

Madrid-Waddington Central School

2019 - 2020 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

M-W School District residents may cast their vote in the Auditorium Lobby from
1:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Dear District Residents:

As **Proposition I**, The Board of Education submits the 2019-2020 District Expenditures for community approval. The \$17,298,667 proposed expenditure represents an increase of \$464,747 or 2.76% more than last year's budget.

The largest impacts on this year's budget come from the areas of health insurance and our general instructional program. The district is working cooperatively with both the Teachers' Association and the SRP unit to move to a different health insurance provider that will provide substantial cost stabilization. The willingness of both groups to work proactively with the district in an effort to temper the cost increases is immensely appreciated.

On the revenue side our State foundation aid increased by \$206,000 and other increases were realized in building aid, excess cost aid, and community aid. The fund balance allocation will be set at \$800,000. The combined revenue increases and fund balance allocation will allow the District to stay under the allowable tax cap of 2.903% with a recommended tax levy increase of \$124,790 or 2.90%.

Since the District will remain within the tax levy limit, residents shall be entitled to the property tax relief credit. Information regarding this program can be found at: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/property-tax-relief.htm>

Proposition II is the election of three members to the nine (9) member Board of Education. Two of the three seats are full five-year terms and the third is for the remaining two years of an unexpired term that has been vacated. Tina Bush, Bruce Durant, and Richard Hobkirk have submitted petitions to run for the open seats. Candidate biographies are provided later in this newsletter. Because board seats are "at large" the two candidates who receive the two highest number of votes will fill the five-year terms and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will receive the unexpired two-year term.

Proposition III requests community approval for the purchase of one 72-passenger bus, one mini-bus, and one 4x4 pickup truck. Our buses accumulate many miles over their lifespan so maintaining our rotation of transportation vehicles is a high priority. The district pickup truck has definitely reached a point where it needs to be replaced to ensure the safety and productivity of our maintenance team. These purchases will have no effect on the tax levy as they will be funded by the District's Transportation and Equipment Capital Reserve. The district's transportation expenses are 90% reimbursable by the State.

Proposition IV is seeking authorization to purchase one data server and one electric scissor lift. Due to the annual cost of scissor lift rentals it will prove far more economical in the long run to purchase our own lift and will provide a readily accessible safe method for elevated maintenance. The district maintains several servers and we have one that is at the end of its service life. Approving both pieces of equipment through this voter referendum allows the district to utilize the District's Transportation and Equipment Capital Reserve to fund the purchase thus having no effect on the tax levy.

Proposition V allows the district to conduct the State mandated Building Condition Survey utilizing funds from our Building Reserve. This survey must be administered by every district in the State on a five year rotation.

Proposition VI seeks community approval to continue the process of engaging in an annual capital outlay project. Districts in New York State are allowed to conduct yearly capital outlay projects that cost no more than \$100,000 with voter approval. Capital outlay projects are reimbursed at our building aid ratio which is currently 90.5% so the net cost to the district is under \$10,000. This year's project will have two components. First we will be installing safety fencing on the varsity softball field along the first and third base lines alleviating a huge safety concern. We will also continue classroom window replacement with a focus on the 4th/5th grade wing. The reimbursement from last year's project provides 90% of the funding for the new project and the remaining funds will be taken from our building reserve so as to not affect the tax levy.

Cordially,
Eric Burke

Madrid-Waddington Central School

May 2019

Proposed Budget for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

BUDGET FACTS:

Proposed Expenditure increase of 2.76% or \$464,747

Proposed increase in tax levy = 2.90%

Public Hearing for Budget	Annual Budget Vote
Tuesday, May 14, 2019	Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm	1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
High School Library	MWCS Auditorium Lobby

Absentee ballots are available – please call 322-5746, ext. 222 for details

Voter qualifications:

- **United States citizenship**
- **At least 18 years of age**
- **Residence within the district for at least 30 days preceding the vote**

Propositions to be voted on May 21, 2019

PROPOSITION I: BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School be authorized to expend the sum of \$17,298,667 for the 2019 -2020 school year and to levy the necessary tax for this purpose.

