



WATERFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT HALFMOON

Budget Hearing

A Budget Hearing will take place on June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD Library for a presentation of the Budget. The meeting is closed to the public but will be available to attend on-line for all community members at www.whufsd.org

Voting Day

The Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District Budget Vote and Election is scheduled for June 9, 2020. All voting for the June 9, 2020 election will be done by absentee ballot such that the school district must send absentee ballots with a postage paid return envelope to each "qualified voter." A qualified voter is someone who is a US citizen, 18 years of age, a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the vote, and not disqualified by any reason set forth in NYS Election Law §5-106.

Registration

Anyone who meets the definition of a "qualified voter" but has not registered to vote, must do so to receive an absentee ballot. A qualified voter may register with the county or with the School District. For more information on how to register, please contact the District Clerk at 518-237-0800; Ext. 3309 or the Saratoga County Board of Elections at 518-885-2249.

On behalf of the Board of Education, the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District hopes this annual budget newsletter finds everyone well during these unprecedented times impacted by COVID-19. As you are aware, due to the Coronavirus, this year's budget vote and board member elections will be held on June 9, 2020, and will be completed by absentee ballot. All registered voters will receive a voting packet that will include an absentee ballot with instructions and a pre-paid mailing envelope that will allow you to vote on the 2020-2021 school budget as well as the board members running for re-election.

The proposed \$21,516,060 budget calls for a 1.51% spending increase and an estimated tax levy increase set at 2.74% which is within the maximum allowable tax cap limit. If the budget is approved, homeowners who qualify will again be eligible for the state's property tax relief credit. Tax rates for individual properties will be determined over the summer once equalization rates and assessments, which are set by the Town's assessor's office, are available for the Towns of Waterford and Halfmoon.

During these very uncertain financial times, we have attempted to maintain current levels of programs and student support services. This was accomplished by making reductions in areas such as buildings and grounds, supplies, and equipment to create a balanced budget based on known reductions in State aid funding. To support this budget the District has utilized reserve funds and fund balance. The District will

maintain our current proposed budget but is prepared to make additional budget reductions if current state aid projections are not realized.

The proposed budget continues to support student achievement and improvements to the K-12 campus. The budget includes a \$100,000 small capital project that continues to support improved technology offerings for both staff and students. The District will receive approximately 75% in New York State Building Aid reimbursement on this investment the following year.

During the budget development process, the priority was to maintain the current level of opportunities that support student achievement and maintain programs and facilities of the district while facing very uncertain funding levels from New York State during this COVID-19 pandemic. This was done by examining all areas of the budget for potential cost containment or savings.

There are three Board of Education candidates on this year's ballot. All three candidates are running for re-election to fill three open seats. Learn more about these candidates on page three of this brochure.

The Board of Education continues to focus on providing a rigorous academic environment for all students set in a safe and well-maintained facility while being fiscally responsible to the community. We are thankful to the community for its continued support of the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District.

Student Recognition

As part of Mrs. Ancin's fall Personal Financial Management class, the following students have successfully demonstrated proficiency in personal finance by achieving a passing score on the WISE Nationally Standardized Financial Literacy Test: **MAXIMUS BATES, OWEN BILLS, CIERRA DAUBNEY, OSCAR GUTIERREZ, MACKENZIE KONISZEWSKI, JENNA LENNOX, HOWARD PHELAN III, AIDAN TRAVERS, ELLIS TRUBRIDGE** and **ANTHONY VILLANO**. There was 100% passing rate for this class! Mrs. Ancin was honored as a "Gold Star" Teacher for having over a 93% student pass rate.

WASAREN LEAGUE ALL-STARS:

BOYS SOCCER: **TYLER GALARNEAU** (1st Team All-Wasaren), **NATE POWELL** (1st Team All-Wasaren), **JAYCEN JANUSZ** (2nd Team All-Wasaren), **JAKE HOULE** (Honorable Mention), **JASON CORDTS** (Honorable Mention), **JOE PANETTA** (Honorable Mention), **JACK O'BRIEN** (Honorable Mention), **TY PLUMLEY** (Honorable Mention)

Girls Soccer: **ADDYSON GALUSKI** (1st Team All-Wasaren), **CASSIDY MCCLEMENT** (2nd Team All-Wasaren), **ISABELLA VECCHIO** (Honorable Mention), **MACKENZIE KONISZEWSKI** (Honorable Mention), **SOPHIA BELONGA** (Honorable Mention)

