

TIGER TRIBUNE

Waterloo Central School District

ALL STUDENTS. ALL STAFF. ONE FAMILY.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 20
NOON - 8 P.M.

WATERLOO SCHOOL
DISTRICT OFFICE
109 WASHINGTON STREET
WATERLOO, NY 13165

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TIME TO
VOTE!

ON THE BALLOT

- ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET
- FOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS
- WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY APPROPRIATION
- TRANSPORTATION BUS PURCHASES
- WATERLOO CAPITAL BUS RESERVE





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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DEAR WATERLOO TAXPAYERS:

The date for you to exercise your right to vote on our annual school budget is May 20. I truly hope you can take advantage of this opportunity.

Our district is proud to support a dedicated, hard-working and compassionate student body. Waterloo students are finding success in the classroom, on the field of play, on stage, and in our community. Their efforts are supported by a dedicated and passionate staff of teachers and community supporters.

The 2025-26 budget was carefully constructed to be fiscally responsible, while still providing opportunities for student advancement. No matter what the numbers look like, and no matter what outside forces shape them, our dedication to providing a quality education for our community's children is steadfast.

The staffing we hope to include in the 2025-26 budget will address a wide range of student needs, and includes a literacy coach, athletic trainer, and more hall monitors and security personnel. Additionally, this budget will establish a transportation-focused capital reserve fund and new early morning programs at both Skoi-Yase Primary School and LaFayette Intermediate School.

I am proud to serve the Waterloo Central School District as its Board of Education president, and am proud to live and have children in this district. Your vote is important.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Felice

School Board President

	Tax Cap Limit	Levy increase
2021-22	2.432%	0%
2022-23	2.923%	1.75%
2023-24	3.29%	0%
2024-25	3.21%	2%
2025-26	2.57%	1.9%

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *				
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 49,800,547	\$50,018,410	\$49,880,410				
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$217,863	\$138,000				
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.44 %	0.16%				
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%					
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$13,064,967	\$13,313,201					
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)	\$13,064,967	\$13,313,201		\$13,064,967			
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0					
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$13,219,953	\$13,400,736					
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$13,064,967	\$13,313,201					
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$154,986	\$87,535					
Administrative Component	\$ 4,061,544	\$ 4,282,232		\$ 4,282,232			
Program Component	\$ 36,913,990	\$ 38,939,798		\$ 38,939,798			
Capital Component	\$ 8,825,012	\$ 6,796,379		\$ 6,658,379			
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2025-26 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.							
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** 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)							

*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 2025-26 School Year Average of 5 townships
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$471.60

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 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 20, 2025 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. -----

WATERLOO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL

POST
GRADUATION
PLANS:



38%

4-year
school

33%

2-year
school

27%

enter the
workforce

2%

military

4

ADVANCED
PLACEMENT
COURSES

25

FLCC
COURSES

One student placed in the top ten
in the 2024 FFA State Convention
Food Science Contest



25%

Attendance improved 25% between September
and January, and improved 25% again in the
period between January and April

44

students
participated in
agricultural
coursework

52

students
enrolled in
internships

40

electives
offered



Re-ignited our 5th
Grade Safety Patrol

Grew and harvested
fresh vegetables in
4th grade classrooms

WATERLOO MIDDLE SCHOOL

27

club offerings for middle school
students, with 10 added this year

57

students participated in
community service clubs



120

students in
foreign language
courses

39

students in two or more high
school credit courses

56%

students made honor
roll quarter 2

74

students
traveling to
Boston for EEC

LAFAYETTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

306 students

Participating in New
Community Inquiry Class
— a class designed to
support NYS Computer
Science and Digital Fluency
Standards and build
student resiliency skills

31 new members of
National Elementary
Honor Society

65,000 PBIS Tickets
Handed Out, earning many
eventful and fun memories
for your staff and students

100% of 5th graders
participate in DARE -
Partnership with Seneca
County Sheriff's Office

306 students participated
in our first ever Fall Festival

SKOI-YASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

16

second-graders published a book titled
"All About Animals"

125

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



170

Looie's Leaders
celebrated monthly

67%

of students are low to no risk for
social-emotional learning.