PROPOSITION II: BOARD OF EDUCATION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The election of three (3) members to the nine (9) member Board of Education.◆ Two (2) five-year terms and one (1) unexpired two-year term are open.◆ All Board seats are “at large” so the two candidates receiving the highest vote totals will earn the five-year terms and the candidate with the third highest vote total will fill the unexpired three-year term. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Candidates include the following: |
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Richard Hobkirk

Tina Wilson-Bush

Bruce Durant

The ballot will be accepting write-in candidates.

PROPOSITION III: BUS & VEHICLE PURCHASE

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District be authorized and directed to purchase one (1) 72-passenger bus, one (1) mini-bus, and one (1) regular cab 4x4 pickup truck to expend therefore an aggregate sum, not to exceed \$225,000; which sum shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the District: and That the Board of Education be authorized to expend funds from the existing Transportation and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to fund the cost of the buses and pickup truck in whole or part; and That the Board of Education be authorized in accordance with the provisions of the Education and Local Finance Law to borrow on the credit of the District a sum, not to exceed \$225,000, to fund the cost of the buses and pickup truck to issue obligations of the District not to exceed that amount to finance the purchase of the buses and pickup truck in whole or part.

PROPOSITION IV: EQUIPMENT

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District be authorized and directed to purchase one (1) data server and one (1) electric scissor lift to expend therefore an aggregate sum, not to exceed \$40,000; which sum shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the District; and That the Board of Education be authorized to expend funds from the existing Transportation and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to fund the cost of equipment in whole or part.

PROPOSITION V: BUILDING

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District be authorized and directed to conduct a NYS mandated building condition survey and to expend no more than \$35,000; which sum shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the District; and That the Board of Education be authorized to expend funds from the existing Building Reserve Fund to fund the cost of the survey in whole or part.

PROPOSITION VI: CAPITAL OUTLAY

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District be authorized and directed to expend up to \$100,000 from the Building Reserve in part or whole which includes the ongoing strategy to replace windows in several classrooms as well as the installation of fencing at the softball fields to allow players and spectators a safe place during activities.

INTRODUCTION OF THREE CANDIDATES WHO ARE RUNNING FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS

Bruce Durant...I have been a lifelong member of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District. I grew up on a family farm in West Potsdam and attended Madrid Elementary School. Then, I graduated from Madrid-Waddington in 1996. Now, my wife and I raise our three children, Logan, Corbin, and Reese in the Town of Madrid. I can proudly say I am happy we chose Madrid-Waddington Central School for our children. The positive experience they are having is a testament to the hard work that is put into their education.

I have had the pleasure to work for the last 13 years as a Spanish Teacher at Heuvelton Central School. Madrid-Waddington Central School has always been my home. I have always strived to stay connected and give back to such a great community. I have been involved in the Madrid Fire Department, where I have been Vice President of the Board of Directors. I have coached basketball, baseball, and soccer at various levels for the school district. I have also served on the Madrid Planning board for the last 3 years.

I would like to ask you for your support as I am running for the Board of Education at Madrid-Waddington. The Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff is some of the greatest in the county. Personally, I feel that with my experience in the education field, together we can continue to serve the Madrid-Waddington school district and provide educational excellence for our students. Thank you for the opportunity to make Madrid-Waddington Central School the best we can be.

Richard Hobkirk...Greetings friends & neighbors. I am running for a third term on our school board. I live in West Chipman with my wife Denise and my family. I work a sixty cow dairy farm.

My concerns, like everyone else's are taxes and income. The school is no different. A good education is the cornerstone of a person being able to be productive and truly free.

My years in school were truly difficult. I struggled with dyslexia at a time when students were treated differently. I understand the frustrations of having to work harder to achieve the same goals as others. I'm here to make sure those people have all resources at their disposal. I hear people say there are no jobs here, yet when I look around people have good paying jobs everywhere. We all need to help our young understand they can stay here and have it good by picking a path and studying for it. In my background I joined the Airforce at age 19, served through the Cold War and Gulf War. After 24 years of service I went full time farming and serving my community.

