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District Presents 2023-2024 Budget to Support High Quality Teaching and Learning

The Rhinebeck School District Board of Education has adopted a spending plan that supports and maintains high quality experiences for students while remaining below the tax levy limit. This budget will expand student programs and activities, preserve teaching positions, and help to ensure continuous improvement across the system.

The budget development process emphasized creating sustainable approaches to ensure that programs, materials and equipment for students will be future focused. Due to careful planning and management, our facilities and campus are in excellent condition. The District remains committed to a strategic plan that emphasizes learning, family engagement, and community connections through the integration and use of local resources.

This newsletter provides an overview of the budget, board candidates, and voter propositions. Additional information and budget presentations are available for your review at www.rhinebeckcsd.org.

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

VOTE

Tuesday, May 16
 2pm - 9pm
 Bulkeley Middle School Cafeteria

THE RESOURCE

Rhinebeck Central School District

Serving the Students and Communities of Rhinebeck, Milan, Clinton, Hyde Park, Stanford & Red Hook

Spring 2023
 Budget Newsletter

RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Diane Lyons, *President*
- Stephen Jenkins, *Vice-President*
- Megan Barbera
- Mark Fleischhauer
- Juliet Gorman
- Mary-Kay Lombino
- Jaclyn Savolainen

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Albert Cousins, x5522

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Katie Andersen x6545

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR SUPPORT SERVICES

SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL

Thomas Burnell, x5523

DISTRICT CLERK

Whitney Druker, x5522



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Voter Information

Eligible voters must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a citizen of the United States; and
- Must be at least 18 years of age; and
- Must be a resident* within the school district for a period of at least thirty days immediately preceding the election/vote at which such person desires to vote; and
- Must be qualified to vote at any election in accordance with the provisions of §5-106 of the Election Law; and
- Must be registered to vote with the County Board of Elections or personally registered to vote with the school district.

Ownership of property, such as a weekend home, does not confer upon the property owner the right to vote in school district elections/votes.

*RESIDENCY: For purposes of §2012 of the Education Law, an individual may have only one legal residence or domicile and that is where the individual intends to have his/her permanent residence.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by the qualified voters of Rhinebeck CSD, Dutchess County, NY will be held on Tuesday, May 16 between the hours of 2-9 PM, prevailing time, in the Bulkeley Middle School Cafeteria at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.



RHS students show their spirit at the 2023 Hawk pep rally!

5th grade scientists engaging with matter.

Tax Rate for Rhinebeck among Lowest in County

With the 2023-24 school budget, the tax rate continues to be among the very lowest across the county, decreasing steadily and significantly over the past decade.

Through careful planning and a long-range vision for sustainable budgets, the District has prepared an annual spending plan below the levy limit established by New York State for the fifth consecutive year. The carefully developed budget for 2023-24 maintains focus on ensuring a solid and sustainable future while prioritizing the most optimal experience for our students, employees, and families in the present.

	Total Budget	% Change	Tax Levy	% Change	Tax Rate per \$1,000
2017 - 2018	\$33,121,397	3.07%	\$27,912,045	3.88%	\$16.30
2018 - 2019	\$33,920,159	2.41%	\$28,813,299	3.23%	\$15.64
2019 - 2020	\$35,005,961	3.20%	\$29,860,484	3.63%	\$16.21
2020 - 2021	\$36,182,065	3.36%	\$30,735,859	2.93%	\$14.33
2021 - 2022	\$35,380,864	-2.21%	\$31,462,819	2.37%	\$13.89
2022 - 2023	\$37,241,300	5.26%	\$31,993,462	1.69%	\$12.15
2023 - 2024	\$38,916,690	4.50%	\$32,866,884	2.73%	\$12.30 (est.)

Proposed Tax Levy Increase*

2.73%

*Below the 2023-2024 Tax Levy Limit of 3.37%

Average Estimated Homeowner Tax Impact*

1.25%

*Based on a 1.48% tax base growth factor, further explained on page 3.

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Two District residents are seeking election to fill two upcoming Trustee vacancies on the Board of Education.

Look inside to meet the candidates, and visit www.rhinebeckcsd.org

Federal Funds to Support Ongoing Pandemic Recovery

The federal government has provided support to school districts in their pandemic recovery response.

In addition to the 2023-2024 school budget, the District is allocating funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), supporting program enhancements over the next two years.

The expense through ARP is not included in the school budget. A separate supplemental spending plan is developed. For the 2023-2024 school year, the district is using these funds to support, among other items:

- an increase in school counseling in support of student mental health needs
- curriculum development to support high quality learning to address gaps resulting from the pandemic
- ventilation upgrades
- outdoor campus upgrades, including playground equipment
- ongoing replacement of student computing devices

The district regularly updates stakeholders at Board of Education meetings regarding the use of these federal allocations.

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2022-2023 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-2024 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$37,241,300	\$38,916,690	\$38,043,268
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-2024 School Year		\$1,675,390	\$801,968
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.50%	2.15%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.00%	
Proposed Tax Levies			
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$31,993,462	\$32,866,884	
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	\$31,993,462	\$32,866,884	\$31,993,462
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$1,684,455	\$1,665,278	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$32,480,601	\$33,072,595	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve	\$31,993,462	\$32,866,884	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$487,139	\$205,711	
Component Breakdown			
Administrative Component	\$5,140,493	\$5,272,290	\$5,224,290
Program Component	\$26,926,431	\$28,113,706	\$27,823,285
Capital Component	\$5,174,376	\$5,530,693	\$4,995,693
Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for 2023-2024 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated: Approximately \$873,422 in additional reductions. Elimination of all equipment purchases except those necessary for health and safety, with board approval. Elimination of community use of facilities, certain pupil services, certain non-contractual salary increases, as required by law; additional teaching and non-teaching positions; and student program and services reductions.			
		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-2024 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Tax Savings			\$522

Board of Education Candidates



Rose Ann Serpico is seeking election to the Board of Education.