BY THE NUMBERS

ARTS

12

music ensembles are offered to students



34

students participated in high school performance of Cinderella

28

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

40

students selected for SoloFest

2

students marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

4

students selected for Nazareth Honor Band

4

students selected for Area All-State Ensembles

ATHLETICS

654

students participated in athletics during the 2024-25 school year

43

teams supported at the varsity, junior varsity and modified levels

12

NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete teams during the fall and winter seasons

93

Scholar-Athletes during the fall and winter seasons

2

league titles in winter 2024-25 season

9

student-athletes represented Waterloo at NYSPHSAA championships

2nd

straight Section V championship for Boys Varsity Bowling Team



6,590

purchases from Bailey's Boutique, a student-led thrift store located within Waterloo High School providing students with essential items for the school day. The store employs 19 interns.

15

Average of students work in the Loo Brew over the course of periods 1-3, which serves 22 different items

CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD SEATS

The terms of three board members will expire June 30, 2025. The fourth vacant seat will have a 2-year term. The three candidates receiving the most votes will serve for a term of 3 years commencing July 1, 2025. The candidate with the fourth highest vote will earn the seat with the shortest term commencing immediately. The order in which these candidates will be posted on the ballot is as follows:

Chersti Kuhlmann, Coreen Lowry, Theresa Turnmyre, Stephani Krzysik, Marc Rea, Kyle Percey, Kyle Oliver, Barbara Westerberg

Chersti Kuhlmann

Occupation: Children with Special Needs Coordinator at Seneca County

Spouse: Kevin Kuhlmann

Children: McKenna Kuhlmann, 25, Graduate School, Teaching Assistant Cato-Meridian School

Kannon Kuhlmann, 22, Junior SUNY Morrisville

Finnley Kuhlmann, 12, 6th Grade

Jack Kuhlmann, 9, 4th Grade

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

- Served as a member of the Seneca Cares Committee.
- Served on the Waterloo CSD Wellness Committee as a parent representative.
- Former National Honor Society member.

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

As a School Board Member my goals are simply to keep our children safe, help each child reach their full potential all while making sure we are being fiscally responsible with taxpayer money.

My priorities are to support faculty and staff to make sure they have the tools they need to achieve these goals.



Theresa Turnmyre

Occupation: Business Process and Inventory Manager (Elderlee, Inc.)

Spouse: Daniel Turnmyre

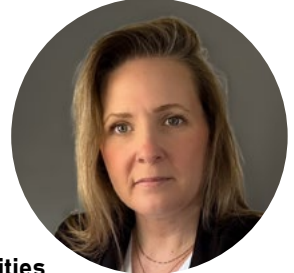
Children: Daniel Frisbee 25, Sales Ryan Frisbee, 23, Service Advisor

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

- Cayuga County Relay for Life, 2009-2013, from 2010-2012 I was a member of the committee.
- Chair of Publicity in 2010 and 2011, Chair of Luminaria in 2012.

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

As a school board member my main goals are to enhance student achievement by making sure every student has access to a high-quality education and the best resources. This would involve smart budgeting to get the best educational results, building strong connections with parents, teachers, and the community, and promoting diversity and equal opportunities for all. Creating a safe and supportive environment is essential and these efforts are all about fostering a thriving educational system for everyone.



Coreen Lowry

Occupation: Deputy Supervisor of Fayette/homemaker

Spouse: Brian Lowry

Children: Calista Williams - Homemaker

Chance Lowry - Chiropractor

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

Rotary, Chair of Seneca County Community Christmas Project, Vice Chair of Trevors Gift Backpack Program, Seneca County Childrens Committee Board, Pres. of Waterloo Library + Historical Society, Past Rec Center Soccer Coach, Current Waterloo School Board Member

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

My priority is the students of Waterloo. As a school board member it is my job to focus on policies + to be fiscally responsible. I believe every child should have access to the best education possible. I commit to staying focused on our children. It is my goal to have every student graduate prepared for the future. That is done by working as a team with the administration, teachers, +parents/guardians. I am committed to the kids + doing what is best for our community.



Stephani Krzysik

Occupation: Innkeeper

Spouse: Madison Ulmer

Children: Jessica, 38

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

- Revitalization of Waterloo

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

My skill sets as a retired business education teacher holding a double Master of Education in Administration and School Business Administration, and a local business owner will provide me with the necessary tools to ensure the success of every student, teacher, administrator and staff member of WUSD. As we move ahead, the community needs board members who will make sound and judicious decisions when considering future budgets, evaluating our facility needs, devising effective policies, and hiring the best personnel for the success of our district's children.



