

PATRIOT NEWS



May
2023

2023-24 Budget Hearing

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 7:00 PM
In the Cafeteria

2023-2024 Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM
Near the band room entrance

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Members,

While developing the 2023-24 budget we have taken into consideration the status of the economy, inflation, interest rates and have been sensitive to the financial and economic needs of our communities. We have focused on maintaining all student programs and using grants to create additional opportunities to fund academic supports, summer programs, and field trips.

However, this year multiple budget lines in the general budget have increased due to a rise in the costs of heating oil, gas, electric, health insurance premiums, contractual obligations and the overall cost of materials and supplies. With that being said, we have worked to keep our tax levy increase to a minimum.

- We have two retirements: speech teacher, and Director of Special Education. The Director of Special Education position will no longer be an administrative position. The position will be Committee on Special Education Chairperson (CSE Chair).
- Included in the budget are programs to support tracking student data and benchmarks (Branching Minds), a district wide communication platform (ParentSquare), continuation of support of the Positivity Project.
- The CARES Act (CRRSA and ARP grants) is continuing to assist in offsetting some long term spending such as STEM initiatives (LEGO Education), curriculum resources and trainings, art room tables, band instruments, field trips, additional classroom hearing-enhancement systems and cardio equipment for the weight room.
- We will be trading in two 7-year old buses; one 65-passenger wheelchair bus and one 30-passenger bus. We will be purchasing one 65-passenger bus and one 30-passenger bus with wheelchair accommodations.

Looking long term we are in the middle of putting together our next Capital Project that will go out to vote next fall. The project will include a new playground, new lockers in the secondary, replacing windows, parking lot and sidewalk replacement, and replacing doors at the bus garage. We have created a priority list from our five year building condition survey and we are waiting to hear back regarding costs.

Thank you to our families and community for supporting our school and students. We are fortunate to live in an area where education is valued. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with you to make CVS the best it can be. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 607-264-9332, ext. 501 or email me at tsnyder@cvcsd.org.

Sincerely,
TheriJo Snyder, Superintendent

THREE-PART BUDGET

With the enactment of Chapter 426 of the 1997 Laws of New York State, a school district's proposed budget must be presented to the voters in a three-part format. Below, you will find the proposed 2023-2024 budget in that format, along with comparative data from the current year's budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Current year.....	\$1,371,313
Proposed 2023-24.....	\$1,454,156
Change of	\$82,843

The administrative budget includes those expenses directly related to the functioning of the Board of Education, District Clerk, Superintendent's Office, Business Office, BOCES Administrative charges and Supervision. The administrative budget is increasing by 6.04%.

PROGRAM

Current year.....	\$10,568,992
Proposed 2023-24.....	\$10,673,097
Change of	\$104,105

The program budget includes those expenses directly related to the teaching of students. Those include teachers, assistants, aides and other professional salaries, BOCES charges, supplies, textbooks, special education costs, health, guidance, co-curricular activities and athletics. This area also includes transportation expenses directly related to the functioning of the bus garage and the operation of the bus fleet. The program budget is increasing by 0.99%

CAPITAL

Current year.....	\$2,271,158
Proposed 2023-24.....	\$2,474,410
Change of	\$203,252

The capital budget includes Operations and Maintenance expenses including salaries, fringe benefits, utilities, and supplies directly related to the cleaning and maintenance of the District's building and grounds. This portion of the budget also includes principal and interest costs related to the borrowing for our capital improvement projects. The District receives 81.5% building aid from NYS for this. Purchases for buses are reimbursed by NYS at 61.5% over five years. The capital budget is increasing by 8.95%.

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2023-2024 PROPOSITIONS

BOARD SEAT TRUSTEE (VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE)

The following propositions and candidate for Board Member is set forth for consideration of the voters of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District.

For one five-year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Gregory Lowry.

- Gregory Lowry
- Nicole Fox
- _____

PROPOSITION I—Budget

To adopt the budget as presented in the amount of \$14,601,663, to authorize the Board of Education to levy and collect the necessary taxes.

PROPOSITION II—Buses

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase two school buses—one sixty-five passenger and one thirty passenger with the total cost not to exceed \$260,000? The source of the funds shall be a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education.

