

# Madrid-Waddington Central School

## 2020 - 2021 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.26 Madrid-Waddington residents must cast their ballots through the absentee ballot method. All ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on June 9 which has been identified as the date for New York State School budget voting. In addition to the postage paid return envelope provided to each qualified voter there will be an absentee ballot drop box available on June 9 in the Madrid-Waddington school auditorium vestibule from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Ballots dropped in the box must follow all absentee ballot signed and sealed protocols.

Dear District Residents:

As **Proposition I**, The Board of Education submits the 2020-2021 District Expenditures for community approval reflecting an educational program that has a maximum budget expenditure of \$17,398,688. This represents a very small increase of \$100,021 or .58% over the 2019-2020 budget due to the pandemic fiscal crisis constraints. We expect no additional funding in State foundation aid so this expenditure increase will be covered solely by a 2.174% increase in the local tax levy which is under our allowable tax cap. The proposed tax levy for 2020-2021 is \$4,524,336 which is an increase of \$96,330 over the current year's tax levy.

As is typical, the primary budget increases are in the areas of program and BOCES expenses. To contain costs, all areas of the budget were scoured for savings. The most significant areas of budget decreases to note are the reduction of an LPN and two teaching assistants, as well as cost containment in health insurance premiums. Health insurance cost containment provided by changes made with health insurance providers is a saving grace this year. The District partnership with both bargaining units on our health insurance committee has proven highly advantageous as we continuously explore and research all health insurance options available on the market. Switching health insurance providers is often a cumbersome process for the insured, however our active members and retirees alike have been very willing to make these changes to temper the annual increases in premiums. Unfortunately there is still cause for concern even with these conservative actions on the expense side.

Due to the current fiscal crisis in New York State, there is a high possibility that the current foundation aid numbers we have been given will be lowered as New York State makes mid-year cuts. With that reality in mind we have designed the 2020-2021 budget to absorb an additional 5% decrease in foundation aid balanced out by utilizing up to \$1,050,000 in fund balance. We remain hopeful that if the State further reduces our aid it will be balanced out by Federal stimulus funds. If Federal funds balance out our initial anticipated 5% decrease then we will lower our reliance on the fund balance. If we end up in a position where it becomes clear we will have a funding decrease beyond 5% we will be faced with the reality of making mid-year cuts that would likely result in staff reductions.

Losing staff is always a last resort as every member of the Madrid-Waddington team plays a vital role in the education of our students. As the funding of our childrens' education is played out in the political arena over the next weeks and months there will undoubtedly be much fear and anxiety. We are hopeful that at the State and Federal level the right decisions will be made to ensure a quality education for our students. No matter the financial outcome, the Madrid-Waddington Central School District remains dedicated to providing a robust experience for all of our students that includes critical services advancement opportunities, and extracurricular options to meet the needs of all students.

Our community has always been exceptionally committed to the school and willing to endorse anything that benefits students. There is no doubt that our unified dedication to our children will see us through this unprecedented situation and we thank you in advance for your support.

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 two members to the nine (9) member Board of Education. Both seats are full five-year terms and incumbents Matt O'Bryan and Jordan Walker have decided to retire their respective seats. We thank them both for their years of service and tremendous dedication to our District. Ryan Hayes and Christopher Pryce have declared their candidacy to run for the open seats. Candidate biographies are in the newsletter.

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# ***Madrid-Waddington Central School***

## **June 2020**

**Proposition III** requests community approval for the purchase of two 72-passenger buses not to exceed \$260,000. Due to the incredible number of miles accumulated on the buses each year the District feels it is imperative to maintain our rotation of transportation vehicles. The bus purchase will have minimal effect on the tax levy as it will be funded by the District's Transportation and Equipment Capital Reserve or a combination of reserve funds and funds obtained through bonding. The district's transportation expenses are 90% reimbursable by the State.

**Proposition IV** 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 90.7% so the net cost to the district is under \$10,000. This year's project will have two components. First we will be installing a new gym divider curtain in the high school gym to replace the aging wall divider currently in place. We will also continue classroom window replacement focused in the elementary this year. 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*

## **Proposed Budget for the 2020 - 2021 School Year**

### **BUDGET FACTS:**

**Proposed Expenditure increase of 0.58% or \$100,021**

**Proposed increase in tax levy = 2.174%**

### **Public Hearing for Budget**

Available on District Website

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

9:00 AM

### **Annual Budget Vote**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Absentee Ballot Process Per

Executive Order 202.26

*Absentee ballots are available – please call 315-322-5746, 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 June 9, 2020

## **PROPOSITION I: BUDGET**

Shall the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School be authorized to expend the sum of \$17,398,688 for the 2020 -2021 school year and to levy the necessary tax for this purpose.