Golf: **AARON LYONS** (Honorable Mention)
DOMINICK PONTORE (Honorable Mention)

Girls Tennis: **KAIANA WILLIAMS** (2nd Team All-Patrol)

Volleyball: **HAELY RUSSELL** (1st Team All-Wasaren), **AYDEN RICHARDS** (2nd Team All-Wasaren), **SKYLER KENNEDY** (Honorable Mention)

Boys Basketball: **MICHAEL TALAVERA** (1st Team All-Wasaren), **TJ KELLEY** (2nd Team All-Wasaren), **EVAN FAIRCLOUGH** (Honorable Mention), **JAKE HOULE** (Honorable Mention), **GAVIN BODAH** (Honorable Mention)

Indoor Track & Field: **TYLER GALARNEAU** (Wasaren League All-Star; Wasaren League Champion, 55 M Hurdles), **ZACH SODEN** (Wasaren League All-Star)

Bowling: **ALYSSA JONES**: Wasaren League All-Star

In accordance with Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008 added to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, a report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment rolls used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, will be annexed to the budget document and posted on the district website.

3-Part 2020-21 Proposed Expense Summary

ITEM	2019-20	2020-21	CHANGE
PROGRAM BUDGET			
Instruction	\$10,514,045	\$10,476,589	(\$37,456)
Pupil Transportation	\$1,424,547	\$1,560,142	\$135,595
Employee Benefits	\$3,513,790	\$3,741,519	\$227,729
Fed. Summer Transfer	\$30,000	\$30,600	\$600
TOTAL	\$15,482,382	\$15,808,850	\$326,468
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET			
Board of Education	\$56,332	\$48,800	(\$7,532)
Central Administration	\$234,636	\$241,500	\$6,864
Finance	\$268,609	\$250,700	(\$17,909)
Legal/Personnel Services	\$35,350	\$132,650	\$97,300
Public Information/Central Services	\$168,500	\$151,020	(\$17,480)
Insurance, BOCES Admin	\$205,500	\$207,130	\$1,630
Curriculum Dev. & Supervision	\$629,415	\$609,539	(\$19,876)
Employee Benefits	\$461,540	\$480,759	\$19,219
TOTAL	\$2,059,882	\$2,122,098	\$62,216
CAPITAL BUDGET			
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,037,149	\$1,009,470	(\$27,679)
Transportation	\$60,000	\$0	(\$60,000)
New Construction Debt	\$2,284,910	\$2,270,420	(\$14,490)
Employee Benefits	\$172,170	\$205,222	\$33,052
Project Transfer	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$3,654,229	\$3,585,112	(\$69,117)
TOTAL BUDGET	\$21,196,493	\$21,516,060	\$319,567

2020-21 Estimated School Tax Rate

TOWN	ACTUAL 2019-20	PROPOSED 2020-21	CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Waterford	\$17.11	\$17.64	0.53	3.11%
Halfmoon	\$29.89	\$31.09	1.20	4.02%

2020-21 Estimated Tax on a Property

Town	Full Value	Taxable Value	2020-21 Estimated Tax Bill	Estimated Tax Bill with STAR	Est. Tax Bill with Enhanced STAR
Waterford	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$1,764	\$1,049	\$171
Halfmoon	\$100,000	\$56,750	\$1,764	\$1,102	\$223

2020-21 Estimated STAR Impact

Town	Basic STAR	Enhanced STAR
Waterford	\$780	\$1,736
Halfmoon	\$622	\$1,425

On the Ballot

2020 – 2021 GENERAL BUDGET Shall the Board of Education of the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District be authorized to make expenditures in the sum of \$21,516,060 for the fiscal year 2020 – 2021 as set forth in the proposed budget, and levy the necessary taxes therefore?

WATERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY Shall the Board of Trustees of the Waterford Public Library be authorized to make expenditures in the sum of \$293,608 for 2021 as set forth in the proposed budget, and levy the necessary taxes therefore?

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES James Formosa: Five Year Term , Barry Walsh: Two Year Term

Candidates for BOE

The following candidates are running for three seats on the Board of Education:

JAMIE MALONEY is a 1999 graduate of WHHS is running for her third consecutive term on the BOE. She and her husband Chris are lifelong residents of Waterford. They have three sons in the school. She has been actively involved in the community for many years through the PTO, Waterford Youth Council Soccer Rec Program as well as the Waterford Football Club. She has served as a district treasurer for local school districts as well. She currently works for the Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

JACK CATANZARITA is a 1992 graduate of WHHS who was appointed to the Board of Education in November 2014. He and his wife, Amy have resided in Waterford for many years. Their two children are currently attending Waterford-Halfmoon. Jack currently holds a BS in Information Technology and has held various positions of increasing responsibilities during his many years of employment with Verizon. His main focus is to provide an excellent and equitable education to all the students at WHUFSD in an environment that is conducive to academic success while practicing sound fiscal responsibility.

