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Waterloo Central School District

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SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

**TUESDAY, MAY 21
NOON - 8 P.M.**

WATERLOO SCHOOL
DISTRICT OFFICE
109 WASHINGTON STREET,
WATERLOO, NY 13165

TIME TO
VOTE!

ON THE BALLOT

- ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET
- THREE BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS
- WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY APPROPRIATION
- TRANSPORTATION BUS PURCHASES

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Katie Tucker, *High School*

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DEAR WATERLOO TAXPAYERS:

The date to vote on our annual school budget is fast approaching and I have one request for you: Please exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

The past year has been challenging for the District as we have dealt with the conditions of having a contingency budget in place. The good news is that our students and staff have continued to excel despite any of the new hurdles they have needed to clear. As this newsletter highlights, our students have performed well in the classroom, in athletic competition, on stage and in the community.

The 2024-25 budget was built with two primary objectives, remaining fiscally responsible and preserving programs and supports to provide a quality education for our community's greatest priority – our children.

The finance committee began working on the budget in December, 2023, and the Board of Education approved our \$49,800,547 proposed budget at our April 15, 2024 meeting. The budget is the exact same as the 2023-24 budget and includes a 2% increase in tax levy.

	Tax Cap Limit	Levy increase
2020-21	2.93%	1%
2021-22	2.432%	0%
2022-23	2.923%	1.75%
2023-24	3.29%	0%
2024-25	3.21%	2%

This increase is considerably less than the 3.21% we are allowed to propose by law. We are also using approximately \$1.6 million in reserves to offset the loss of state aid and substantial increases in expenses. With this budget, the estimated average increase in school taxes for a home assessed at \$100,000 will be \$30.08 per year or \$2.57 per month.

As a parent and community member, I am proud to serve the Waterloo Central School District as its Board of Education president. I am grateful for all of the community support that the District receives and encourage you to cast your ballot on May 21, 2024, because every vote counts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy DiSanto

School Board President

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *	
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 49,800.547	\$49,800,547	\$49,662,547	
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$0	\$138,000	
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0 %	0%	
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%		
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$12,808,791	\$13,064,967		
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$		
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$		
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$12,808,791	\$13,064,967		\$12,808,791
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0		
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$12,956,083	\$13,219,953		
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$12,808,791	\$13,064,967		
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$147,292	\$154,986		
Administrative Component	\$ 3,957,381	\$ 4,061,544		\$ 4,061,544
Program Component	\$ 35,080,450	\$ 36,913,990		\$ 36,913,990
Capital Component	\$ 10,762,716	\$ 8,825,012		\$ 8,687,012
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-25 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.				
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)				
Description		Amount		
School Buses		\$608,936		
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$510.80

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Waterloo Central School District, Seneca County, New York, will be held at the Waterloo Central School District Office in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the District Office, 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.

WATERLOO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL

POST
GRADUATION
PLANS:



40%

4-year
school

32%

enter world
of work

26%

2-year
school

2%

military

5

ADVANCED
PLACEMENT
COURSES

26

FLCC
COURSES

Waterloo is the only district
in the immediate area to
offer early college in high
school through FLCC

Students enrolled in
Advanced Courses (AP & FLCC)

362

500+

Hours of community service logged
by National Honor Society members

36

students have
been selected
for National
Honor Society

32

students
are taking
Agricultural
Education

74

students
enrolled in
internships

47

electives
offered



100% of Lafayette and
Skoï-Yase students receive
Balanced Literacy instruction



100% of students have
a 1:1 computer

WATERLOO MIDDLE SCHOOL

101

students are taking at least one course
resulting in high school credit (DDP,
World language, LE, algebra I, studio art)

97

students played at least
one modified sport.

83

students participate
in band

96

students participate
in chorus



SKOI-YASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

70

students enrolled in
Universal Pre-K



104

recognized as "Bucket Fillers" of the
week this year based on the book,
"Have You Filled A Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud.

132

students have been recognized for
Looie's Leaders (Looie is the name
of our Tiger) for showing character traits of the
month including: **Responsibility and Safety, Gratitude,
Compassion, Cooperation, Caring and Honesty**

LAFAYETTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

204

students at recognized
for good character.