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

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.

Marc Rea

Occupation: Semi Retired

Children: Alex Rea – Prof. Firefighter

Carissa Trumbley – Medical Assistance

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

- Lt Seneca County Sheriff Dept. + Dive Team
- Border City Fire Dept – Retired + Domestic Violence Division
- Thanksgiving Dinner w/ United Way
- PeeWee Little League + Umpire
- Explore leader SC Sheriff Dept

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

I would like to see the education system that encourage intellectual growth + critical thinking. Children should learn how to think independently not just what to think. It's vital that education remains free from agendas of all types. I am focused on guiding our district towards these values. We must protect our children's educational environment from bias and hidden agendas.



Kyle Percey

Occupation: Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations at Watkins Glen CSD

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

I have previously assisted with the Waterloo Little League program. I have always valued the importance of community involvement and as our children grow and begin participating in more programs and activities, I look forward to becoming more actively engaged in supporting and contributing to the opportunities available for families in our district.

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

As a dedicated educator with 18 years of experience as a teacher, coach, administrator, and currently the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations at Watkins Glen CSD, I would bring a wide variety of experience and a fresh perspective to the BOE. As a parent of two young children, I would be committed to ensuring all students have the best educational experience possible. I would take great pride in contributing towards a school environment where students thrive, teachers feel supported, and families remain actively engaged. By working together, we can make thoughtful, informed decisions that strengthen our schools and community.



Kyle Oliver

Occupation: Sale/Business Manager

Spouse: Shannon Oliver

Children: Adalynn Oliver 8yo LaFayette

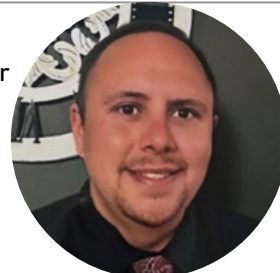
Jordan Aponte Mchale 15yo Waterloo High

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

I am an Eagle Scout and active in the community and attend many WCSO sporting events. I have coached Little League.

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

My name is Kyle Oliver. With your vote I plan to prioritize Accountability, Progress, and Integrity. My overall goal is to bridge the gaps between students, educators, and board members to provide a safe unbiased environment – for all children to learn the curriculum provided by the State of New York.



Barbara Westerberg

Occupation: Scheduling Specialist at ITT

Spouse: Scott

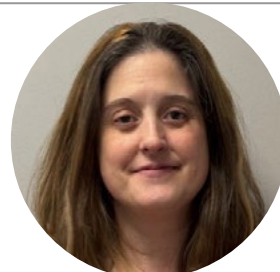
Children: Aubrey 17, 12th Grade Savannah 14, 8th Grade

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

- Class of 2025 Parent Boosters
- Waterloo Cheerleading Boosters
- Waterloo Girls Lacrosse Boosters

Priorities and Goals as a School Board Member:

My goals would be to provide consistency, fairness, accountability to the students and staff in the Waterloo Central School District. I will work hard for the future of our children.



BUDGET PROPOSITIONS

BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

NOON UNTIL 8 P.M.

Waterloo Central School District Office
109 Washington Street
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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 20, 2025 to be counted.

Proposition No. 1: 2025-26 Budget

Shall the budget for the Waterloo Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, as presented by the Board of Education, be approved and adopted in the amount of \$50,018,410 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 \$857,734.03 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 \$339,962.46 be collected by the Waterloo Central School District for the 2025-26 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?

Proposition No. 4: Waterloo Bus/Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

Should the Board of Education of the Waterloo Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, which shall be known as the "Bus/Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund," with the purpose of such fund being to finance the purchase of bus transportation department buses and vehicles and costs incidental thereto? The ultimate amount of such reserve fund shall not exceed \$10,000,000.00, plus earnings thereon, the probable term of such fund to be ten (10) years and the source from which funds shall be obtained for such reserve is (I) interest earnings thereon; and (II) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time; and (III) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time; and (IV) transportation aid received on such bus transportation department buses and vehicles, all to the extent permitted by law.



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