I hope you will once again allow me the privilege of serving our school in this special way.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS (CON'T)

Tina Wilson-Bush...As a member of this community (21 years) and the parent of a Madrid-Waddington Central School graduate, Class of 2019 graduate and 9th grader, it has been my pleasure to be involved as a parent with our school and an honor to serve as a school board member over the past 5 years.

I believe our school provides a student's first approach to education. It is my desire to continue to volunteer as a board member to represent all students and their educational needs. I wish to contribute where I can to provide the most effective public school education possible for the children of our community.

Continuing my work as a member of the School Safety Team is also important to me. If re-elected I will continue to work to ensure as a district we do everything in our control to make our school the safest environment possible for our children. Our students have the right to enter our school on a daily basis feeling safe and secure in order to gain the most from their education. There are not always easy solutions to this ongoing initiative but it is one we must continue to discuss, brainstorm, and keep in the forefront of our priorities.

I am hopeful my 30 years in education (classroom teacher, elementary principal and currently the director of the Sheard Literacy Center at SUNY Potsdam) will continue to assist me to positively impact and contribute to the academic experience for all students at Madrid-Waddington Central School.

If I am re-elected to the Madrid-Waddington School Board, I will do my best to continue to ensure and protect the student experience of learning and promote each student reaching their individual potential. I will also do my best to represent the values and input of the community and teachers in order to secure an outstanding school experience for every student. It is my belief that it truly does "take a village to raise a child."

If you believe I will continue to contribute to the quality of education through serving as a Madrid-Waddington Central School board member for the next 5 years, please vote for me on Tuesday, May 21st. Thank you in advance for considering my candidacy.

Congratulations to our Class of 2019 Honor Graduates

**The Class of 2019 Honor Graduates will be recognized at the June 4, 2019 Honors Banquet,
to be held at 6:00 pm, Madrid-Waddington Central School.**

Summa Cum Laude

Braydon Bush
Allyson Giorgi
Emily Giorgi
Maria Langford

Magna Cum Laude

Richard Pandel
Simon Roome

Cum Laude

Morgan Burns
Emilie Eggleston
Jesse LaMere
Grace LePage
Karina Norman
Morgan Sabre
Makenzie Sheffield
Kellsie Tiernan

These three levels of distinction recognizing academic excellence are:

Summa Cum Laude (GPA of 95 or above); Magna Cum Laude (GPA of 93 or above); Cum Laude (GPA of 90 or above)

MAMMA MIA!



Cast

Front row (l. to r.): Makenzie Sheffield, Maria Langford, Simon Roome, Karina Norman, Hania Krasuska, Emily Giorgi. Second row (l to r.): Sadie Conger, Morgan Sabre, Emily Giorgi. Third row from front (l. to r.): Elliott Woodward, Katrina Sheffield, Kaylee Amo, Zach Jock, Katelyn Jones, Hanna Kirby, Emily Pandel, Addison Grandy, Jacob Murphy, Anna Brady, Emma Martin, Emma Maskell, Angelie Bush, Eddie Miller, Abby Sabre, Sarah Weaver, Eve Higginson, Adriauna Willard, Drew Harmer, Evan Ruddy. Second from back row (l. to r.): Avery Hill, Katie Bateman, Riley Burke, Ava Rutherford, Maria Allen, Ben Averill, Thomas Cafarella, Matt Mikolay, Camden Massia-Girard. Windows (l. to r.): Lucas Ryan, Cade VanBuren, Brayden Bush, Jesse LaMere, Nate Moulton



Stage Crew

Bottom row (l. to r.): Evan Ruddy, Brayden Bush, Miss Maclin, Nate Moulton, Matt Taillon. Second row (l. to r.): Cody Schweinberg, Mackezie Sharpe, Camryn Chester, Sydney Hosmer, Kellsie Tiernan, Jesse LaMere. Third row: Cade VanBuren, Ethan Bailey, Delanie Lawrence, Grace LePage, Alexis VanPatten, Morgan Burns, Abby Maughan. Fourth row (l. to r.) Jordyn Miller, Cassidy Hargrave, Madison Hicks, Lily LaMere, Gabe Murphy. Back row (l. to r.: Logan Cordova, Meredith White, Olivia Bush, Lucas Ryan, Nick Burns.

