

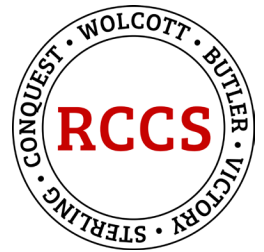


Red Creek Central School District

NEWSLETTER

PUBLISHED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE RED CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 2024



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BUDGET VOTE: Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 from Noon-8pm in the High School Lobby

2024 Top Five Graduates

Valedictorian **Patrick Boyle**



Patrick Boyle, son of Carol and Jeffrey Boyle of Sterling, has applied to and been accepted at University of Notre Dame, Clemson University, University of Scranton, University at Albany, Stony Brook University, Duquesne University, and University at Buffalo.

Patrick has been active in National Honor Society, Science Olympiad Team, Envirothon Team, Student Council – President, Band – President, National Spanish Honor Society – President, Science Honor Society and Jazz Band.

Patrick will be studying Biological Sciences with a concentration in Biomedical Sciences, supplementary major in Pre-Health and Minor in Music when he attends the University of Notre Dame next Fall.

Salutatorian **Noel Brady Brathen**

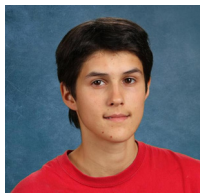


Noel Brady Brathen, son of Rune and Hege Brathen of Martville, has applied to and been accepted at Canisius University, Champlain University, Clarkson University, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Roberts Wesleyan University, SUNY Oswego, The University of Tulsa, Tulane University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and Wheaton College Massachusetts.

Noel has been active in Cross Country, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Business Club – President, National Honor Society – Vice President, Jazz Band, and Science Olympiad.

Noel will be majoring in Computer Science when he attends SUNY Oswego next year.

Gwenna Haas, daughter of Joanna and Dale Haas of Red Creek has been accepted at the Ithaca College, Nazareth College, Paul Smith's College, and Houghton University.



Gwenna has been active in Science Olympiad, Envirothon, Jazz Band, Stage Band, Select Choir, Cross County, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, National Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society.

Gwenna hasn't chosen which college she will be attending but will be studying Environmental Science and Music.

Ethan Hanford, son of George and Crystal Hanford of Fair Haven has applied to and been accepted at Alfred State College, University at Buffalo, SUNY Albany and SUNY Polytechnic Institute.



Ethan has been active in National Honor Society – Vice President, Spanish Honor Society, Captain of Varsity Soccer Team, three-time All-League Soccer Team member, Member of Sectional Champion Soccer Team, Business Club, Science Olympiad Team, and Varsity Club.

Ethan will be pursuing a career in Civil Engineering when he attends Alfred State College next year.

Caden Gibbens, son of Dana and Scott Gibbens of Sterling, has applied to and been accepted at SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Geneseo, LeMoyne College, Daemen College and Alfred University.



Caden has participated in Junior and Senior National Honor Societies, Jazz Band, Select Choir, NYSSMA Area-All State Mixed Choir, NYSSMA All-State Mixed Choir, WCMEA All County Mixed Choir, Business Club, Student Council, served as Junior and Senior Class President, Stage Band, assistant in Elementary Chorus, Community Schools Committee member, Varsity Basketball and Varsity Club.

Caden will be attending SUNY Potsdam and the Crane School of Music in the fall and studying Music Education.



Red Creek Central School District BUDGET & VOTING INFORMATION



On the Ballot:

2024-2025 BUDGET

Shall the budget for the Red Creek Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$25,176,264 be approved and adopted, the required funds be appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law?

AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE & FUND CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Shall the Red Creek Central School District be authorized and directed to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be known as the "Capital Reserve Fund 2024", for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, construction reconstruction, renovations, improvements and additions to all District facilities, including purchase of equipment, technology upgrades, classroom equipment and/or school infrastructure equipment, site development, athletic fields, playgrounds, storm and sanitary sewer, driveways, and parking lots, with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding \$5,000,000, inclusive of any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, the probable existence of said reserve fund being 10 years, but with said reserve fund continuing in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund being: current and future unappropriated fund balances made available by the Board of Education from time to time, future transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, state aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and any other monies derived from budgetary appropriations or other sources authorized by the voters from time to time?

PURCHASE OF VEHICLES TO BE USED IN STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

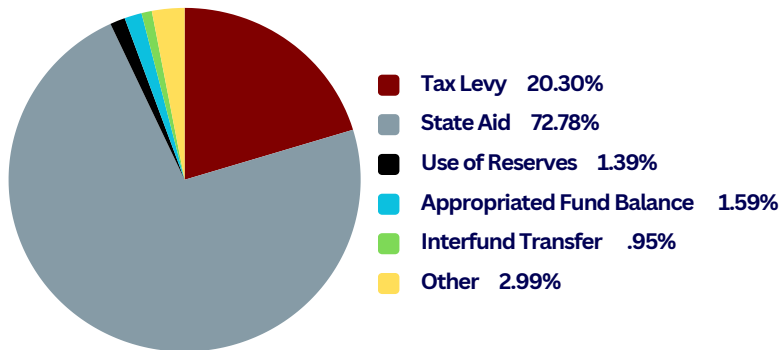
Shall the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District, be hereby authorized to expend \$380,000 from the District's existing 2020 Capital Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, established by the voters of the District on June 9, 2020, and to use such funds toward the purchase of the following motor vehicles for use in student transportation: (a) one (1) 66-passenger school bus, and (b) two (2) 28-passenger school buses, at an aggregate maximum cost of \$380,000, inclusive of trade in value?

ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE RED CREEK LIBRARY

Shall the annual sum collected by the Red Creek Central School District for the 2024-25 operating budget of the Red Creek Library, as determined by the Library Board of Trustees, be increased by \$12,000 to the total sum of \$76,000, with such sum to be raised by a levy to be collected annually?

2024-2025 REVENUES

Where our money comes from:



The proposed 2024-2025 budget includes a 3.8% tax levy increase. This is a \$187,191 increase and brings the total tax levy to \$5,110,949.



Program Budget (70.3%)

The program section defined below serves as the cornerstone of the District budget. This is the institutional portion which covers all instructional areas and associated employee benefits.

Description	2023-2024	2024-2025	\$ Change	% Change
Regular School Instruction	\$ 5,633,436	\$5,973,010	\$339,574	6.0%
Programs for Students with Disabilities	\$3,312,592	\$3,216,180	\$(96,412)	(2.9%)
Career & Technical Education	\$260,000	\$351,420	\$91,420	35.2%
Special Schools (Summer School, Alternative Education)	\$134,350	\$91,500	\$(42,850)	(31.9%)
School Library/Computer Assisted Instruction	\$820,900	\$1,037,292	\$216,392	26.4%
Pupil Services & Athletics	\$1,015,053	\$1,010,294	\$(4,759)	(0.5%)
Transportation Services	\$1,435,026	\$1,464,290	\$29,264	2.0%
Employee Benefits	\$4,066,887	\$4,544,339	\$477,452	11.7%
Transfer to Special Aid	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	233.3%
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$16,681,244	\$17,698,325	\$1,017,081	6.1%

Capital Budget (19.9%)

The capital section of the budget contains all debt service, operations, and maintenance costs, including utilities, security enhancements, and associated employee benefits.

Description	2023-2024	2024-2025	\$ Change	% Change
Operations & Maintenance of Plant	\$ 1,703,282	\$1,825,200	\$121,918	7.2%
Judgments & Claims, Refund of Property Tax	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$(1,000)	(25.0%)
Employee Benefits	\$1,197,925	\$348,610	\$(849,315)	(70.9%)
Debt Service	\$2,628,342	\$2,487,025	\$(141,317)	(5.4%)
Transfer to Capital Funds	\$100,000	\$339,000	\$239,000	239.0%
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$5,633,549	\$5,002,835	\$(630,714)	(11.2%)

Administrative Budget (9.8%)

The administrative component funds the majority of the instructional support services in the district. It consists of general support, instructional supervision, and employee benefits (including all retiree benefits).

Description	2023-2024	2024-2025	\$ Change	% Change
Board of Education & District Clerk	\$37,625	\$46,325	\$8,700	23.1%
Superintendent, Curriculum Development, & Supervision	\$877,226	\$858,766	\$(18,460)	(2.1%)
Financial Services	\$448,156	\$409,087	\$(39,069)	(8.7%)
Legal Services	\$50,000	\$85,000	\$35,000	70.0%
Personnel Services	\$19,000	\$23,475	\$4,475	23.6%
Public Information & Central Printing/Processing	\$349,357	\$371,424	\$22,067	6.3%
Other Special Services (BOCES Capital/Rent, etc.)	\$227,000	\$231,500	\$4,500	2.0%
Employee Benefits	\$558,256	\$449,527	\$(108,729)	(19.5%)
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	\$2,566,620	\$2,475,104	\$(91,516)	(3.6%)
TOTAL PROJECTED BUDGET	\$24,881,413	\$25,176,264	\$294,851	1.2%

The proposed 2024-2025 Budget includes a \$100,000 transfer to the capital fund for a capital outlay project related to fire alarms, scoreboards, and interior finishes within District facilities.



Board of Education Membership Election

Three (3) vacancies on the Board of Education are up for election at this year's Annual Meeting/Election. They are for three (3) three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027.

CANDIDATES

★ Vote for up to THREE ★

Fran Britton
Christopher Joyce
Sandra E. Misso
Kimberly A. Allen*
Larry Curtis
Jolean Bliss*
Kate Madigan*
* denotes incumbent

The vacant seats will be filled by the three (3) candidates with the most votes (including write-ins).



To request an absentee or early voting ballot please contact the District Clerk at 315-754-2010.

A Letter From the Superintendent

In July 2023, I was honored to step into a new role as Superintendent of Red Creek Central School District. Serving this district for over 20 years in a variety of instructional positions has given me a deep appreciation for what makes this district and community so special and successful.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we would like to express our appreciation to the community for continuing to support the opportunities we offer our students at Red Creek. A newsletter was recently sent out to the community highlighting the amazing work that has taken shape during the 2023-2024 school year. We are eager to build upon these achievements and ensure greater success in 2024-2025.

The 2024-2025 budget proposal preserves present levels of teaching staff and all current programs. We will continue to focus on providing a safe, high-quality learning environment where our students can explore their interests and develop skills and tools for future success. This budget proposal includes a tax-cap compliant 3.8% levy increase.

Our recent capital project vote in December of 2023 received an outstanding 94% approval rate! This strong show of support from our community underscores our shared commitment to enhancing our school facilities and resources. This project, which has no additional local tax impact, is scheduled to begin construction in the Spring of 2025. The district looks forward to sharing the progress of this project with the community on our website and at Board of Education meetings.

One of this year's propositions seeks to establish a new capital reserve fund. This would replace the current reserve and would support projects to maintain and enhance our school environment for years to come. Capital reserves assist districts in strategically planning funds for future capital projects and improvements. These funds help reduce the tax levy impact of future capital projects.

Additional details about the proposed budget, as well as voting information, can be found inside this newsletter or by visiting www.rccsd.org

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

Sincerely,
Matthew S. VanOrman

Budget Vote — Tuesday, May 21st Noon-8pm

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