

FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Budget Hearing

May 11, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

*This hearing will be held remotely via Zoom.  
Meeting Id: 914 1751 5660; Passcode: fisdboe*

ITEM 1      PRESENTATION – K. Wurtz, School Business Official  
2021-2022 Proposed Budget of the Fire Island UFSD

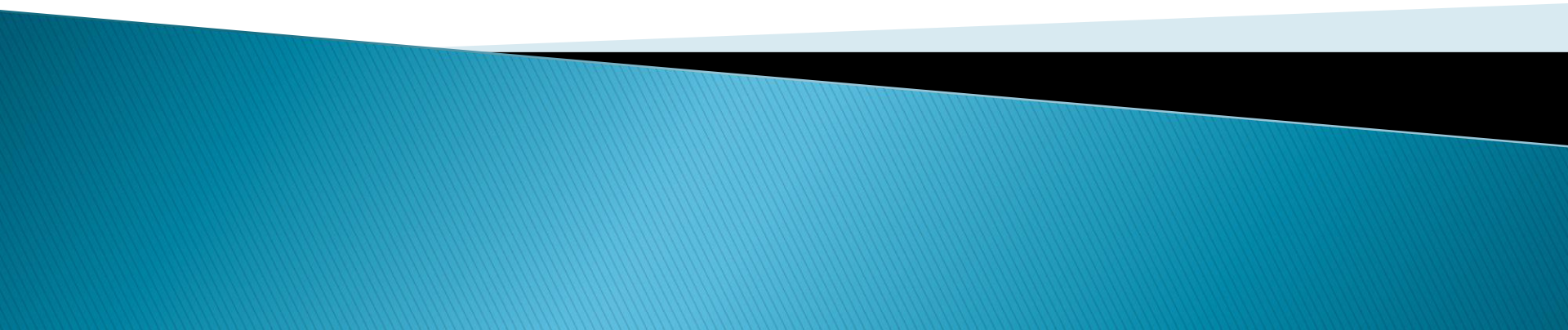
*Additional information pertaining to the proposed budget may also be  
found on the school website [www.fi.k12.ny.us](http://www.fi.k12.ny.us)*

ITEM 2      Adjournment

# **Fire Island UFSD**

## **2021-2022 Budget**

Planning for the Future



# Budget Developed with Two Objectives

1) To maintain the continuation of services with no increase to the tax levy.

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This is evidenced by a budget to budget increase of 0% and a tax levy increase of 0% .

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2) To stay within the tax levy limit.

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Fire Island's 2021-2022 allowable tax levy limit is

\$187,684 or 3.6%.

The proposed increase of \$0 =  
0%

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# The Property Tax Cap

Does the tax cap mean my annual property tax can't increase more than 2 percent?

**Not necessarily.** New York's property tax cap law establishes a tax levy limit for each school district. The tax levy limit allows school districts to increase their property tax levy from one year to the next by 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, based on a multi-step formula. School districts are then allowed to take certain exemptions that may boost their tax levy limits to more than 2 percent or the inflation rate.

If a school district's proposed tax levy increase is within its limit, a simple majority of voters is needed for budget approval. If a school district's proposed tax levy increase exceeds the tax levy limit, a supermajority of voters – 60 % or more- would be required for budget passage

Does the tax levy indicate how much my taxes will rise?

**No.** The tax levy is the amount of money the school district can raise through property taxes. The amount an individual will pay to contribute to the levied amount is the tax rate. Tax rates paid by individual taxpayers may differ greatly from one household to another, based on such things as equalization rates and assessed property values, and may exceed 2 percent.

# Fire Island UFSD 2021-2022 Budget

**Total Amount Authorized : 6,345,356**

0% Increase of the General Fund Budget

**Revenue Other Than Property Tax : 1,113,065**

**Fund Balance to Reduce Tax Levy: 150,000**

**Tax Levy: \$ 5,082,291**

**0 % Tax Levy Increase**

What does a 0% increase in the tax levy  
mean to my school taxes?