## **PROPOSITION II: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- ◆ The election of two (2) members to the nine (9) member Board of Education.
- ◆ Two (2) five-year terms are open.
- ◆ Candidates include the following:
  - Ryan Hayes
  - Christopher Pryce

The ballot will be accepting write-in candidates.

## **PROPOSITION III: BUS PURCHASE**

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District be authorized and directed to purchase two (2) 72-passenger buses to expend therefore an aggregate sum, not to exceed \$260,000; 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 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 \$260,000, to fund the cost of the buses to issue obligations of the District not to exceed that amount to finance the purchase of the buses in whole or part.

## **PROPOSITION IV: 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 replacement of the High School Gymnasium divider wall with a pull-type curtain allowing for safe partitioning of the gym.

## ***INTRODUCTION OF TWO CANDIDATES WHO ARE RUNNING FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS***

**Ryan Hayes...**My name is Ryan Hayes and I am running for a seat on the Madrid-Waddington Central School Board. I am running because I value education and believe in the ideals of service. I understand the social, ethical, and economic impact of education on our community. I personally have a deep passion for our school district. I grew up in Madrid, attending Madrid Elementary School and then Madrid-Waddington Elementary after the merger in 1991. I graduated from Madrid-Waddington in 2001. Shortly after graduating from college, I moved to Waddington with my wife Kay-C. We have resided here for the past 14 years. Our children Grant and Dean, ages 12 and 8, now attend Madrid-Waddington.

Education has always been a priority to me and something I've always valued. My life was shaped and improved by the teachers I had, the relationships I forged, and the quality programs that were available to me while a student at Madrid-Waddington. I am proud of the successes and accomplishments our district has achieved. I am also excited about the direction our district is headed.

Madrid-Waddington has a strong focus on family/community engagement and preparing students for their future. It is important to me that we keep the education, safety and well-being of each student at the forefront of our decisions as a district. Fostering students' ability to reach their full potential, whether that be through the arts, sciences, mathematics, athletics or music is essential.

Over the last 15 years I have been employed by the Massena Central School District as a teacher and a coach. I have a solid understanding of what districts need to survive, what is available to schools to be successful, what teachers/staff need to do their jobs to the best of their abilities, and how the members of the community can support all of these. I hope to be among those community members helping to support the district in reaching its full potential.

Please vote for me, Ryan Hayes, as one of the newest Madrid-Waddington School Board members.

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

**Christopher Pryce...** I am proud to be a third generation graduate of Madrid-Waddington Central. Madrid-Waddington provided me with the education and building blocks that have paved my journey to the present. Throughout my education, I was involved in many extra-curricular activities, including roles in the school musicals, a member of Star Dust, and from the time I was old enough to shoot, kick or throw a ball, I was either on the court or in the field playing basketball, soccer or baseball. All character-building activities, I am grateful MW provided.

After graduation in 2004, my journey began with attending Herkimer Community College where I was a member of their nationally ranked soccer team, graduating in 2006 with a degree in Cyber Security. I continued my education at the State University of Potsdam, receiving my Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

In 2008, I moved with my wife, Brooke, to her native state of Rhode Island, where we resided for eight (8) years. While residing in Rhode Island, I worked as a district sales manager for a lawn care company, was a community service officer with the Warwick Police Department, and a professional magician and co-founder of Magical Minds.

My wife and I began our family in 2011, welcoming our oldest daughter, Hannah. In 2016, we welcomed our second daughter, Grace. It was at this time, Brooke and I decided we wanted to raise our children in the country, surrounded by extended family. Without question, we knew the Madrid-Waddington community was where we wanted to plant our roots.

Our daughter, Hannah, entered kindergarten at Madrid-Waddington in September 2016, and will be a fourth grader in September 2020, and Grace, our little tornado, will be attending UPK. I am extremely proud that the course has been set for our family's fourth generation graduates of Madrid-Waddington Central School.

I am an active member of my community, in all aspects. I serve on the United Church of Madrid Board, as chairman of the Pastoral Committee. As a former student/athlete at MW, it is now my honor and privilege to continue participating in the programs at Madrid-Waddington, both as a father, and as a mentor to all students. Currently, I am a coach for our youth soccer programs, and the assistant soccer coach for the MW boys varsity soccer team.

In 2017, with the assistance of fellow MW alumni, I organized an alumni soccer game, initially to join together for some camaraderie with old teammates. The event is now an annual event held during the Dan Rose Soccer weekend, and serves as a fundraiser for the youth soccer program at MW.

