

# *Madrid-Waddington Central School*

## 2021 - 2022 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

Dear District Residents:

As **Proposition I**, The Board of Education submits the 2021-2022 District Expenditures for community approval. The \$18,187,232 proposed expenditure represents an increase of \$788,543 or 4.53% more than last year's budget.

Two of the largest impacts on this year's budget come from the areas of employee benefits and our general instructional program. The district has a solid partnership with both the Teachers' Association and the SRP unit as we continually seek out viable options for health insurance cost stabilization. There is a \$57,000 increase this year in BOCES Capital as a result of the projects taking place at all three technical schools. This cost is aidable for the District. We are also budgeting a \$156,000 bond anticipation note as we embark on our own capital project this summer. This cost is also aidable at 93.8%.

On the revenue side our State foundation aid increased by \$491,606 and other increases were realized in building aid and excess cost aid. The fund balance allocation will be set at \$810,000. The combined revenue increases and fund balance allocation will allow the District to stay under the allowable tax cap of 2.327% with a recommended tax levy increase of \$90,500 or 2.00%. The increase in foundation funding will allow us to be fully staffed for next year including an elementary teacher and elementary music position that were held vacant this year as we faced uncertain funding.

We also anticipate significant federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds are intended for non-recurring uses and we will be required to have a spending plan in place by July 1. There is limited information on how the money needs to be spent, however we will keep the community informed as we receive details.

**Proposition II** is the election of two members to the nine (9) member Board of Education. Both seats are full five-year terms and neither incumbent is running. We thank Gerald Molnar and Richard Hobkirk for their years of dedicated service to our students and community. We are very pleased to have four community members who have filed petitions to seek one of the two available seats. On the ballot this year is Mike Ruddy, Amber Sullivan, Wyatt Boswell, and Ethan Ward.

**Proposition III** requests community approval for the purchase of one 72-passenger bus, one 24-passenger bus, and one minivan. We place a high value on our current bus/van rotation as we definitely accumulate many miles. The continued community support for our fleet helps ensure the safest transportation possible for our students. 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** 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 93.8% so the net cost to the district is under \$10,000. This year's project will focus on the bus garage and include replacement of overhead sectional doors and the motor operators with new insulated doors, tracks and hardware and new operators. Work will also include select replacement of deteriorated steel jambs and painting jambs and head of doors with high performance coating. The reimbursement from last year's project provides 91.2% 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 2021

**Proposed Budget for the 2021 - 2022 School Year**

**BUDGET FACTS:**

**Proposed Expenditure increase of 4.53% or \$788,543**  
**Proposed increase in tax levy = 2.000%**

**Public Hearing for Budget**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
6:00 PM

**Annual Budget Vote**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
1:00 - 8:00 PM

*Absentee ballots are available – please call 315-322-5746, Ext. 35222 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 18, 2021**

**PROPOSITION I: BUDGET**

Shall the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School be authorized to expend the sum of \$18,187,232 for the 2021 -2022 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:
  - Mike Ruddy
  - Amber Sullivan
  - Wyatt Boswell
  - Ethan Ward

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 one (1) 72-passenger bus, one (1) 24-passenger bus, and one (1) 7-passenger van to expend therefore an aggregate sum, not to exceed \$250,000; 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 van 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 \$250,000, to fund the cost of the buses and van 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 replacement of overhead sectional doors and the motor operators with new insulated doors, tracks and hardware and new operators. Work will also include select replacement of deteriorated steel jams and painting jams and head of doors with high performance coating.

