

# Schoharie Central School District

Tentative Budget  
for the  
2021-2022  
School Year

# Tentative 2021-22 Budget Overview

Presented on the following slides is the Tentative Budget for the 2021-22 school year for the Schoharie Central School District.

This will be an overview of the budget needed to deliver the mandatory education programs and support services for the children of Schoharie Central School District, in our continuing effort to provide the best possible education for the students, even with the pressures on finances posed by the economic downturn that has been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Tentative 2021-22 Budget Objective/Goal

The budget development objective for 2021-22 remains: “To sustain the fiscal capacity of the school district in order to equitably provide for the programs and services for our students, not only for next year, but for years well into the future”.

Also, this budget is aimed at meeting a goal of the Board of Education: “To maintain financial sensitivity to the needs of property owners in the district and provide fiscal excellence and stability”.

The Board of Education has stated that “In all that we do, we will keep our focus on doing what is good for children as our highest priority.”

# Tentative 2021-22 Budget Highlights

The Tentative Budget has been modified from the Preliminary Budget to reflect announced teacher retirements and other staffing adjustments.

The Tentative 2021-22 Budget is the total amount of \$25,449,933, which is a \$693,577 (2.80%) increase from the voter-approved 2020-21 budget of \$24,756,356.

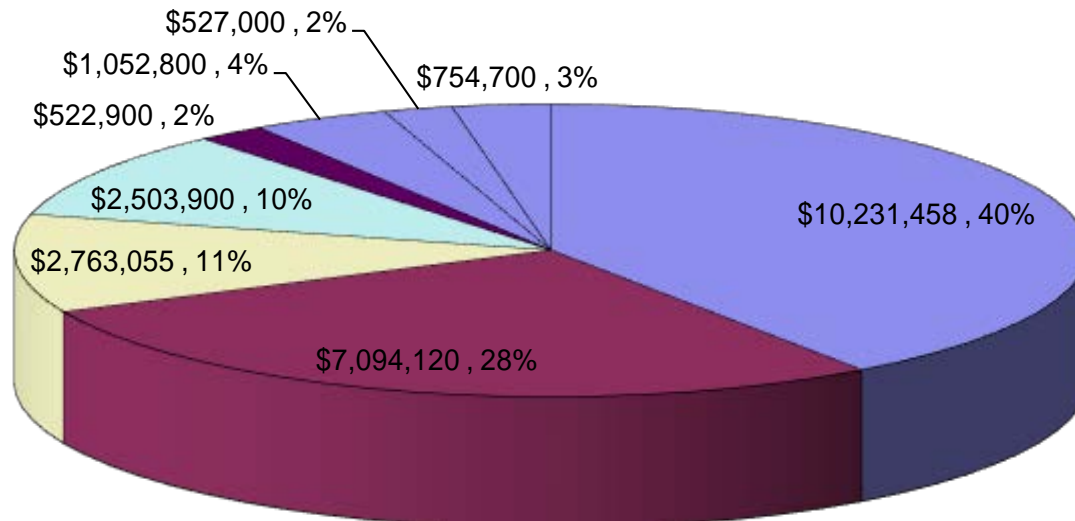
## Major Cost Changes:

- Employee and Retiree Health Insurance and Prescription Costs: + \$117,969
- Employee Salaries: + \$459,133
- Capital Outlay Funding: + \$100,000

# Tentative 2021-22 Budget Summary

## Where the Money Goes

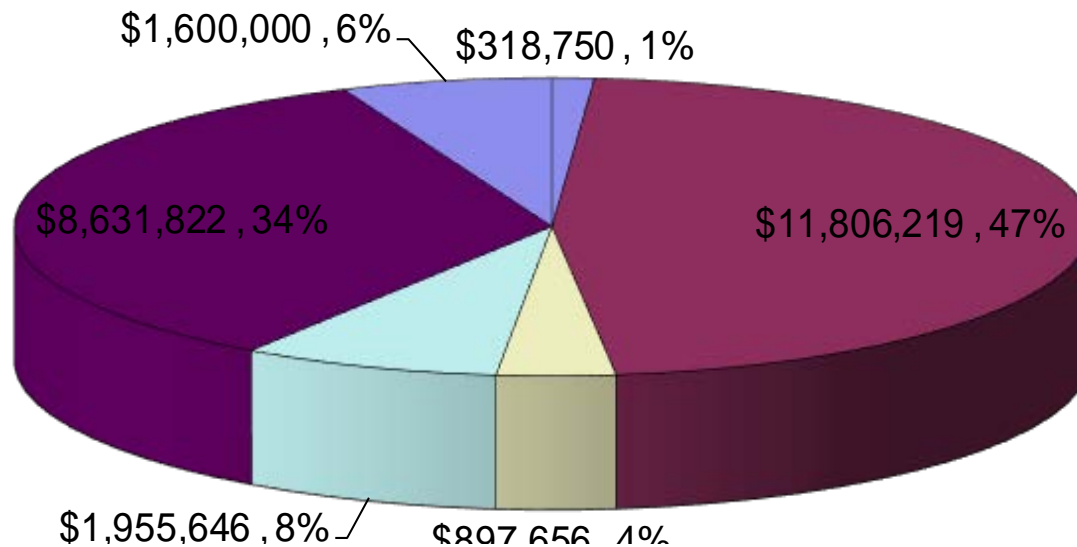
DESCRIPTION	2020-21 Adopted Budget	2021-22 Tentative Budget	2021-22 \$ Change	2021-22 % Change	2021-22 % Share
Employee Salaries	\$9,772,325	\$10,231,458	\$459,133	4.70%	40.20%
Employee Benefits	\$7,047,151	\$7,094,120	\$46,969	0.67%	27.87%
Debt Service / Fund Transfers	\$2,679,997	\$2,763,055	\$83,058	3.10%	10.86%
BOCES Costs	\$2,473,700	\$2,503,900	\$30,200	1.22%	9.84%
Student Transportation	\$495,100	\$522,900	\$27,800	5.62%	2.05%
Support Services / Operations	\$1,007,420	\$1,052,800	\$45,380	4.50%	4.14%
Out-of-district Tuition	\$496,000	\$527,000	\$31,000	6.25%	2.07%
Instructional Programs	\$784,663	\$754,700	(\$29,963)	-3.82%	2.97%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$24,756,356</b>	<b>\$25,449,933</b>	<b>\$693,577</b>	<b>2.80%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



