NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Budget proposal stays below cap while providing for student needs

In the following pages, you will find the details of the adopted budget proposal for the 2019-2020 school year.

As has been their practice, the members of our board of education remained true to their guiding principle of balancing the needs of our students with the ability of taxpayers to support those needs. We continue to take a responsible and pragmatic

approach to budgeting and expenditure.

Budget 2019

New York state will again be offering a tax freeze credit to Basic STAR eligible homeowners, on their primary residence, with a household income below \$275,000. The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will continue to use a graduated approach based on household income and tied

graduated approach based on household income and tied directly to STAR savings. The credit will be a percentage of STAR savings, and that percentage is dependent on household income. In order for taxpayers to be eligible for this credit, their school district must remain at or below the allowable levy limit as prescribed by the tax cap law.

The board of education has again adopted a budget proposal that remains below the allowable levy limit for 2019-2020. We have continued to do so since the advent of the tax cap legislation. For this budget cycle, the district's allowable tax levy limit is 2.33%. After a lengthy

Important dates			
	Date	Time	
Public hearing	May 13	6:30 p.m.	
Budget vote	May 21	12-8 p.m.	

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development process, the board adopted a budget that results in a necessary levy increase of 1.2%. This places Newark Valley Schools among the lowest levy increases in the region, without compromising any of our programs.

Our annual budget reflects a continued commitment to maximizing our offerings to meet the ever-changing

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needs of our students. Additionally, our budget exhibits an obligation to maintaining our facilities and operations at the highest levels possible. The board of education remains dedicated to maximizing our return on investment for every tax dollar, while relentlessly adhering to responsible expenditure and budgeting practices.

We will continue to work

daily to stay as efficient as possible without sacrificing effectiveness. Likewise, we never forget that your support makes our kids' education possible.

Respectfully,

Ryan Dougherty

Ryan Dougherty, Superintendent of Schools

Budget Snapshot			
	Total	Change	
Budget	\$27,267,467	3.03%	
Tax levy	\$8,080,250	1.20%	

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## Newark Valley Central School District Notice of budget hearing and vote

### **Budget hearing**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Newark Valley Central School District, as follows:

- 1. A budget hearing of the qualified voters of Newark Valley Central School District (the "School District") shall be held in the School District on May 13, 2019 at the District Office located at the Newark Valley High School, 68 Wilson Creek Road, Newark Valley, New York beginning at 6:30 pm, where there shall be presented the proposed School District budget for the following year and for the purpose of voting upon the propositions described in the annual vote hereinafter set forth.
- 2. (2) The meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

#### **Annual vote**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual vote of the gualified voters of the School District, will be held at Newark Valley High School, 68 Wilson Creek Road, Newark Valley, New York, on the 21st day of May 2019. The vote will be on the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures, for propositions involving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes, as well as the election of members of the board of education. The vote upon such propositions shall be by paper ballot, and the polls shall be open for qualified voters of the School District desiring to vote on the propositions from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. The propositions to be voted on are: (i) acquire school buses for the School District for its 2019-2020 fiscal year and (ii) to expend moneys from a voter approved capital reserve to pay a portion of the costs

of the acquisition of school vehicles, including school buses and any other preliminary and incident costs related thereto. The polls shall be open until 8 p.m. At such meeting, taxes to be levied by installment will be proposed. The following propositions will be submitted at said meeting and shall state the taxes to be proposed, the objects or purpose for which such taxes will be authorized, and the maximum amount to be expended for such objects or purpose:

#### **Proposition No. 1**

Shall the Board of Education of the Newark Valley Central School District, located in the counties of Tioga, Tompkins, Cortland and Broome, state of New York, be authorized to finance the costs of the acquisition of three (3) school buses at a maximum cost of \$365,000 and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of \$328,500 and to levy real estate taxes for the cost of such purpose?

#### **Proposition No. 2**

If Proposition No. 1 is adopted, shall the Board of Education of the Newark Valley Central School District, located in the counties of Tioga, Tompkins, Cortland and Broome, state of New York, be authorized to expend \$36,500 from moneys in a voter approved capital reserve fund established by the school district on May 12, 1993, as amended on May 21, 2002, for the purchase of school district vehicles, including school buses and any other preliminary and incidental costs related thereto in and for the school district?

### Statement of money required for next school year

A copy of the statement of the amount of money which would be required for the next school year for school purposes shall be completed 7 days before the budget hearing and may be obtained by any resident of the school district at each schoolhouse during the period of 14 days immediately before the annual meeting and election, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

#### Voter qualifications

The budget vote and board election is scheduled for

#### May 21, 2019 – Noon - 8 p.m.

at the Newark Valley High School auditorium, 68 Wilson Creek Road, Newark Valley To be eligible to vote, you must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- be a citizen of the United States
- · be at least 18 years of age; and
- be a resident of the district for a least 30 days preceding the vote