### **Congratulations to our Class of 2021 Honor Graduates**

**The Class of 2021 Honor Graduates will be recognized at the June 10, 2021 Honors Banquet, to be held at 6:00 pm, Madrid-Waddington Central School.**

#### **Summa Cum Laude**

Jessica Evans  
Emma Maskell  
Emily Pandel  
Emma Plumley  
Phoebe Zagrobelny

#### **Magna Cum Laude**

Emma Davis  
Madison Hicks  
Keli Kingston  
Sebastian Rubin  
Sean Shannon

#### **Cum Laude**

Benjamin Averill  
Taylor Bettinger  
Riley Burke  
Thomas Cafarella  
Lydia Kingston  
Hannah Kirby  
Fletcher LaValley

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)

***INTRODUCTION OF FOUR CANDIDATES WHO ARE  
RUNNING FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS***

**Mike Ruddy**...I have been a lifelong member of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District, growing up on the family farm between Madrid and Chase Mills. I graduated from MWCS in 1976 and attended and graduated from Canton College (SUNY) and Clarkson University. My wife, Karen, and I raised our two children, Evan and Lane in the Town of Madrid. Evan graduated from MWCS in 2019 and Lane is currently a sophomore.

I worked at Alcoa for the last twenty-five (25) years, retiring April 1, 2021. Prior to working at Alcoa, I was a grocery store manager and office supply representative. Madrid-Waddington Central has always been my home school. I have been involved with the school district for many years. I was Youth Basketball Director for eight (8) years, Youth Basketball Coach for ten (10) years and oversaw many youth basketball fund raisers. I also coached youth soccer for five (5) years. In 2019, I spear-headed a major fund raiser for the construction of the new baseball dugouts, which hopefully we will be able to use this spring. I have been a high school basketball official for twenty-two (22) years and officiated both high school and college soccer for thirty-two (32) years.

I am running for a seat on the Board of Education at Madrid-Waddington and ask for your support. Personally, I feel that I can serve the Madrid-Waddington school district positively. Thank you for your vote.

**Amber Sullivan**....My name is Amber Sullivan and I am running for a vacant seat on the Madrid-Waddington School Board. My desire to serve has grown over the years and contributing as a member of the school board has been a personal goal of mine for some time.

I will graduate this May with my Master's in Social Work. I have been employed by St. Lawrence County since 2013. I am a 2010 graduate of St. Lawrence County Leadership Institute, and SUNY Empire with a Bachelor's in Sociology. In the past, I have volunteered my time as coach for my son's little league team. Currently, I volunteer on The Youth Advisory Board for St. Lawrence County, and as a Board of Director for Seaway Valley Prevention Council.

As a kid, I was born and raised in Waddington, having graduated from MWCS in 1999. I strongly believe that community and school connection is important. I respectfully ask for your support in this year's upcoming election on May 18, 2021.

Thank you

## *INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS (CONT)*

**Wyatt Boswell**...I have been an active member of the Madrid community for more than 20 years. One of the reasons my wife and I moved to Madrid was because of the school's strong reputation.

I am a self-employed contractor, owner of Wyatt Boswell Construction. For the past 19 years, I have been active in the Madrid Fire Department, serving as Fire Chief for the past four and Assistant Chief for the previous four. I have completed many hours of training and gained valuable experience in the fire department. This experience includes working with people, running fund-raisers, and supporting our community in many ways. I have also had the privilege of getting to know many people in our school district.

Our children, Alan and Katie, have both attended MWCS. Alan is completing 9<sup>th</sup> grade and Katie is completing 5<sup>th</sup>. We have been very impressed with the level of support both children have received and have a great deal of respect for the teachers and administration with whom we have interacted.

Alan has had opportunities in programming (Swift), Chorus, Band, NYSSMA, Science Olympiad, Junior National Honor Society, and is currently taking advanced science classes. Katie has had opportunities in Crazy 8's, ballet, programming (Swift), Battle of the Books and has been greatly encouraged in her art and writing passions. One of the reasons I am interested in serving on the Board of Education is to continue supporting great programs like these and others for the students at MWCS.

I am very community focused. In addition to volunteering in Madrid, I have served in different roles such as managing the Audio-Visual and Building Maintenance ministries at New Hope Community Church in Potsdam for approximately 30 years. I have also been a member of the Elks Club in Potsdam for 17 years; 7 of those in leadership. I believe my experience as a small business owner, Fire Chief, and volunteer have prepared me to serve on the Madrid-Waddington Board of Education. I am proud of our school district and would be honored to serve in a capacity that helps the school to continue moving forward in their mission for educating and enriching our children.

