preparedness.**



Scope of Work

- **Safety/security film on 1st floor exterior windows, doors and certain interior glass and doors.**
- **Full building access control for all buildings.**
- **Lockdown panic system.**
- **Exterior door ajar notification alarms.**
- **Increase the number of security cameras.**
- **Lockable classrooms/wall installations for 6 classrooms at SIS.**
Replacement of electrical transformers at PES, replacement of 25,000sq.ft. of roofing at SMS, motorized steel gate arms for SIS/SMS and SHS.



Items Removed from Original Scope of Work

- **Generators at PES and SIS**
- **Landscaping/retaining wall and guard rail work at PES and SIS**
- **Reduced the number of security cameras by approximately 15%**



Estimated Costs

- **Total cost of project -** **\$ 10,745,000**
- **Use of Capital Reserve Funds -** **\$ 3,178,705**
- **Bond Amount** (15 year bond) - **\$ 7,566,295**

Projected Debt Service

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Total Debt including \$13.6M project*	\$4,817,997	\$4,289,486	\$4,301,673	\$4,321,770	\$4,318,332
\$7.6M Safety & Security Bond, Estimated **	N/A	N/A	\$632,334	\$636,725	\$633,825
Estimated Total Debt	\$4,817,997	\$4,289,486	\$4,934,007	\$4,958,495	\$4,952,157

***Total Debt will run through 2039-2040**

****Safety-Security Bond debt would run through 2035-2036**



Estimated Timeframe for Implementation

- **May, 2019 – Vote**
- **December, 2019 - Submit Plans & Specifications to SED-Facilities Planning Dept.**
- **Expedited Review Completed – April, 2020**
- **Bidding & Awards of Project Work – April/May, 2020**
- **Implementation – July, 2020**
- **Completion – June, 2021**



Questions

- **How will this safety-security project improve the safety of children & staff of the Somers CSD?**
- **What is to prevent someone from hacking into the electronic/software safety-security systems?**
- **Are these proposed safety-security improvements “best practice” for NYS schools?**
- **If the power goes out at PES or SIS, what will happen with these safety improvement features?**
- **You reduced the scope of work. How do these cost reductions affect the safety of children and staff with this project?**
- **You are doing roofing work at SMS and classroom walls at SIS, why?**



Upcoming BOE Meeting Dates and Budget Topics

April 23, 2019	Budget Summary and Budget Adoption
May 14, 2019	Public Budget Hearing
May 21, 2019	Budget and Proposition Vote and Trustee Election

*The terms of School Board members
Donna Rosenblum, Joseph Marra and Ifay Chang
expire this year.*

Petitions are available in the District Clerk's office.

Anyone interested in filing a petition must do so no later than 5 p.m., Monday, April 22, 2019

Please contact District Clerk Nancy Corrado for information at 277-2403.

Other Questions

