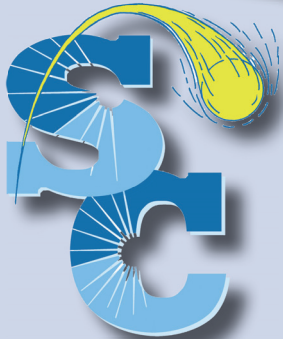


Sandy Creek

Central School
District
Newsletter

Budget Edition 2015-2016



Budget Vote and Election

Tuesday,

May 19, 2015

12 Noon - 8:00 p.m.

Sandy Creek District
Office Board Room

Budget Hearing

Thursday,

May 7, 2015

6:00 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 (2015-2016) expenditure plan so that you may make an informed decision when you vote on May 19, 2015. The 2015-2016 proposed expenditure plan 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 State has been and continues to face unprecedented financial pressure. The decreases in state and federal funding opportunities, increases in pension and healthcare costs, combined with the new 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 22, 2015 the Sandy Creek School Board of Education voted to accept a spending plan of \$23,548,922 which represents a spending increase of 1.75%. However, through cautionary use of our reserves and appropriated fund balance, our estimated tax levy will increase by 0.90%. 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 new property tax cap legislation. Since the District met the requirements of the new property tax cap, the taxpayers will be eligible to receive the rebate of the full increase in tax, estimated at 0.90%, in the fall after the tax has been levied.

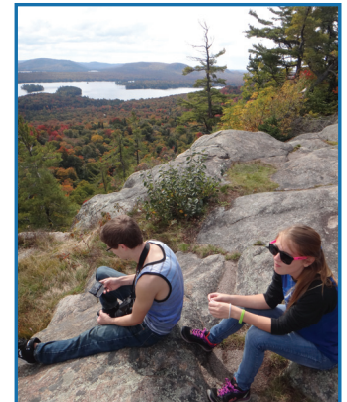
While this expenditure plan does reflect a 0.5 FTE staffing reduction, we have made these changes based on student needs and not solely for fiscal reasons. As our enrollment continues to decline, we have adjusted our staffing accordingly and have maintained appropriate class sizes that you, the community member, have become accustomed to.

Please join us for the public hearing on the 2015-2016 expenditure plan on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Sincerely,

Brian MacVean
President, Board of Education

Stewart R. Amell
Superintendent of Schools



2015-2016 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 expenditure plan for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$23,548,922 and to levy the necessary school tax therefore?

Budget Details Inside





**Proposition No. 1:
The Proposed 2015-16 Expenditure Plan
in the amount of \$23,548,922.**



What follows is a presentation of the proposed 2015-2016 expenditure plan in accordance with the Commissioner of Education regulations stated in the three component (Program, Capital, and Administrative) format.

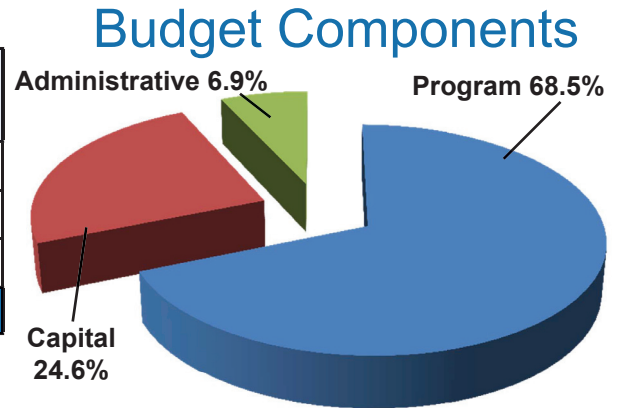
Program Component	Description	2014-2015	2015-2016
Curriculum, Administration & Planning	Includes all costs associated with staff development and costs directly associated with instruction	\$444,717	\$467,480
Regular School	All costs associated with Instruction, Library & Media, and Computer Technologies	\$5,755,081	\$5,851,680
Special Education Programming	All costs associated with the Education of Students with disabilities/handicapping conditions	\$1,659,143	\$1,789,750
Special Schools	All costs associated with BOCES Occupational Education and Summer School	\$711,875	\$632,000
Student Services	All costs associated with Guidance Services, Co-Curricular Activities, Interscholastic Sports, Transportation, and Census	\$1,880,220	\$1,977,354
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above program component salaries.	\$5,247,663	\$5,407,572
Total Program		\$15,698,699	\$16,125,836

Capital Component	Description	2014-2015	2015-2016
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	\$1,022,245	\$1,003,570
Maintenance of Plant	All costs associated with maintaining district buildings and property	\$466,500	\$496,500
Transportation	Includes the purchase of (2) 66 passenger buses, (1) 29 passenger bus and (2) passenger vehicles for the 14-15 school year and (2) 66 passenger buses and (2) 29 passenger buses for 15-16 school year	\$412,500	\$385,000
Debt Service	Includes the principal and interest costs for the past capital project and BOCES capital project debt and fiscal agent fees	\$3,313,160	\$3,247,418
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above capital component salaries	\$539,143	\$558,098
Interfund Transfer	Interfund transfer to the Capital fund for the NetZero Energy Project	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Capital		\$5,858,548	\$5,795,586



Administrative Component	Description	2014-2015	2015-2016
Board of Education	All costs associated with the Board of Education, District Clerk, Elections, and School Association Dues	\$66,369	\$67,478
Central Administration	All costs associated with the Superintendent's Office	\$206,037	\$217,245
Regular School Supervision	All costs associated with the Supervision of Curriculum, Principals, Supervision of Handicap, and Computer Instruction	\$418,014	\$426,500
Finance	All costs associated with the Business Office, Auditing, District Treasurer, Tax Collection, and Liability Insurance	\$270,489	\$281,398
BOCES Administrative Costs	BOCES administrative and capital budgets, printing and planning	\$262,742	\$258,574
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above administrative component salaries	\$361,983	\$376,305
Total Administrative		\$1,585,634	\$1,627,500

Budget Components	2014-2015	2015-2016	% of Total Budget
Program	\$15,698,699	\$16,125,836	68.5%
Capital	\$5,858,548	\$5,795,586	24.6%
Administrative	\$1,585,634	\$1,627,500	6.9%
Total Budget	\$23,142,881	\$23,548,922	



Projected Revenues	2014-2015	2015-2016
Other Tax Items	\$21,000	\$23,000
Collected Interest and Penalties on Real Property Taxes		
Charges for Services	\$0	\$0
Student Fee Receipts (such as tuition from other districts)		
Uses of Money and Property	\$30,700	\$22,200
Interest Earnings and Commissions		
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	\$11,500	\$52,000
Sales of Surplus and Lost Item reimbursements		
Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures-BOCES and Other Sources	\$200,000	\$250,000
BOCES contracted services expenses from prior year		
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$2,000
Other unclassified revenues, gifts and donations		
State and Federal Aid	\$15,531,012	\$15,801,723
NYS Education Aid, Federal Medicaid Reimbursement		
Interfund Transfers and Uses of Reserves	\$759,896	\$753,828
Transfers from the Debt Service Fund and other employee benefits reserves		
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$350,000	\$350,000
Fund balance for use in the upcoming year		
Estimated Tax Levy	\$6,238,273	\$6,294,171
Estimated amount of Tax Levy		
Total Projected Revenues	\$23,142,881	\$23,548,922

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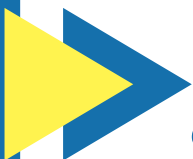
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Board Vacancy One (1) - Five (5) Year Term
Currently held by: John Shelmidine
Seat Term to Expire: June 30, 2020
Candidates:

**Deanna Soule
John Shelmidine**

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