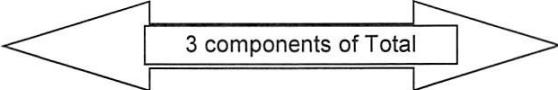
**Ethan Ward**...I'm running for a seat on the Madrid-Waddington School Board.

I began pre-K here, and graduated in 2009. I live (and work) on our small family farm, while managing R&R Automotive. This experience brings the perspective of both the farming and small business communities.

Among things Madrid-Waddington school has recently done well is the 2020 graduation, while facing many unknowns regarding Covid. Also, we are one of few districts in the north country to maintain in-person classes this year, again while meeting the Covid requirements. I look forward to being part of expanding on successes like that, and working on things that need improvement - utilizing the many social media platforms to broaden community awareness and input.

Thank you for reading, and I hope I can count on your vote.

**Madrid-Waddington Central School District  
3 Part Budget for 2021-2022**



FUNCTION	Code	2021-2022 Budget	Administrative	Program	Capital
Board of Education	1099.0	\$ 113,637	\$ 113,637		
Central Administration	1299.0	\$ 157,034	\$ 157,034		
Finance	1399.0	\$ 244,521	\$ 244,521		
Legal Services	1420.0	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Personnel/Staff	1430.0	\$ 25,136	\$ 25,136		
Operation of Plant	1620.0	\$ 577,461	\$ 32,500		\$ 544,961
Maintenance of Plant	1621.0	\$ 314,259	\$ 32,500		\$ 281,759
Other Central Services	1699.0	\$ 410,508	\$ 410,508		
Other Special Items	1998.0	\$ 659,823	\$ 459,706		\$ 200,117
Curr. Dev. & Supervision	2010.0	\$ 36,657	\$ 36,657		
Supervision Reg. School	2020.0	\$ 283,104	\$ 283,104		
Research & Planning	2060.0	\$ 31,200	\$ 31,200		
Instruction	2999.0	\$ 7,737,715		\$ 7,737,715	
Other District Transp.	5510.0	\$ 790,480	\$ 44,867	\$ 745,613	
Garage Building	5530.0	\$ 62,952		\$ 62,952	
Contract Transportation	5540.0	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
Community Service	8998.0	\$ 29,584		\$ 29,584	
Employee Benefits	9098.0	\$ 5,190,223	\$ 192,543	\$ 4,776,750	\$ 220,930
Debt Service	9898.0	\$ 1,082,938			\$ 1,082,938
Other Transfers	9901.95	\$ 415,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 365,000
		<u>\$ 18,187,232</u>	<u>\$ 2,068,913</u>	<u>\$ 13,422,614</u>	<u>\$ 2,695,705</u>
% of Total		100.00%	11.38%	73.80%	14.82%



Administrative	\$ 2,068,913
Program	\$ 13,422,614
Capital	\$ 2,695,705
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,187,232</b>

*The proposed educational spending plan for the upcoming school year at Madrid-Waddington represents a spending increase of 4.53%, or \$788,543. Our operation will require a tax rate of 2.000%, less than the maximum allowable tax levy increase of 2.327%.*

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 ad-

**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

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



### School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 17,398,688	\$ 18,187,232	\$ 18,096,743										
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ 788,544	\$ 698,055										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.53 %	4.01%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.0123%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 4,524,336	\$ 4,614,825											
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)	\$ 4,524,336	\$ 4,614,825	\$ 4,524,336										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 4,524,517	\$ 4,629,630											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 4,524,336	\$ 4,614,825											
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 181	\$ 14,805											
Administrative Component	\$ 1,902,716	\$ 2,068,913	\$ 2,065,413										
Program Component	\$12,952,238	\$13,422,614	\$13,301,324										
Capital Component	\$ 2,543,734	\$ 2,695,705	\$ 2,695,705										
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-22 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="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Purchase of 2 Buses and 1 van</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$250,000</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 and 1 van	\$250,000	Capital Outlay Project	\$100,000				
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Under the Budget Proposed  
for the 2021-22 School Year

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

\$505

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 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 18, 2021 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.

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**A LOOK**  
*at the*  
**BUDGET**

Detailed copies of the proposed 2021-2022 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.