

Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District



Budget News

School Board Adopts Budget

April 29, 2019

Dear District Residents,

Enclosed please find your 2019-2020 Budget information. The Board of Education worked diligently to develop a budget that continues to offer an excellent academic and extra-curricular program for our children while at the same time trying to maintain the affordability of these programs for our tax payers. In finding this balance, the Board of Education has adopted a budget in the amount of \$23,443,029. This is a budget to budget increase of 3.23% which has a 5.9% tax levy. Although this levy is above the 2.22% tax cap limit, the BOE was able to strategically combine this increase with the higher valuation of Amenia from the Silo Ridge Project, **to have little or no impact and most likely a REDUCTION** on the average tax rate of most homeowners in **ALL Towns that are part of the WCSD**. Please refer to the charts on our District website www.webutuck.org in order to view a calculation of the estimated impact on your taxes. This budget vote will need a super majority (60% +1) in order to pass.

Highlights of the budget include:

- *Continued support of academic and extra-curricular programs.*
- *Commitment to a School Resource Officer (SRO) for Safety & Security.*
- *Continued support of College Level Courses allowing students to graduate from Webutuck with the possibility of 1 year of college credit.*
- *Additional electives geared towards Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Music (STEAM).*
- *Additional support for the Athletic Program.*
- *Commitment to an instructional technology initiative that will offer all students a 1:1 technology device*
- *Support for continued maintenance and development of Buildings and Grounds.*

Please feel free to contact the District Office at (845)373-4100 with questions or concerns.

The District will utilize a unique funding opportunity with the recognition of revenue from Silo Ridge, to provide a tax levy that continues to **support Student Program and have little or no impact and most likely a Reduction on the average tax rate of most homeowners.**

What happens if the Budget is not approved by the public?

If the proposed budget is not approved by the 60% +1 required margin:

- The district may resubmit the original budget or submit a revised budget to the voters on June 18, 2019.

If the resubmitted/revised budget proposal is **not** approved by the required margin:

- The Board of Education **must** adopt a contingency budget that levies a tax no greater than that of the prior year (0% increase tax levy) and the budget would be subject to contingent budget requirements. (See explanation below)

Explanation: Last year's tax levy of \$13,893,572 could not be increased (a 0% tax levy increase would be required by law). This would require a net reduction of \$825,278.

- Contingent budget figures are shown on page #4.

Contingent budget laws are still in effect

Copies of the budget are available on the web at www.webutuckschools.org and at the Webutuck Elementary School, Webutuck High School, Eugene Brooks Intermediate School, the Webutuck School District Administrative Office, and at the Amenia Free Library and Northeast-Millerton Library.

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 21

Noon to 9pm

Webutuck High School Gym

NORTHEAST (WEBUTUCK) CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAMPLE BALLOT
May 21, 2019 SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTE

PROPOSITION I: 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

SHALL the 2018-2019 Budget in the amount of \$23,443,029 adopted by the Board of Education with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$8,724,179 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$14,718,850 be approved?

YES **NO**

PROPOSITION II: 2019-2020 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE PURCHASE

SHALL the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire a mini-van, a maintenance truck and a bobcat at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$135,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and trade-in value; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$135,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

YES **NO**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS – TWO VACANCIES
(VOTE FOR TWO)

Chris Mayville **Steve Abad** **Delora A. Brooks II**

Write In _____

COMPARISON OF RECENT BUDGETS

YEAR	BUDGET	TAX LEVY \$	TAX LEVY %
2014-2015	\$21,250,158.....	\$12,727,878.....	+ 1.26%
2015-2016.....	\$21,382,078.....	\$12,938,714.....	+ 1.66%
2016-2017.....	\$21,705,934.....	\$13,194,751.....	+ 1.98%
2017-2018.....	\$22,262,552.....	\$13,446,278.....	+ 1.91%
2018-2019	\$22,703,351.....	\$13,893,572.....	+ 3.33%
2019-2020	\$23,443,029.....	\$14,718,850.....	+ 5.94%

Transportation Vehicle Proposition

Highlights of Proposition:

- Purchase 1 maintenance truck
- Purchase 1 mini van
- Purchase 1 bobcat utility vehicle

Specifics about the Budget and Transportation Vehicle Purchasing Proposal are available on the District’s website www.webutuckschools.org.

