

# SCHOOL BUDGET REVOTE: JUNE 18 NOON-9 P.M. IN HS GYM LOBBY

# Middleburgh



Budget Revote Newsletter June 2013

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Voters to decide on \$20,189,789 budget June 18

*Proposed budget includes a 0.2 percent spending increase, \$423,000 in reductions*

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Middleburgh Central School District residents will vote on a proposed \$20,189,789 budget for the 2013-14 school year on Tuesday, June 18 from noon to 9 p.m. in the high school gym lobby.

The proposed budget, which retains all current academic programming, increases spending by 0.2 percent, or \$39,308 from the current school year and carries a tax levy increase of 2.68 percent, or \$235,297.

Because the proposed tax levy is below the district's maximum allowable limit under the state's tax "cap" law, support of a simple majority (50 percent plus one) of voters is required for the budget to be approved.

In May, residents voted down a proposed budget that included \$315,000 in reductions and a 3.92 percent tax levy increase. In order to reach the current proposed budget, which carries a 2.68 percent tax levy increase, an additional \$88,000 was cut from the budget and an additional \$20,000 in fund balance applied.

The proposed budget for the June 18 vote reflects the allocation of more than \$1 million of the district's fund balance, \$200,000 in budget-to-budget savings, \$15,000 from reassigning a mechanic as a bus driver and \$408,000 in reductions:

- Elimination of a full-time elementary teaching position
- Elimination of a 0.6 FTE ELA position (a retirement)

- 0.4 FTE reduction of a physical education position
- 0.4 FTE reduction of a literacy/reading specialist position
- Combined reduction I FTE reduction in teacher assistant positions
- \$16,750 reduction in extracurricular activities
- \$15,000 reduction in athletics

*The following are additional cuts made from the previously proposed budget:*

- Elimination of school-sponsored field trips
- 0.4 FTE reduction of a cleaner position
- Reassignment of a mechanic to a bus driver
- Elimination of an independent internal auditor
- Elimination of the BOCES curriculum coordination service
- \$12,000 reduction in energy contracts
- \$7,000 reduction of funds for contract negotiations

"We exercised due diligence in our efforts to make reductions to the budget while preserving programming," Superintendent Michele Weaver said. "These cuts will have an impact for the district, but it will not be on student programming."

One major impact of the proposed cuts will be transferring the district's curriculum coordination effort from BOCES back to the district, where it will become an additional responsibility of the administrators.

This is one step of a larger district-wide reorganizational effort that is examining how to best

### What is on the June 18 ballot?

#### ✓ Proposed budget:

\$20,189,789

Budget Change: + 0.2%

Tax Levy Change: + 2.68%

**Voting will be held from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, in the Middleburgh High School gym lobby.**

For more information, visit [www.middleburghcsd.org](http://www.middleburghcsd.org)

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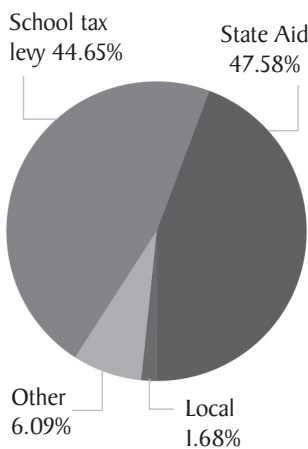
## 2013-14 projected revenues

	2012-13 Adopted Budget	2013-14 Proposed Budget	\$ Change From Prior School Year
<b>Local sources (1.68% of total)</b>			
Real property tax items	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$0
Charges for services	0	103,000	103,000
Interest earnings	26,759	5,000	(21,759)
Use of property	0	1,000	1,000
Refund of prior year expense	114,912	100,000	(14,912)
Other revenue	117,000	104,000	(13,000)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$285,671</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>	<b>\$54,329</b>
<b>State sources (47.58% of total)</b>			
Foundation aid	\$7,266,707	\$7,173,933	\$(92,774)
BOCES aid	498,628	450,548	(48,080)
Building aid	1,527,231	1,516,180	(11,051)
Textbook/software/library aid	68,050	65,940	(2,110)
Computer hardware/tech. aid	12,524	11,617	(907)
Transportation aid	1,373,479	980,510	(392,969)
Excess cost aid	124,258	92,536	(31,722)
Gap Elimination Adjustment	(1,085,803)	(1,085,803)	0
Restoration of GEA	0	400,231	400,231
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,785,074</b>	<b>\$9,605,692</b>	<b>\$(179,382)</b>
<b>Other sources (6.09% of total)</b>			
District reserves	\$200,000	\$0	\$(200,000)
Appropriated fund balance	1,100,000	1,229,064	129,064
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>	<b>\$1,229,064</b>	<b>\$(70,936)</b>
<b>School tax levy (44.65% of total)</b>			
	\$8,779,736	\$9,015,033	\$235,297
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,150,481</b>	<b>\$20,189,789</b>	<b>\$39,308</b>