104

students in 5th Grade
participate in D.A.R.E.
celebration

National Elementary
Honor Society
chapter founded in
2023

BY THE NUMBERS

ARTS

15 music ensembles are offered to students

78 students participated in summer music lessons

21 students have been inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society

2 students marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (2 more will march next year)

6 students selected for Nazareth Honor Band

3 students selected for Area All-State Ensembles

2 Silver Awards and one Honorable Mention for Studio in Art in the Scholastic Arts Awards



ATHLETICS

558 Students participated in athletics during the 2023-24 school year

43 teams supported at the varsity, junior varsity and modified levels

11 NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete teams during the fall and winter seasons

85 NYSPHSAA Individual Scholar-Athletes during the fall and winter seasons

1st Section V championship for the Boys Varsity Bowling team

2 Cross Country representatives at NYSPHSAA championships

1st NYSPHSAA title earned by the 2022-23 Girls Basketball team



BAILEY'S BOUTIQUE

More than 1,000

visits to Bailey's Boutique by our students each month. The student-run store offers free clothing, school supplies, personal hygiene products, food and more. The store is staffed by 15 student interns.

CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD SEATS

The terms of Andrea Bennett, Ellen Hughes and Caitlin Ryan will expire on June 30, 2024. Each of these seats will be for a term of three (3) years. The three candidates receiving the most votes will each serve for a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2024. The order in which these candidates will be posted on the ballot is as follows:

Andrea Bennett, Stephani Krzysik, Ashley Davoli, Eileen Temple, Barbara Westerberg, Jack O'Connor, Caitlin Ryan

Please vote for the candidates you believe will best serve the interests of our students and community.

Andrea Bennett

Occupation: Educator

Spouse: Walter Bennett

Children: Kamryn, 17, Junior at the High School
Walter Jr., 15, Sophomore at the High School
Clare, 11, 5th grade at Lafayette

Community Groups, Volunteer Activities to which you belong to or have served:

- Was Concession Stand Director for Youth Football & Cheerleading
- School Board Member for the past 3 years

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

- Create a district that students, teachers, and staff are valued and supported, where they are excited to be there
- Use our resources to support achievement and instruction
- Build back trust between the district and the community
- Work collaboratively with all the stakeholders
- Continue to use my knowledge of the educational setting to advocate for all

Stephani Krzysik

Occupation: Owner/Operator of The Gridley Inn

Spouse: Madison

Children: Jessica - Audiologist

Community Groups, Volunteer Activities to which you belong to or have served:

- Image, Identity, & Public Spaces
- Chairperson of the Revitalization of Waterloo Committee
- Lions Club

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

My goals and priorities will be to foster an environment for every student, teacher, administrator, and staff member to be respected and challenged to reach their potential. Fiscal competency and transparency are major priorities demonstrating to the districts' residents how their taxes are being spent to provide a quality education to meet every student's needs of a Title 1 school district. I can achieve these goals and priorities from my experience as a Business Ed teacher holding a master's degree in School Business Administration, a lifelong learner, and as a successful business owner bringing positive changes to Waterloo.

Ashley Davoli

Occupation: Executive Director

Spouse: Jeffrey Davoli

Children: Vincent, 14 year old, 9th grade
Giovanni, 13 year old, 7th grade
Salvatore, 10 year old, 4th grade
Amelia, 5 year old, Kindergarten

Community Groups, Volunteer Activities to which you belong to or have served:

- Currently serve as the Executive Director of a local youth serving, non-profit organization that facilitates child abuse investigations in Seneca, Ontario, and Yates County.

Member of the following community groups:

- Ontario County Child Exploitation Taskforce
- Seneca County Child Exploitation Taskforce
- Seneca County Woman's Leadership Council
- Communities and Agencies Serving Together (CAAST)
- National Consultation Group for Supervisors of Forensic Interviewers
- Success for Geneva's Children Board
- Yates County Child Exploitation Taskforce
- Finger Lakes Child Fatality Review Team
- Finger Lakes Child Abuse Response Team
- COAE Small Organization Executive Affinity Group
- New York State Public Policy Council

Past volunteer activities/Community Groups to which I have belonged or served:

- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
- Fundraising committee for the Partnership for Ontario County
- Seneca County Systems of Cares Action Planning Committee
- Western NY Trafficking Taskforce
- Health and Safety of schools committee
- Volunteer annually at toy drives for children.
- Conduct community presentations on keeping children safe in our community.

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

- Cultivating a culture focused on collaboration and organizational effectiveness to ensure the best possible learning environments are available to all students in our community.
- Strengthening and increasing the effectiveness of our school board to include transparency and accountability within our community and schools.
- Encouraging collaboration between our Board and our communities, school staff and stakeholders.
- Providing budget oversight to ensure our district is maximizing and properly allocating financial resources to support the highest quality academics, activities, and facilities, while also maintaining fiscal responsibility.

BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

The following biographical information appears in the order that names will appear on the ballot. Each biography appears as submitted by the candidate.

Eileen Temple

Occupation: Medical Secretary – retired transportation supervisor

Spouse: Mark Temple

Children: Tiffany Arndt, 40, Dental assistant (manager)
Steven Arndt, 37, Falconer
Mathew Temple, 27, Law enforcement
Malissa Temple, 25, RN
2 grandchildren, Liam 7th grade & Halley 5th grade

Community Groups, Volunteer Activities to which you belong to or have served:

- Seneca County Republican Committee

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

Fiscal responsibility without taking from the students' education. Improvement in graduation rate. More opportunities for higher level courses to assist students in college goals. More trade opportunities for those students that aren't college bound. Support of students and staff. To be a good listener and to have solutions not excuses.

Barbara Westerberg

Occupation: Scheduling Specialist at ITT/Goulds Pumps

Spouse: Scott W. Westerberg

Children: Aubrey Elaine, 16, 11th grade
Savannah Beatrice, 13, 7th grade

Community Groups, Volunteer Activities to which you belong to or have served:

- Waterloo Class of 2025 Parent Boosters
- Waterloo Varsity Cheerleading Fundraiser Boosters
- Waterloo Wrestling Fundraiser/Boosters

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member: My goal is to be helpful to all board members and provide support. Waterloo is a great community and has a great school. I want to support/serve my children, community children, and school staff in a fair and equal environment for all to grow and benefit from.

John (Jack) O'Connor

Occupation: Retired

Spouse: Deceased

Children: Lisa Winkler, 58, Biology South Jefferson
Shaun O'Connor, 56, Retired
Danielle Shaffer, 54, Nurse
Cara DeJohn, 46, Teacher

Community Groups, Volunteer Activities to which you belong to or have served:

- 16 year coaching Little League
- 34 years coaching Boys and Girls High School Sports
- Village of Waterloo Trustee for 4 years
- Village of Waterloo Mayor for 4 years
- Officiated Girls Volleyball for 20 years
- Umpired Girls Varsity Softball
- WEDC member for the Village of Waterloo

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

I would like to see as a School Board member a new policy for cell phones. Uphold a dress code and make sure it is followed. Make sure all disciplinary actions are adhered to.

Caitlin Ryan

Occupation: Staff Resource Assistant with Seneca County Planning Department

Spouse: Mark Ryan

Children: Liam, 3 years
Rosie, 1 month

Community Groups, Volunteer Activities to which you belong to or have served:

- Waterloo School Board, Seneca Community Players, member of the Presbyterian Church in Geneva

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

I hope to work with our stakeholders and community members to provide a district that our students and staff members feel supported in. I aspire for school to be a place for those that have to be there to want to be there. I strive for the future of our children to be even better than what I was afforded when I attended Waterloo.

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Noon until 8 p.m.

Waterloo Central School District Office
109 Washington Street
Waterloo, NY 13165

VOTER REQUIREMENTS

Eligible voters must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least eighteen (18) years of age
- A resident of the District for at least 30 days preceding the vote

ABSENTEE AND EARLY MAIL BALLOTS

Qualified voters may apply for absentee and early mail ballots at the District Clerk's Office. Absentee and early mail vote applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee or early mail voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be personally delivered to the absentee or early mail voter. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024 to be counted.

BUDGET PROPOSITIONS

Proposition No. 1: 2024-25 Budget

Shall the budget for the Waterloo Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, as presented by the Board of Education, be approved and adopted in the amount of \$49,800,547 with 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?

Proposition No. 2: Authorization to Appropriate and Expend from Capital Reserve Fund and Purchase Motor Vehicles for Use in Student Transportation

Shall the Board of Education of the Waterloo Central School District, be authorized to purchase motor vehicles for use in student transportation from the District's existing Bus and Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, with no additional tax levy cost; and shall the Board of Education be further authorized to enter into one (1) or more purchase contracts on terms satisfactory to the Board of Education, in the aggregate amount of \$608,936.29 with respect to the vehicle(s) hereby authorized to be acquired?

Proposition No. 3: Annual Appropriations for Waterloo Public Library

Shall the annual sum of \$315,217.26 be collected by the Waterloo Central School District for the 2024-25 operating budget of the Waterloo Public Library, as determined by the Library Board of Trustees, with such sum to be raised by a levy to be collected annually?



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