

The Comet's Tale

BUDGET EDITION

2022-2023

In-Person Budget Vote and Election

Tuesday,
May 17, 2022
Noon to 8 p.m.

Sandy Creek District Office
Board Room
(Absentee Ballots by request)

Budget Hearing

Thursday,
May 5, 2022
6 p.m.

Sandy Creek District Office
Board Room

Board Vacancy

Two (2) - Five (5) Year Terms

Joseph Hathway
John Shelmidine

See Candidate Profiles at
www.sandycreekcsd.org/district/boe/surveys

Sandy Creek Unveils Valedictorian, Salutatorian for Class of 2022



Abigail Lantry

Valedictorian
Abigail Lantry

Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Brian and
Jana Lantry

College Plan:

Plans to attend college,
but undecided as to
where.

Activities: Class Treasurer,
Science Club Treasurer,
National Honor Society Treasurer, National Honor
Society, Band, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball,
Varsity Track, Environmental Science Club



Hailey McNitt

Salutatorian
Hailey McNitt

Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. James
and Sara McNitt

College Plan:

Clarkson University
Major - Mechanical
Engineering

Activities: Robotics
Team Captain,

National Honor Society, Band, Marching
Band, OCAV League, Ellisburg Volunteer Fire
Department Auxiliary Volunteer



Advice: "Do not compare yourself to others.
Everybody learns at a different pace, has different
strengths, and has different weaknesses. It is okay
to focus on yourself, as long as you are doing your
best, that's all you can ask of yourself."

Sandy Creek students crowned 2022 Oswego County Academic League champions

After battling in various Oswego County Academic Youth
League competitions throughout the school year, Sandy
Creek's team finished the season as the overall winners.

Teams from eight school districts throughout the county
faced off in several different competitions throughout the
year that tested knowledge, teamwork, communication
and problem-solving skills. During the most recent bridge
construction event, the Sandy Creek team earned second
place, sealing their place as overall league champions.

OCAV League was organized in the spring of 1997 with
the idea that academics merit a standing comparable to
athletics. Students' academic skills are challenged and
showcased in a wide variety of competitive events that
emphasize scholastic excellence, team building, leadership
and creativity. A particular strength of the league is its



*Pictured are: Emma Halsey, Kendall Darling, Matt Trudell, Abby Lantry,
and Hailey McNitt*

emphasis on cooperative problem-solving. OCAV League is
coordinated through the Center for Instruction, Technology
& Innovation's gifted and talented program.



Proposition #1:

Shall the proposed budget of \$25,283,238 for the Sandy Creek Central School District, Oswego County, New York as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax thereof?



Comet Pride is Community Wide

PROGRAM COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION	2021-2022	2022-2023
Curriculum, Administration & Planning	Includes all costs associated with staff development and costs directly associated with instruction	\$598,204	\$679,055
Regular School	All costs associated with Instruction, Library & Media, and Computer Technologies	\$6,356,869	\$6,573,700
Special Education Programming	All costs associated with the Education of Students with disabilities/handicapping conditions	\$2,419,750	\$2,573,750
Special Schools	All costs associated with BOCES Occupational Education and Summer School	\$1,043,000	\$1,095,000
Student Services	All costs associated with Guidance Services, Co-Curricular Activities, Interscholastic Sports, Transportation, and School Food Service	\$2,228,018	\$2,572,240
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above program component salaries	\$5,434,275	\$5,508,766
TOTAL PROGRAM		\$18,080,116	\$19,002,511

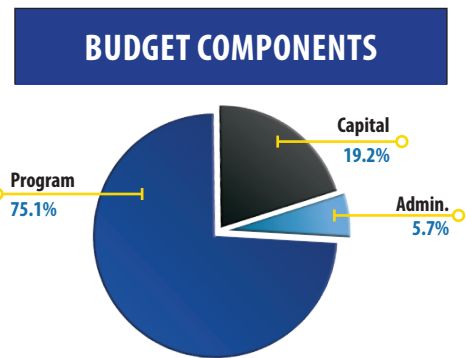
CAPITAL COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION	2021-2022	2022-2023
Special Item	Refunds of Real Property Taxes – Prior years	\$5,000	\$5,000
Operation of Plant	All costs associated with operating district buildings, including cleaning, utilities costs, and BOCES capital charges	\$1,109,188	\$1,225,134
Maintenance of Plant	All costs associated with maintaining district buildings and property	\$649,930	\$669,540
Transportation	Including the purchase of (1) 30 passenger and (2) 66 passenger buses for 21-22 and (1) 30 passenger and (2) 66 passenger buses for 22-23	\$367,115	\$382,371
Debt Service	Includes the principal and interest costs for the past capital project and fiscal agent fees	\$2,024,599	\$1,833,575
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above capital component salaries	\$666,178	\$622,848
Interfund Transfer	Interfund transfer to the Capital fund for 21/22 modernization of hydraulic passenger elevator(s) and 22/23 doors, door hardware and gym equipment	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL		\$4,922,010	\$4,838,468

The Sandy Creek Central School District in accordance with the Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and does not discriminate on the basis of sex or handicap in the educational programs or activities it operates. This includes recruitment and employment of employees; pay and benefits; counseling services for students; access by students to educational programs, courses and activities. The District's Title IX Compliance Coordinator is Shelley Fitzpatrick (124 Salisbury Street, Sandy Creek, NY 13145 | 315-387-3445).



ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION	2021-2022	2022-2023
Board of Education	All costs associated with the Board of Education, District Clerk and Elections	\$81,992	\$80,800
Central Administration	All costs associated with the Superintendent's Office	\$195,620	\$197,000
Regular School Supervision	All costs associated with the Supervision of Curriculum, Principals, Supervision of Handicap, and Computer Instruction	\$129,005	\$149,155
Finance	All costs associated with the Business Office, Auditing, District Treasurer, Tax Collection, and Liability Insurance	\$340,442	\$335,249
BOCES Administrative Costs	BOCES administrative and capital budgets, printing and planning	\$331,522	\$352,625
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above administrative component salaries	\$335,899	\$327,430
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE		\$1,414,480	\$1,442,259

BUDGET COMPONENTS	2021-2022	2022-2023	% OF TOTAL BUDGET
Program	\$18,080,116	\$19,002,511	75.1%
Capital	\$4,922,010	\$4,838,468	19.2%
Administrative	\$1,414,480	\$1,442,259	5.7%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$24,416,606	\$25,283,238	



PROJECTED REVENUES	2021-2022	2022-2023
Other Tax Items Collected Interest and Penalties on Real Property Taxes and Pilots (Payments in lieu of taxes)	\$27,100	\$45,970
Uses of Money and Property Interest Earnings and Commissions	\$29,250	\$22,000
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss Sales of Surplus and Lost Item reimbursements	\$15,000	\$15,500
Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures-BOCES and Other Sources BOCES contracted services expenses from prior year	\$165,000	\$165,000
Miscellaneous Other unclassified revenues, gifts and donations	\$750	\$750
State and Federal Aid NYS Education Aid, Federal Medicaid Reimbursement	\$16,943,465	\$17,089,703
Interfund Transfers and Uses of Reserves Transfers from the Debt Service Fund and other employee benefits reserves	\$183,984	\$107,074
Appropriated Fund Balance Fund balance for use in the upcoming year	\$185,275	\$798,894
Estimated Tax Levy Estimated amount of Tax Levy	\$6,866,782	\$7,038,347
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES	\$24,414,606	\$25,283,238

**Sandy Creek Central
School District**

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Middle School/High School: Ext. 1910

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Nurses' Office: Ext. 1501

Elementary- Ext. 1503

HS - Ext. 1505

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Sandy Creek Central School District

2021-22 Board of Education
John Shelmidine, Pres.
Joseph Hathway, VP
Kevin Halsey
Andrea Harris
John Macklen
Heidi Metott
Michele Warner

Superintendent:
Mr. Kyle L. Faulkner

**Business Administrator/
District Clerk:**
Shelley H. Fitzpatrick

Dir. of Curriculum & Inst.:
Amy Howard-McCormack

Principals:
Elementary: Timothy Filiatrault
Middle School/High School:
Kevin Seymour



A Message From Your Superintendent

Dear Community Member,

I hope your "spring" has been going well for you and your family. Unfortunately, it seems as though spring in our part of the world lasts about a week. Before writing this article, I read what I wrote last year. At the time I was hopeful that the pandemic would be a thing of the past. Clearly that has not happened for us, and this year was again a tremendous challenge for teachers, students, staff and parents. Though we were very lucky to avoid having to go remote this year, I will be very honest that at times, I wasn't sure we would be able to pull that off. By working together and following the NYS/CDC guidelines that we were forced to adhere to, we have been able to remain in person all year long. I would like to thank the community and especially parents for dealing with all the positive cases and the quarantines. I know many of you heard from us many, many times as we called all close contacts. As frustrating as it was, more often than not, parents simply took it in stride and thanked us for what we were doing. While the mandated masks and other guidelines caused some controversy, I believe that most people understood that the district was doing what we had to do. We didn't necessarily agree with what we had to do, but sometimes we don't have choices in life.

You will be voting on the 2022-2023 school expenditure plan on May 17th. The Board of Education and the Administration feel that we are presenting a fiscally responsible budget. Though we are in a much better financial situation than we were a few years ago, we believe that it is vital to keep a very healthy fund balance for that rainy day that will most certainly come in the future. To continually present budgets with a 0% tax increase is not fiscally responsible. Salaries continue to rise, health insurance costs continue to rise, and certainly the price of fuel and electricity are seeing huge increases. We need to keep that in mind as we continue to move forward. As a result, we will be asking for a 2.5% tax increase for the 2022-2023 school year. That would equal a \$5.00 increase on a \$100,000 home.

The stimulus funds, which the District applied for, can only be used in targeted ways that we have to document. More specifically among the acceptable uses of the funds, we targeted learning loss due to remote learning, mental health, summer school and after-school help. We used that money to hire teachers, social workers, a school psychologist, and to implement an after-school program as well as a summer school program. These interventions are all needed, as our students have had a very difficult two years.

On top of the pandemic fallout and applying for stimulus funding, the District has been very busy with our Capital Improvement Project. Phase 2 of our capital project is almost complete. The Bus Storage facility as well as the Bus Maintenance Facility and shared fuel island with the towns is open and functioning. Having a bus wash system will assist the District with getting more years out of our buses as the main limiting factor is the corrosion of the body frames despite undercoating. Phase 3 of the capital improvement project will be sent to the State Education Facilities Department for approval in the near future. A few of the highlights of this project include parking lot and bus loop drainage/paving improvements as well as sidewalks/curbs, masonry repairs both interior and exterior, interior floor finishes and playground mulch replacement. Phase 3 is part of the large capital improvement project that voters approved in March 2018.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your continued support of our students, faculty, staff and programming. We are constantly striving to maintain an updated platform for student programs and curricula while keeping you, the taxpaying community member, in mind.

Sincerely,

Kyle L. Faulkner
Superintendent of Schools