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## Where the Money Comes From

DESCRIPTION	2020-21	2021-22	2021-22	2021-22	2021-22
	Adopted Budget	Tentative Budget	\$ Change	% Change	% Share
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$361,200	\$318,750	(\$42,450)	-11.75%	1.25%
State Aid	\$12,011,315	\$11,806,219	(\$205,096)	-1.71%	46.39%
Medicaid and Federal Aid	\$60,000	\$897,656	\$837,656	1396.09%	3.53%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,916,559	\$1,955,646	\$39,087	2.04%	7.68%
Tax Levy and STAR	\$8,807,281	\$8,631,822	(\$175,459)	-1.99%	33.92%
Fund Balance Allocation	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$0	0.00%	6.29%
Difference from Appropriations	\$0	\$239,839	\$239,839		0.94%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$24,756,354</b>	<b>\$25,449,932</b>	<b>\$693,577</b>	<b>2.80%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## What is the Status of the 2021-22 Budget? *(Appropriations)*

The Tentative Budget for 2021-22 would increase appropriations by \$693,577 (2.80%) over 2020-21.

Included in this Budget is funding for the Math and Science curricula at the Elementary School, as well as a summer school enrichment program.

Also, there is additional money for double-tripping of bus transportation routes to maintain the system for social distancing.

Additionally, there is an appropriation for a capital project for \$100,000 (aid received in following year).

# What is the Status of the 2021-22 Budget? (*Revenues*)

In order to address the state budget deficit that has been deepened by the COVID-19 pandemic, the state lowered the amount of aid by - \$822,656 compared to 2020-21.

For the present, the \$822,656 is supposed to be off-set by federal aid through the COVID-19 American Recovery Act.

The Tentative Budget has a – 1.99 % tax levy decrease (including the STAR value). This percentage change is in order to meet the Tax Cap mandate requirement. The change is because of the proposal in the Executive Budget to modify the STAR program, and also how the Tax Cap is calculated for the exclusions for additional Building Aid due to the District, as compared to the prior (2020-21) school year.

The current gap between the tentative appropriations and revenues is the amount of - \$239,839.



# Remaining Dates in the Budget Process

April 1, 2021: Anticipated date of adoption of 2021-22 state budget by the Legislature

April 21, 2021: Scheduled Date of adoption by Board of Education of Proposed 2021-22 District Operating Budget

May 6, 2021: Date of Public Hearing on Proposed 2021-22 Budget and Propositions

May 18, 2021: Date of Vote by Public on Proposed 2021-22 Budget, Propositions, and two Members of the Board of Education, 12 Noon to 9 PM.

# Board of Education Member Election

On May 18th, voters will elect two members of the Board of Education for terms that are for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

The terms of current members Maureen Bernhardt and Bill Kuehnle are due to end as of June 30.

All Board seats are elected at-large. The members are volunteers and do not receive compensation.

# Budget Proposition

On May 18th, voters will consider the following proposition regarding the 2021-22 Budget:

"Shall the Board of Education of the Schoharie Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of (amount to be determined) as the school district budget for the 2021-2022 school year during the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, and to levy the necessary tax therefore, less revenues and state aid?"

# Proposition for Purchase of School Buses

On May 18th, voters will consider the following proposition for school bus purchases:

“Shall the Board of Education of the Schoharie Central School District be authorized to expend funds from the Transportation Capital Reserve Fund which was authorized by the voters on October 2, 2018 and established on April 17, 2019 (“Reserve Fund”) pursuant to Education Law §3651(1), for the purchase of two (2) 65-Passenger Buses, two (2) 29-Passenger Buses, and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of Three-hundred, Thirty-two, Thousand Dollars (\$332,000)?”

# Proposition for Public Library Levy

On May 18th, voters will consider the following proposition for an increase in the separate levy to support the public library:

“Shall the Schoharie Central School District, Schoharie County, State of New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$96,000 for the annual support of the Schoharie Free Library Association Library, 103 Knower Avenue, Schoharie, New York, and pay over such monies to the trustees of the Library for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District during the 2021-22 fiscal year and each year thereafter until changed?”

# Proposition for Capital Reserve Fund

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Proposition on the Ballot to reestablish the Capital Reserve Fund:

“Shall the Board of Education of the Schoharie Central School District (The District) be authorized to establish a Capital Projects Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, with a probable term of five (5) years, for the purpose of financing the construction of additions to, and reconstruction of, various District buildings, construction of athletic fields and improvements, site work, and acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used, with such Capital Projects Reserve Fund being funded with such portion of the fund Balance of the General Fund as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Education?”

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