Budget Components

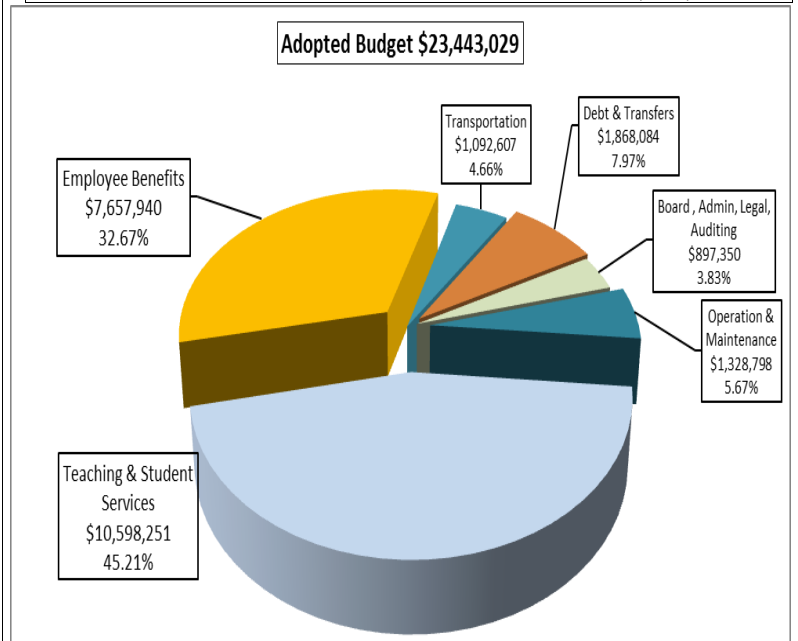
	Administrative		Program		Capital	
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2018-2019	2019-2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Budget Amount	\$2,402,223	\$2,415,092	\$16,988,541	\$17,458,745	\$3,312,587	\$3,569,185
% of Budget	10.6%	10.3%	74.8%	74.5%	14.6%	15.2%
What Each Component Pays For...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salaries & benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff Public information and central printing Research, planning & evaluation Audits, tax collection, & most legal services School board costs 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salaries & benefits of teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, speech teachers In-service training Library/media/computer services Student transportation Co-curricular activities Interscholastic athletics 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt service on buildings and buses Tax certiorari and court ordered costs Operations and maintenance costs including utilities and salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial personnel 	

The Budget by Functional Group

Board of Education	\$ 25,128
Central Administration	\$ 241,912
Financial & Accounting	\$ 411,703
Legal & Personnel	\$ 56,385
Operations, Maintenance & Printing	\$ 1,328,798
Insurance & BOCES Administration	\$ 162,222
Instructional Administration	\$ 694,736
Teaching & Student Services	\$ 9,903,515
Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,092,607
Employee Benefits	\$ 7,657,940
Debt Service & Fund Transfers	<u>\$ 1,868,084</u>
Total	\$ 23,443,029

Revenues by Major Source

Local Property Tax	\$ 14,718,850
State Aid	\$ 6,334,179
Fund Balance, Grants, Interest, Other	<u>\$ 2,390,000</u>
Total	\$ 23,443,029



School District Budget Notice

3	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 22,703,351	\$ 23,443,029	\$ 22,617,751
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$ 739,678	\$ (85,600)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.26%	-0.038%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44 %	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount			
	\$13,893,572	\$14,718,850	
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			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)			
	\$13,893,572	\$14,718,850	\$13,893,572
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit			
	\$629,027	\$475,399	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions			
	\$13,264,545	\$13,726,819	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)			
	\$13,264,545	\$14,243,451	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **			
	\$0	- \$516,632	
Administrative Component			
	\$2,402,223	\$2,415,090	\$2,329,777
Program Component			
	\$16,988,541	\$17,458,754	\$ 16,718,789
Capital Component			
	\$3,312,587	\$3,569,185	\$3,569,185
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.			
		Description	Amount
		Transportation Vehicle Purchases (1 minivan, 1 bobcat, 1 maintenance truck)	\$135,000
** 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: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for
the 2019-20 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$466

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