My wife and I own and operate "Consider It Done Cleaning Services," a residential cleaning service, offering cleaning services to the greater St. Lawrence County area. I am also currently in the process of continuing my education to obtain my master's degree.

I am confident my life experiences, solid education and family foundations, combined with my genuine and heartfelt goal of serving and providing opportunities to the youth of our school/community will serve as an asset to the Madrid Waddington School Board. We live in the best School District in the County. I will listen to the people of our community and represent our District with respect and integrity. I thank you in advance for your support and vote!

All my best during this very difficult time in our world. Stay safe and healthy.

**Madrid-Waddington Central School District  
3 Part Budget for 2020-2021**

FUNCTION	2020-2021 Budget	3 components of Total Budget		
		Administrative	Program	Capital
Board of Education	\$ 109,928	\$ 109,928		
Central Administration	\$ 153,291	\$ 153,291		
Finance	\$ 240,395	\$ 240,395		
Legal Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Personnel/Staff	\$ 24,265	\$ 24,265		
Operation of Plant	\$ 584,127			\$ 584,127
Maintenance of Plant	\$ 307,730			\$ 307,730
Other Central Services	\$ 397,820	\$ 397,820		
Other Special Items	\$ 595,079	\$ 451,932		\$ 143,147
Curr. Dev. & Supervision	\$ 36,657	\$ 36,657		
Supervision Reg. School	\$ 303,062	\$ 303,062		
Research & Planning	\$ 23,500	\$ 23,500		
Instruction	\$ 7,575,210		\$ 7,575,210	
Other District Transp.	\$ 839,615	\$ 9,867	\$ 829,748	
Garage Building	\$ 70,502		\$ 70,502	
Contract Transportation	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
Community Service	\$ 29,565		\$ 29,565	
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,746,254	\$ 146,999	\$ 4,377,213	\$ 222,042
Debt Service	\$ 926,688			\$ 926,688
Other Transfers	\$ 410,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 360,000
	<u>\$ 17,398,688</u>	<u>\$ 1,902,716</u>	<u>\$ 12,952,238</u>	<u>\$ 2,543,734</u>
% of Total	100.00%	10.94%	74.44%	14.62%



Administrative	\$ 1,902,716
Program	\$ 12,952,238
Capital	\$ 2,543,734
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,398,688</b>

*The proposed educational spending plan for the upcoming school year at Madrid-Waddington represents a spending increase of 0.58%, or \$100,021. Our operation, though, because of insufficient projected state aid, will require a tax rate of 2.174%, less than the maximum allowable tax levy increase of 2.18%.*

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 fees, professional development activities, copying costs and benefits.

The **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 disabled children, textbooks, computer technology, art, music

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 salaries & benefits, fuel, power and water.



## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2020-21 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 17,298,667	\$ 17,398,688	\$ 17,302,358										
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$ 100,021	\$ 3,691										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.50 %	0.00%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 4,428,006	\$ 4,524,336											
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)	\$ 4,428,006	\$ 4,524,336	\$ 4,428,006										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 4,428,142	\$ 4,524,517											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 4,428,006	\$ 4,524,336											
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 136	\$ 181											
Administrative Component	\$ 1,855,071	\$ 1,902,716	\$ 1,865,140										
Program Component	\$12,978,743	\$12,952,238	\$12,893,484										
Capital Component	\$ 2,464,853	\$ 2,543,734	\$ 2,543,734										
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2020-21 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="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;">Description</th><th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Purchase of 2 Buses</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$260,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Capital Outlay Project</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$100,000</td></tr> <tr> <td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr> <td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	Purchase of 2 Buses	\$260,000	Capital Outlay Project	\$100,000				
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Under the Budget Proposed  
for the 2020-21 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$517

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.26 the budget vote and election of Board of Education members of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District, Town of Madrid, St. Lawrence County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. The Executive Order directs that the budget vote and election be conducted by an absentee ballot process in lieu of in-person voting. Therefore, there will be no voting at the polls for this year's annual budget vote and election due to the prevalence of the COVID-19 virus and potential for spread through personal interaction. The District will mail absentee ballots with a postage paid return envelope to qualified voters. In order to be counted, absentee ballots must be received in the office of the clerk by 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020.

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

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## **A LOOK at the BUDGET**

Detailed copies of the proposed 2020-2021 Budget are available on the District website at [www.mwcsk12.org](http://www.mwcsk12.org).

The District School Report Card, Property Tax Exemption Report and Superintendent's Salary can be obtained there.