She works as a personal trainer and movement teacher. Rose

Ann has participated on the Transportation and Mobility subcommittee with the Village of Rhinebeck Comprehensive Plan and also served as a Condo Board Member and Secretary. In her role, she managed a budget and supervised engineers for major capital projects. Rose Ann and her husband, Frank, have a son, age 11.

For more information about Rose Ann including her experience, priorities and vision, please visit the district website.



Amanda Miller-McGrath is seeking election to the Board of Education.

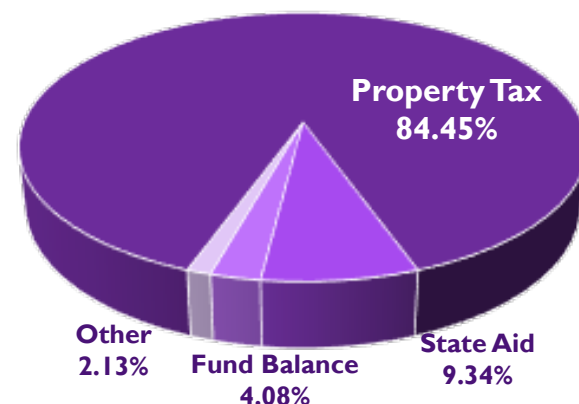
She is a self-employed attorney who was previously

a partner at a law firm. In addition to serving on the Town of Rhinebeck Board of Assessment and working on behalf of families with young children on projects, she has experience in employment litigation representing employees and union members. Amanda and her husband, Chris, have two children, ages 4 and 2 and a half.

For more information about Amanda including her experience, priorities and vision, please visit the district website.

Estimated Revenues for 2023-2024 School Year

Property Tax	\$32,866,884	84.45%
State Aid	\$3,634,435	9.34%
Fund Balance	\$1,587,662	4.08%
Other	\$827,709	2.13%



Tax Levy Limit and the Proposed Budget

On April 11, 2023, the Rhinebeck Central School District Board of Education adopted a proposed budget of \$38,916,690 for the 2023-24 school year.

Based on a complex formula established by New York State, the allowable tax levy limit, or "tax cap", for RCSD for the 2023-24 school year is 3.37%. The proposed budget will increase the tax levy by 2.73%, an increase that is below the requirements set forth in the New York State tax levy cap legislation.

Due to an increase in new construction and other improvements, the overall tax base growth for the 2023-2024 school year has been set at 1.48%. This means that the average homeowner will see an estimated increase of 1.25%. This is calculated with the following formula:

$$\frac{2.73\% \text{ Proposed Tax Levy}}{1.48\% \text{ Tax Base Growth Factor}} = 1.25\% \text{ Average Tax Increase}$$



Scan the QR Code with any smartphone to access a helpful document that provides explanation of the factors influencing your school tax bill, tax levy, equalization rates, and STAR exemptions.

Also, the **district website** includes links to budget presentation slides and Board of Education meeting recordings that describe the complete budget in detail.

Voter Propositions

Proposition #1: Shall the Board of Education of the Rhinebeck Central School District be authorized to expend the sums of money which will be required for School District purposes for the 2023-2024 school year, in the amount of \$38,916,690 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Proposition #2: Shall the Board of Education of the Rhinebeck Central School District be authorized to establish a new capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, to be designated as the "Buildings and Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund," which shall be for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of the construction of additions to, improvements to, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of School District buildings, facilities, and athletic facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, planning costs, and site and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith; the maximum amount of such fund shall be \$10,000,000 (plus accrued interest and investment earnings thereon), with a maximum term of ten (10) years; to be funded from (i) year-end budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter for the term of the reserve fund, (ii) transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, (iii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

Proposition #3: To elect TWO (2) members to the Board of Education, for three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2026.

Vote For TWO (2)

Rose Ann Serpico

Amanda N. Miller-McGrath

BUDGET SUMMARY

Comparison of 2021-2022, 2022-2023

Approved Budgets And

Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

ADMINISTRATIVE

2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
\$4,715,876	\$5,140,493	\$5,272,290

Central Administration
Central Services
Special Items (insurance)
Supervision
Curriculum Development
Board of Education
Employee Benefits

PROGRAM

2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
\$25,817,801	\$26,926,431	\$28,113,706

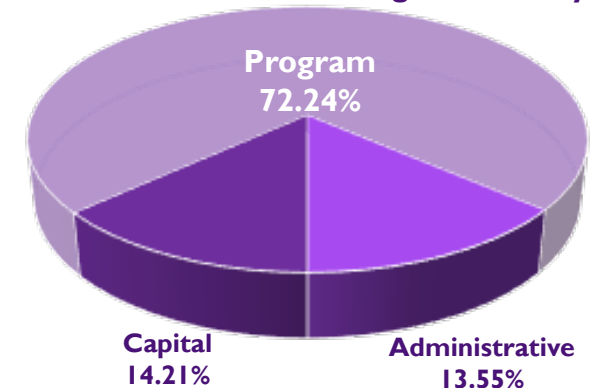
Instruction
Computer Assisted Instruction
Library Services
Pupil Services
Interscholastic Athletics
Co-Curricular Activities
Transportation
Interfund Transfers
Employee Benefits

CAPITAL

2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
\$4,847,187	\$5,174,376	\$5,530,693

Operations
Maintenance
Physical Plant
Debt Service
Interfund Transfers
Employee Benefits

2023-2024 Three Part Budget Summary



First grade readers share what they learned in their independent reading books.