If your school taxes were \$1,000 last year,  
your 2021-2022 school taxes would be  
\$1,000

# General Support (-1.61% of change)

Description		Type of expenditures
Board of Education		BOE Professional Organizations, Policy Book, District Studies, Equipment, District Clerk Salary, Legal Advertisements, Professional Organizations, Costs Associated with Election, Equipment
Central Administration		Superintendent Salary, Administrative Assistant Salary, Professional Organizations, Equipment
Finance		School Business Official Salary, Professional Organizations, Accounting Services, Communication Costs; External Auditor, Accounting Software, Purchasing, Equipment
Staff		Legal fees, Personnel, Records Management, Public Information and Services
Central Services		Operation of Plant – Maintenance Salaries, Equipment, Gas, Electric, Freight, Contracted Services – Village of Ocean Beach for water, Refuse collection, Sewer, Phone, Maintenance of Plant, Supplies, Central Data Processing, Copiers, State Reporting, Student Data Software/ Programs
Unallocated Insurance (Special Items)		NYSIR, American Bankers- Flood, Student Accident Insurance, BOCES Administrative

# Instruction (-7.97% of change)

Administration		Professional Development, In-service Training, Student Management Programs, Professional Organization
Regular School/ Programs for students with disabilities		Teacher Salaries, Secondary Students, Textbooks, BOCES Services, Instrument Rentals, Programs, Textbooks for Non-Public Students, Exploratory Education, Special Education Teacher Salaries, ESL, BOCES Teachers – OT, Speech, Special Programs, Tuition for Special Education Students, Equipment, Adult Education
Instructional Media		School Librarian Salary, Library Books, Library Software and Databases, Computer Hardware, Computer Software, Technology Administrator/ Support Salary, Internet Fees/ T1 Line, Website, BOCES- Model Schools, Equipment
Pupil Services		Director of Health Services Salary, Health Programs, Health Services, BOCES- Psychologist, Co-Curricular Activities, Equipment

## Districtwide Support (7.69% of change)

Description		Type of expenditures
District Transportation Services		Bus Driver Salaries: 7 Full time, Extra Runs and Overtime, Gas, Purchasing of One New Bus, Miscellaneous Services – Drug and Alcohol Testing, School Bus Safety Program, Equipment
Garage Building		LIPA, Transportation Software and Programs, Equipment

Description		Type of expenditures
Community Services		Community Recreation – Summer library, Basketball monitors, Adult education monitors
Employee Benefits		State Retirement, Teacher Retirement, Social Security, Worker Compensation, Life Insurance, Unemployment, Insurance, Disability Insurance, Hospital & Dental Insurance

# Proposition # 1 School Budget

	Summary of General Fund Appropriations	% of Change From 2020-2021 Budget
General Support	1,331,877	-1.61%
Instruction	2,115,467	-7.97%
Districtwide Support	2,115,467	-7.97%
Total General Fund Appropriation	5,715,355	0%
Suffolk County Contingent Fund	630,000	0%
<b>Total Authorized Amount</b>	<b>6,345,356</b>	<b>0%</b>

# Proposition # 2

## Expenditure of Funds From Existing Capital Reserve Funds

- ▶ RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law the Board of Education be hereby authorized to appropriate and expend the full remaining balance of the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters on May 19, 2009, in the approximate amount of Four Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty-Five (\$483,935.00) Dollars from the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters on May 20, 2014, for the purpose of funding the below identified capital projects:
- ▶ Shall the Board of Education be authorized pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to appropriate and expend the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,900,000.00) from the capital reserve funds, established by the voters on May 19, 2009 and on May 20, 2014, for the projects as listed below:

# Proposition # 2 continued

## Expenditure of Funds From Existing Capital Reserve Funds

- ▶ Capital improvements to the Woodhull School building and grounds substantially as described in the architect's summary dated January 5, 2021, prepared by Burton, Behrendt and Smith Architects, (the "Summary"), which is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, such improvements consisting of the installation of three (3) new energy recovery ventilators (ERV's) to be mounted on the roof and ducted to provide ventilation to all teaching spaces, offices and the library at the Woodhull School, reconstruction of the gymnasium air handling unit (AHU), and a new heating circulator pump/piping loop; the foregoing to include new roof mounted equipment, structural support, electric work, ductwork, duct coils, piping loop and circulator, Building management system, temperature control work, ceiling removal and reinstallation, insulation, testing and balancing/commissioning or related components of the Capital Improvements set forth in the Summary may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interest of the District

# Proposition # 3

## Establishment of 2021 Capital Reserve Fund

- ▶ RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law the Board of Education be hereby authorized to establish a Reserve Fund to be known as the Fire Island Union Free School District 2021 Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of the 2021 Capital Reserve Fund shall be to finance, in whole or part, the renovation and/or reconstruction of existing school buildings. The ultimate amount of the 2021 Capital Reserve Fund shall be no more than a maximum anticipated amount of Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars. The probable term of the 2021 Capital Reserve Fund shall be ten (10) years. The source of funds for the 2021 Capital Reserve shall be transferred from surplus monies in the general fund and/or from annual budget appropriations.