DAVID LEE is running for re-election to the school board. He is a graduate of Waterford-Halfmoon as are both of his children. He has been an active member of the Board for 10 years. He wants to continue providing the best education possible for all students and to keep the cost to taxpayers down in these trying times.

2020-21 Revenue Summary

ITEM	2019-20	2020-21	CHANGE
State Aid	\$6,337,916	\$6,188,650	(\$149,266)
State Aid - Capital Projects	\$1,564,476	\$1,789,950	\$225,474
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$298,000	\$388,500	\$90,500
Interfund Transfer	\$150,000	\$35,000	(\$115,000)
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,471,733	\$1,471,960	\$227
Appropriated Reserves	-	\$22,000	\$22,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$113,000	\$50,000	(\$63,000)
Projected Tax Revenue	\$11,261,368	\$11,570,000	\$308,632
TOTAL REVENUE	\$21,196,493	\$21,516,060	\$319,567

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget 2020-21 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$21,196,493	\$21,516,060	\$21,313,325
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$319,567	\$116,832
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.51%	0.55%
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		1.81%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$11,261,368	\$11,570,000	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$11,261,368	\$11,570,000	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$599,147	\$650,599	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,750,626	\$10,920,253	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$10,662,221	\$10,919,401	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$88,405	\$852	
Administrative component	\$2,059,882	\$2,122,098	\$2,080,618
Program component	\$15,482,382	\$15,808,850	\$15,648,505
Capital component	\$3,654,229	\$3,585,112	\$3,584,112



WATERFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT HALFMOON

★★ 125 Middletown Road, Waterford, NY 12188 ★★
Tel. 518-237-0800 ■ Fax: 518-237-7335

NON-PROFIT
ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Waterford, NY 12188
Permit #11

Board of Education Members

- Marcia Ricci, President
- David Lee, Vice President
- Carolyn Bell
- Denise Carutasu
- John Catanzarita
- Tammi Dehler
- Jamie Maloney

Produced in cooperation with WSWHE BOCES Communication Services

Property Tax Report Card

	2019-20 BUDGET	2020-21 BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$21,196,493	\$21,516,060	1.51
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$11,261,368	\$11,570,000	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$11,261,368	\$11,570,000	2.74%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$599,147	\$650,599	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,750,626	\$10,920,253	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$10,662,221	\$10,919,401	
I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$88,405	852	
Public School Enrollment	770	746	(3.12%)
Consumer Price Index			1.81%
	2019-20 ACTUAL	2020-21 ESTIMATED	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$4,727,948	\$5,080,307	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,784,467	\$1,675,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$1,596,216	\$1,264,324	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	7.53%	5.88%	
*Please note that this Property Tax Report Card presentation is in accordance with NYS Education Law sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3).			

Class of 2019

We are proud to say that 84% of the Class of 2019 went on to post-secondary education, 2% attended a trade school, 10% entered the workforce, and 2% joined the military. Members of the class were accepted to the following institutions:

State Colleges/Universities – Four Year

SUNY Brockport, Cobleskill, Cortland, Delhi, Morrisville, New Paltz, Oneonta, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Purchase, University at Albany, Binghamton University

Private Colleges/Universities – Four Year

Canisius College, Cazenovia College, Clarkson University, Colby Sawyer College, The College of St. Rose, Elmira College, Franklin Pierce University, Hartwick College, Hofstra University, Iona College, Ithaca College, LaSalle College, LeMoyne College, Long Island University, Manhattanville College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Mount Ida College, Mount St. Mary College, Nazareth College, Paul Smith College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, Russell Sage College, Saint Joseph's College, Sage College of Albany, Siena College, St. John Fisher College, St. Michael's College, University of Rochester, Utica College, Wells College, Western New England University,

State Colleges – Two Year

Hudson Valley Community College, Schenectady County Community College, SUNY Adirondack

Private Colleges – Two Year

Maria College

Technical Schools

The Modern School of Welding

The annual budget vote is on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Voting will be only by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will be mailed to all qualified voters of the district and need to be completed and returned by June 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM.