

Sandy Creek

Central School
District
Newsletter



Budget Edition 2013-2014



Budget Vote and Election

Tuesday,

May 21, 2013

12 Noon - 8:00 p.m.

Sandy Creek District
Office Board Room

Budget Hearing

Thursday,

May 9, 2013

7:00 p.m.

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Dear Community Member:

The purpose of this publication is to provide you with the necessary information relating to the upcoming school year (2013-2014) budget so that you may make an informed decision when you vote on May 21, 2013. The 2013-2014 proposed budget reflects several months of planning, cost analysis and administrative deliberations. The Board of Education and Administration have been working with an overall objective of keeping school taxes level but continuing to offer a quality educational program for our children.

Education in New York is facing unprecedented financial pressure. The decreases in state and federal funding opportunities, increases in pension and healthcare costs, combined with last year's property tax cap legislation, continues to force districts across the state to make very difficult choices. Fortunately, Sandy Creek has planned for such poor economic times. The use of established reserves and fund balance has become ever more important.

On April 11, 2013 the Sandy Creek School Board of Education voted to accept a spending plan of \$22,017,883 which represents a minimal spending increase of 2.02%. However, through cautionary use of our reserves and appropriated fund balance, our estimated tax levy will increase by 2.0%. This will be the first year since the school year 2006-2007 that the tax levy has not decreased or remained at 0% change. We understand the importance of maintaining a constant non-fluctuating level of taxation for our taxpayers and, for that reason, the Board of Education and Administration felt it prudent to align the District's tax levy with the Governor's Property Tax Cap.

While this budget does reflect continued staffing reductions, we have made these reductions based on student needs and not solely for fiscal reasons. As our enrollment continues to decline, we have adjusted our staffing accordingly and have maintained appropriate class sizes that you, the community member, have become accustomed to.

Please join us for the public budget hearing on Thursday, May 9, 2013 scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

Sincerely,

Brian MacVean
President, Board of Education

Stewart R. Amell
Superintendent of Schools



2013-2014 Proposed Budget Resolution

Proposition No.1 Shall the Board of Education of the Sandy Creek Central School District, Oswego County, New York, hereby authorize to expend the sums set forth in the proposed budget for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$22,017,883 and to levy the necessary school tax therefore?

Budget Details Inside





**Proposition No. 1:
The Proposed 2013-14 Budget
in the amount of \$22,017,883.**



What follows is a presentation of the proposed 2013-2014 expenditure budget in accordance with the Commissioner of Education regulations stated in the three component (Program, Capital, and Administrative) format.

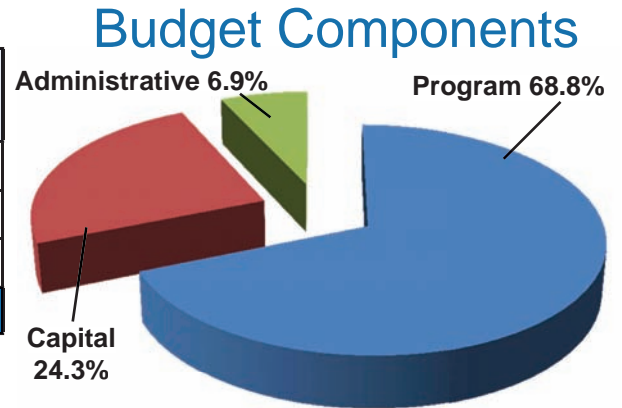
Program Component	Description	2012-2013	2013-2014
Curriculum, Administration & Planning	Includes all costs associated with staff development and costs directly associated with instruction	\$380,200	\$429,350
Regular School	All costs associated with Instruction, Library & Media, and Computer Technologies	\$5,796,162	\$5,784,643
Special Education Programming	All costs associated with the Education of Students with disabilities/handicapping conditions	\$1,513,466	\$1,526,250
Special Schools	All costs associated with BOCES Occupational Education and Summer School	\$781,500	\$635,500
Student Services	All costs associated with Guidance Services, Co-Curricular Activities, Interscholastic Sports, Transportation, and Census	\$1,856,450	\$1,843,600
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above program component salaries.	\$4,517,860	\$4,924,981
Total Program		\$14,845,638	\$15,144,324

Capital Component	Description	2012-2013	2013-2014
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 and utilities costs	\$1,102,152	\$1,008,545
Maintenance of Plant	All costs associated with maintaining district buildings and property	\$463,500	\$455,555
Transportation	Includes the purchase of (2) 66 passenger buses and (1) 29 passenger bus for the 12-13 school year and (2) 66 passenger buses and (2) 29 passenger buses for the 13-14 school year	\$305,608	\$353,285
Debt Service	Includes the principal and interest costs for the past capital project and BOCES capital project debt and fiscal agent fees	\$2,931,451	\$2,924,356
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above capital component salaries	\$450,465	\$492,589
Interfund Transfer	Interfund transfer to the Capital fund for the NetZero Energy Project	\$100,00	\$100,000
Total Capital		\$5,358,176	\$5,339,330



Administrative Component	Description	2012-2013	2013-2014
Board of Education	All costs associated with the Board of Education, District Clerk, Elections, and School Association Dues.	\$54,770	\$65,282
Central Administration	All costs associated with the Superintendent's Office	\$204,264	\$205,793
Regular School Supervision	All costs associated with the Supervision of Curriculum, Principals, Supervision of Handicap, and Computer Instruction.	\$336,500	\$403,540
Finance	All costs associated with the Business Office, Auditing, District Treasurer, Tax Collection, and Liability Insurance	\$263,290	\$283,212
BOCES Administrative Costs	BOCES administrative and capital budgets, printing and planning	\$228,574	\$244,722
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above administrative component salaries.	\$291,745	\$331,680
Total Administrative		\$1,379,143	\$1,534,229

Budget Components	2012-2013	2013-2014	% of Total Budget
Program	\$14,845,638	\$15,144,324	68.8%
Capital	\$5,358,176	\$5,339,330	24.3%
Administrative	\$1,379,143	\$1,534,229	6.9%
Total Budget	\$21,582,957	\$22,017,883	



Projected Revenues	2012-2013	2013-2014
Other Tax Items	\$20,000	\$20,000
Collected Interest and Penalties on Real Property Taxes		
Charges for Services	\$5,000	\$5,000
Student Fee Receipts (such as tuition from other districts)		
Uses of Money and Property	\$35,700	\$35,700
Interest Earnings and Commissions		
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	\$500	\$1,500
Sales of Surplus and Lost Item reimbursements		
Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures-BOCES and Other Sources	\$100,000	\$150,000
BOCES contracted services expenses from prior year		
Miscellaneous	\$5,000	\$500
Other unclassified revenues, gifts and donations		
State and Federal Aid	\$13,973,127	\$14,606,462
NYS Education Aid, Federal Medicaid Reimbursement		
Interfund Transfers and Uses of Reserves	\$661,445	\$568,147
Transfers from the Debt Service Fund and other employee benefits reserves		
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$722,799	\$450,000
Fund balance for use in the upcoming year		
Estimated Tax Levy	\$6,059,386	\$6,180,574
Estimated amount of Tax Levy		
Total Projected Revenues	\$21,582,957	\$22,017,883

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Transportation: Ext. 3330

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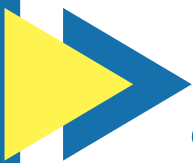
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**Sandy Creek Central
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Board of Education**

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President
Shannon Akey,
Vice President
Amy Guarasce
Steven Haskins
Tammy Miller
John Shelmidine
Brenda Yerdon*

Superintendent:
Mr. Stewart R. Amell
**Business Administrator/
District Clerk:**
Shelley H. Fitzpatrick

Principals:
Elementary:
Sue Ann Archibee
Middle School:
Carolyn Shirley
High School:
Maureen Shiel



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Voter Registration
(If not previously registered)
Fri., May 10, 2013
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Visit our District website at www.SCCS.cnyric.org for updates and complete budget information.

Board Vacancy One (1) - Five (5) Year Term

Currently held by: Steven Haskins
Seat Term to Expire: June 30, 2018

Candidates:

Mr. Carl Graf
Mr. David Swarhout
Mrs. Janet Hanni

Please visit our school website for Candidate Profiles at www.sccs.cnyric.org