#### **Absentee ballots**

Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the district clerk. Such 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 voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the district clerk of the district not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the vote.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the district clerk during regular office hours which are between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of qualifications of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge shall be transmitted by the clerk, or designee, to the inspectors of election on the day of the election.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Residents will vote to fill two vacancies on the board of education. The vacancies include a three-year term ending June 30, 2022, currently held by Sarah Hines, and a three-year term ending June 30, 2022, currently held by Anthony D. Tavelli

#### **Sarah Hines**

I grew up in Mexico, NY, until part way through my 11th grade year. My family moved it's small dairy farm to Adams, NY. I began my education at Mexico Academy and Central Schools, and graduated from South Jefferson High School. From there, I went to SUNY Cobleskill, and transferred to Cornell University, graduating from both with an AAS and a BS, respectively. I currently work for the post office, as a substitute rural carrier, long time and part time for Iron Kettle Farm, and have a wreath making gig. I am in the Music Boosters

# 2019-20 three-part budget

#### **BUDGET AT A GLANCE**

Estimated Expenditures				
Budget Component	2018/2019	2019/2020	\$ change	% change
Administrative	\$2,779,276	\$2,706,495	\$(72,781)	-2.62%
Program	\$18,649,330	\$18,634,077	\$(15,253)	-0.08%
Capital	\$5,035,808	\$5,926,895	\$891,087	17.70%
Total	\$26,464,414	\$27,267,467	\$803 <i>,</i> 053	3.03%

#### **ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES**

Object Of Expense	2018/2019	2019/2020	\$ change	% change
Staff	\$10,333,930	\$10,417,702	\$83,772	0.81%
Equipment	\$55,754	\$178,702	\$122,948	220.52%
Purchased Services	\$1,392,853	\$1,346,575	\$(46,278)	-3.32%
Materials	\$910,816	\$954,320	\$43,504	4.78%
Tuition	\$239,750	\$176,000	\$(63,750)	-26.59%
Textbooks	\$43,920	\$43,726	\$(194)	-0.44%
B.o.c.e.s. Services	\$3,035,295	\$3,173,064	\$137,769	4.54%
Employee Benefits	\$7,720,799	\$7,538,000	\$(182,799)	-2.37%
Interfund Transfers	\$2,731,297	\$3,439,378	\$708,081	25.92%
Total	\$26,464,414	\$27,267,467	\$803,053	3.03%

Estimated Revenue Offset				
Source Of Revenue	2018/2019	2019/2020	\$ change	% change
State Aid	\$16,833,486	\$17,758,487	\$925,001	5.50%
Other Sources	\$480,500	\$363,500	\$(117,000)	-24.35%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$-	0.00%
Appropriated Fb - Vehicles	\$-	\$81,790	\$81,790	100.00%
Appropriated Reserves	\$336,000	\$153,440	\$(182,560)	-54.33%
Federal Aid	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$-	0.00%
Tax Levy	\$7,984,428	\$8,080,250	\$95,822	1.20%
Total	\$26,464,414	\$27,267,467	\$803,053	3.03%

club and help out with their field trips. I am also a leader in our 4-H Club, coached basketball in my past, and used to be pretty involved with activities in my kids' classrooms. Lately, it seems like I am a animal transporter for agriculture programs at the high school. Love to get get kids hands on experiences!

While I was attending Cornell, I met Wesley, who is a long time resident of this area and graduate of Newark

see Board of Education Election, back page



#### **NEWARK VALLEY** Central School District

Newark Valley, NY 13811

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### **BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION**

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Valley, and eventually we settled in this area. We have two children in the Newark Valley School District, currently grades 8 and 10, who are active in sports and 4-H outside of school. They both really enjoy the small town country life that they have here in Newark Valley, and are especially excited about the agriculture programs that have come back to this district. They have many animals to keep them busy, along with school related activities.

I am parent who's seen a few sides the education process in our district, because of the special case of my son's health. They have been fantastic in making things work and thinking outside the box to keep a smooth continuity to his education. I believe educating our children to be a high priority. I am just finishing up my first three year term on the school board. I had reservations about joining, just not sure that it was my thing, having top priority being my kids. Lukcily, this is understand and I make all the meetings that I can.

During these past three years, I have learned a lot about something I knew very little about. I find it fascinating to hear about the program content for the different subject areas. I am also a property owner/tax payer, so I have a keen interest in getting the most for our kids while not being ridiculous with the taxes.

I would like to continue to be on the school board, as I believe I help to represent a fair majority of our schools' population, being a parent, and being involved in many areas of the community. I look forward to the chance to continue serving our community and the Newark Valley School District for the next three years.

Sarah

#### **Anthony D. Tavelli**

My name is Anthony D. Tavelli. I am a 4<sup>th</sup> generation farmer living in the Speedsville area of the Newark Valley School District. For the past 6 years I have also worked as a Maintenance Supervisor for Ithaca Renting Co. I have served 3 consecutive 3 year terms on the Newark Valley Board of Education and would like to serve another term. My goals for the school are to continue to advance the school in all areas. The education of our students being the priority, with a conservative mind on the expense side of our ledger.

I would appreciate your vote.

Thank You.