MAMMA MIA!



Pre-Production Crew (several missing from photo):

Bottom row (l. to r.): Bailey Skinner, Abbie McKane, Melissa Martel, Kendall Thompson.

Second row (l. to r.): Ella Kitzman, Zoey Taylor, Cohen Young, Quinn Sabre, Lydia Baxter, Mrs. VanPatten.

Top row (l. to r.): Larry Blakemore, Alexis Allen, Jasmine Jessmer, Kaitlyn Putman, Zara Cordwell

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECTION X CHAMPIONS!



**Madrid-Waddington Central School District
3 Part Budget for 2019-2020**



FUNCTION	2019-20 Budget	Administrative	Program	Capital
Board of Education	\$ 106,848	\$ 106,848		
Central Administration	\$ 146,627	\$ 146,627		
Finance	\$ 273,345	\$ 273,345		
Legal Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Personnel/Staff	\$ 24,867	\$ 24,867		
Operation of Plant	\$ 597,148			\$ 597,148
Maintenance of Plant	\$ 322,742			\$ 322,742
Other Central Services	\$ 376,407	\$ 376,407		
Other Special Items	\$ 495,750	\$ 400,829		\$ 94,921
Curr. Dev. & Supervision	\$ 53,101	\$ 53,101		
Supervision Reg. School	\$ 277,838	\$ 277,838		
Research & Planning	\$ 23,582	\$ 23,582		
Instruction	\$ 7,567,214		\$ 7,567,214	
Other District Transp.	\$ 856,440	\$ 15,134	\$ 841,306	
Garage Building	\$ 63,478		\$ 63,478	
Contract Transportation	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
Community Service	\$ 26,725		\$ 26,725	
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,796,705	\$ 151,493	\$ 4,415,020	\$ 230,192
Debt Service	\$ 962,850			\$ 962,850
Other Transfers	\$ 302,000		\$ 45,000	\$ 257,000
	<u>\$ 17,298,667</u>	<u>\$ 1,855,071</u>	<u>\$ 12,978,743</u>	<u>\$ 2,464,853</u>
% of Total	100.00%	10.72%	75.03%	14.25%



Administrative	\$ 1,855,071
Program	\$ 12,978,743
Capital	\$ 2,464,853
TOTAL	\$ 17,298,667

The proposed educational spending plan for the upcoming school year at Madrid-Waddington represents a spending increase of 2.76%, or \$464,747. Our operation, though, because of insufficient projected state aid, will require a tax rate of 2.90%, less than the maximum allowable tax levy increase of 2.903%.

The budget is organized into three sections: **Administrative, Program and Capital.** The **Administrative Budget** includes all expenses for managing and organizing the affairs of our school system. Examples of administrative expenses include administrator and secretary salaries, attorney and payroll service

Program Budget is the most comprehensive element of our financial plan. Program includes all expenses associated with providing an education to the children and young people of our community. Examples of program expenses include classroom instruction, field trips, special education services for

The **Capital Budget** includes all expenses required to maintain a safe facility. Bond payments are also part of this category. Examples of capital expenses include bus driver training, bus maintenance, building safety inspections, fire prevention, maintenance and custodial

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 16,833,920	\$ 17,298,667	\$ 17,173,877										
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 464,747	\$ 339,957										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.76 %	2.02%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 4,303,216	\$ 4,428,006											
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 (A + B + C - D)	\$ 4,303,216	\$ 4,428,006	\$ 4,303,216										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 4,304,329	\$ 4,428,142											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 4,303,216	\$ 4,428,006											
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 1,113	\$ 136											
Administrative Component	\$ 1,832,452	\$ 1,855,071	\$ 1,851,571										
Program Component	\$12,427,131	\$12,978,743	\$12,857,453										
Capital Component	\$ 2,574,337	\$ 2,464,853	\$ 2,464,853										
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p>Certain equipment, employment, and extra-curricular/athletic programs will be either downsized or eliminated.</p>													
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2 Buses and 1 Pickup Purchase</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$225,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Data Server and Electric Scissor Lift Purchase</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 40,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Building Condition Survey</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 35,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Outlay Project</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$100,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	2 Buses and 1 Pickup Purchase	\$225,000	Data Server and Electric Scissor Lift Purchase	\$ 40,000	Building Condition Survey	\$ 35,000	Capital Outlay Project	\$100,000
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NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed
for the 2019-20 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$511

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District, St Lawrence County, New York, will be held at Madrid-Waddington Central School on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Madrid-Waddington Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



This year we embarked on a partnership with St. Lawrence University's International Student Organization facilitated by Madrid-Waddington Alumna Megan Putney who is the SLU International Student Advisor. This is a symbiotic relationship that exposes our students to authentic cultural learning experiences and allows the SLU students an opportunity to venture off campus and build a bond with people of the North Country. We are very grateful for this relationship and look forward to many future activities.



Simon Roome was chosen to participate in the 2018 NAfME (National Association for Music Education) All-National Mixed Chorus in November as one of only 35 bass II's accepted from the entire United States and territories. He was selected to play in the 2018 NYSBDA (New York State Band Directors' Association) Honor Band. Simon had the opportunity to audition for this opportunity after having been a member of the 2017 NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) All-State Mixed Chorus. Simon has been a leader in every ensemble at MWCS throughout high school and has represented at many all-county and area all-state festivals both as a singer and playing French horn. In addition, Simon performs with the SLU Wind Ensemble and Orchestra and the Potsdam Community Band, and was featured as a 7 News Arts All-Star. He will be attending Ithaca College majoring in music education and biology.

M-W ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB DUGOUT PROJECT

A huge thank you to Mike Ruddy for spearheading the efforts to construct four dugouts for our varsity baseball and softball fields. Mr. Ruddy is responsible for the fundraising efforts that covered the materials and cost of construction as well as organizing all phases of construction. The following people and organizations were integral to the success of this project.



DONATION OF MATERIALS:

Structural Wood Corporation
Triple A Building Center
J.C. Merriman's
Bicknell's Building Supply
Heritage Homes
Waddington True Value Hardware
Curran Logging
J E Sheehan Construction
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MASON'S & LABORERS:

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Matt Delosh
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Alina Andress
Clarence & Edward Andress
Kenny Johnston
Don Holmes

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Amy Moore & Mike Tiernan, Nicole & Greg Thompson, Susan Duffy, Mike McGee, Matt & Melanie Morgan, Peter Reiter, Jeff & Vicki Burns, Alex Smith, Richard & Anne Harmer, John & Dee Cardoza, Mary Jane Young, Don & Terry Holmes, Michael Duskas, Joe & Michelle Putney, Terry & Sandra Moulton, Katie Logan & Jason Curran, Pete & Laurie Hayes, Steve & Jessica Mayette, Lloyd & Judy Hargrave, Bruce & Danielle Durant, Norman & Tammy Harvey, Roy & Dawn Lawrence, George Ruddy, Jane Bogart, Jim & Ann Falvey, Mike & Karen Ruddy, Andy Losey, Tom & Julie VanBuren

DONATIONS FROM BUSINESSES:

Alcoa, Queenaire, MCS Communications Solutions Inc., NYSIR, Brookfield Renewable, Community Bank NA, TJ Toyota, Massena Savings & Loan, Mort Backus & Sons Inc., Rubber Duck Trucking, L.T. Brothers, Kelly Sales Corporation, Waddington True Value Hardware, Sea Comm Federal Credit Union, St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, North Country Savings Bank, Corning Inc., Carlisle Law Firm, MX Petroleum, Ray Burn's and Sons Trucking, The Ole Smokehouse, Blevins Brothers Inc., Potsdam Agency Inc., Wayne's Gas & Service, Sandstone Family Dentist, Snider & Snider, LLP, Artwork's Creperie, Putney Tree Service, M-W Varsity Club, Finishing Touch

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A LOOK *at the* **BUDGET**

Detailed copies of the proposed 2019-2020 Budget are available on the District website at www.mwcsk12.org or in the Central Administrative Office at the Madrid-Waddington Central School.

The District School Report Card, Property Tax Exemption Report and Superintendent's Salary can be obtained there.
Please feel free to stop in and ask for a copy.