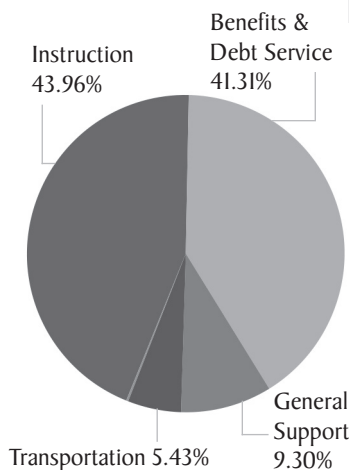
## 2013-14 projected expenditures

	2012-13 Adopted Budget	2013-14 Proposed Budget	\$ Change From Prior School Year
<b>General support (9.30% of proposed budget)</b>			
Board of Education	\$51,333	\$51,776	\$443
Central Administration	177,351	180,767	3,416
Finance	284,748	246,020	(38,728)
Support Services	81,219	85,310	4,091
Central Services	1,415,653	1,155,860	(259,793)
Special Items	154,092	158,904	4,812
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,164,396</b>	<b>\$1,878,637</b>	<b>(\$285,759)</b>
<b>Instruction (43.96% of proposed budget)</b>			
<b>Administration &amp; Curriculum</b>			
Development	\$490,524	\$490,351	\$(173)
Teaching-Regular	5,138,681	4,957,923	(180,758)
Teaching-Special Programs	2,309,670	2,281,497	(28,173)
Instructional Media	391,799	542,439	150,640
Pupil Personnel Services	706,751	603,381	(103,370)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,037,425</b>	<b>\$8,875,591</b>	<b>\$(161,834)</b>
<b>Transportation (5.43% of proposed budget)</b>			
	\$1,270,837	\$1,095,923	\$(174,914)
<b>Benefits and debt service (41.31% of proposed budget)</b>			
Employee Benefits	\$5,847,191	\$6,525,399	678,208
<b>Debt Service &amp; Interfund</b>			
Transfers	1,726,857	1,761,392	34,535
<b>Bus Payments &amp; Other</b>			
Borrowing	54,875	52,844	(2,031)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,628,923</b>	<b>\$8,339,635</b>	<b>\$710,712</b>
<b>Other sources (0.00% of proposed budget)</b>			
Transfer to School Lunch	\$48,900	\$0	\$(48,900)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,150,481</b>	<b>\$20,189,789</b>	<b>\$39,308</b>

### Revenues



### Expenditures



## 2013-14 three part budget

School districts are required to present their budgets in three component parts. For Middleburgh Central School District, they are as follows:

	2012-13	2013-14	\$ change
Administrative	\$1,223,421	\$1,190,609	\$(32,812)
Program	15,747,675	16,048,083	300,408
Capital	3,179,385	2,951,097	(228,288)



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## Voter Information

### Who is eligible to vote?

Anyone who is a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the Middleburgh School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote is eligible.

### What should I bring with me on June 18?

Personal identification/proof of residency is required (e.g., driver's license with current address or utility bill showing your name and current address).

### Can I vote by using an absentee ballot?

Qualified district residents who are unable to go to the polls on June 18 can cast their votes by absentee ballot. For an application, visit the district clerk's office, located in the high school, or call District Clerk Deborah Manning at 827-3624. If the ballot is to be mailed, the application for the ballot must be received by June 11. If the ballot is to be picked up in person, the application must be received by June 17. All completed ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5 p.m. on June 18.

### What if I have questions?

For further information, please call 827-3625 or 827-3620 or visit [www.middleburghcsd.org](http://www.middleburghcsd.org).

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maximize resources and retain quality student programming not only for the upcoming school year, but for the next five years as well.

"In this difficult economic climate, we need to be proactive in finding fiscal solutions to help ensure the continued academic excellence of our district, not only now, but for our future," Weaver said.

### If the budget is defeated June 18

The June 18 vote is the second allowable vote under state law. If voters do not approve the proposed 2013-14 budget on June 18, the state dictates that the board must adopt a contingency budget, which limits the property tax levy increase to zero percent, with no exclusions. As a result, the board would be required to reduce the proposed budget by an additional \$235,297.

The board has indicated that if the district was forced to adopt a contingent budget, all sports and extra-curricular activities would be eliminated.