

DUNDEE SCOTS



BUDGET NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

**Meet the Candidates
Budget Information**

Board of Education

Robert Neu, President
Brittany Gibson Vice President
Brad Cole
John Frederick
Douglas Hammond
Jared Webster
Jillian Denmark, District Clerk

Administration

Christopher J. Barnard
Superintendent
243-5533, Extension 7701

Melissa Lawson
Business Administrator
243-5533, Extension 7703

Tiffany Cohrs
Elementary Principal
243-5535, Extension 7516

Christopher Arnold
Junior/Senior High Principal
243-5534, Extension 7506

Meet the Candidates

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the Public Meeting Room

Occupation:

Own and manage local vacation rentals and long term rental properties

Community Activities:

- Second Milo Baptist Church, Board of Trustees
- Assistant Treasurer, Second Milo Baptist Church

Priorities/Goals as a Board Member:

As a Dundee School Board Member, I want to represent both parents and community by working as a contributing team member on the board to maintain and improve students' public education and safety. I want to create more communication and define expectations for school administration, staff, students and parents, so that together the vision and mission of DCS is achieved. I believe a quality public education is vital for our students' future and the future of our community. I appreciate being part of a small school district and believe we need to maintain focus on providing a welcoming and safe environment for our students and staff. I am prepared to meet with the community to hear suggestions and concerns, and be your representative to collaborate with the Superintendent and other Board Members to make sure we are providing the best education and environment for our students to learn and succeed.

Casey Busch

**Occupation:**

Business Owner

Community Activities:

- Dundee Central School Board Member - 6 years
- Coach, Little League Baseball – 16 years
- Little League Board Member – 16 years
- Coach, Dundee Jr. Scots Youth Football - 15 years
- One of the founding members of Dundee Jr. Scots Football League
- Dundee Rotary Member

Priorities/Goals as a Board Member:

- To help provide a safe and productive environment for the District Faculty and Students.
- To be accountable to the taxpayers for proper spending priorities.
- To assist the District in being on the cutting edge in preparing students for the future.

Robert Neu

**Occupation:**

Teacher - Watkins Glen Central School District - 24 years

Business Owner - The Gold Coast - 17 years

Community Activities:

- Dundee Central School District Board Member - 14 years
- Active Member and Chief Officer, Himrod Fire Department - 30 years
- New York State Fire Inspector - 23 years
- Varsity & Modified Basketball Assistant Coach, Dundee Central School
- Yates County Deputy Fire Coordinator - 13 years
- Town of Milo Zoning Board Committee - 6 years
- Grove Mount Cemetery Board - 10 years

Priorities/Goals as a Board Member:

- Provide the highest quality education for all of our children and ensuring they are college and career ready, while being fiscally responsible.
- Continue to strengthen and foster the school/community partnership.
- Focus on high standards and accountability in order to improve the quality of education.
- Continue to maintain a safe, clean and orderly learning environment for all students and staff.

Jared Webster



2023 –2024 PROPOSED BUDGET | What You Need to Know

The District budget vote, along with the Board of Education election, will be held on **May 16, 2023**. If the proposed budget is passed by voters, it will be enacted for the 2023-24 school year.

TO VOTE YOU MUST BE:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of Dundee Central School District
- At least 18 year old
- Registered to vote with the Yates County or Schuyler County Board of Elections

TO VOTE YOU:

- Do NOT have to own property
- Do NOT have to be a parent/guardian
- Do NOT have to have children in the school district

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

There are three (3) candidates running for three (3) seats, each term will be for three (3) years. The candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order:

1. Casey Busch

2. Robert Neu

3. Jared Webster

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

Budget Proposition

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dundee Central School District adopt a proposed budget in the amount of \$21,177,813 (increase of 4.65%) for the school year 2023-2024 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

Transportation Vehicles

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dundee Central School District be authorized to purchase two (2) transportation vehicles, including related furnishings and equipment incidental thereto and expend therefore a total sum not to exceed \$330,000 which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for such vehicles by the use of funds from the 2019 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$330,000, with no tax levy impact.

2023—2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT, CONTINUED

2023 Capital Reserve Fund

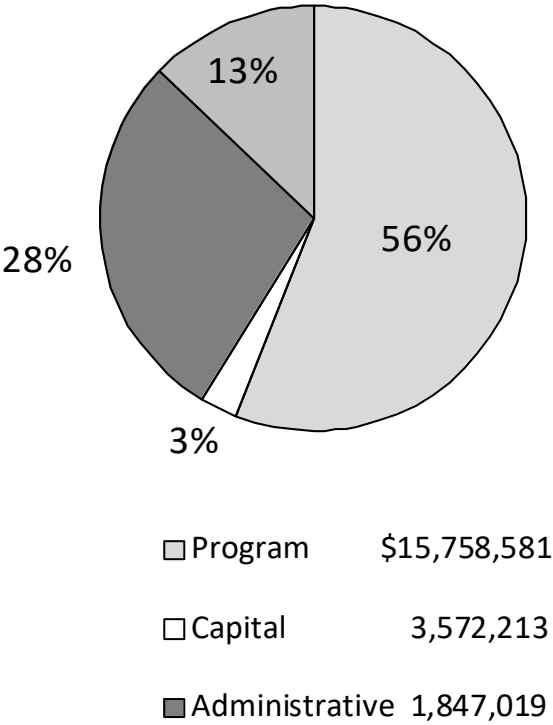
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to establish a new ten-year capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law and fund such fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, to be used for construction reconstructions, renovations, improvements and additions to all District facilities, including purchase of student transportation vehicles, equipment, technology upgrades, classroom equipment and/or school infrastructure equipment, site development, athletic fields, playgrounds, storm and sanitary sewer, driveways, and parking lots, such reserve fund to be funded from (i) year-end budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter for the term of the reserve fund (ii) transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, (iii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

Dundee Library Tax Levy

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dundee Central School District be and hereby is authorized to enter into a “Contract for Educational Services” with the Dundee Library in the amount of \$173,000 and to levy the necessary tax for the above purpose. (The current annual library appropriation is guaranteed at \$168,000. Approval of the proposition would ensure additional funds of \$5,000 for future years.)

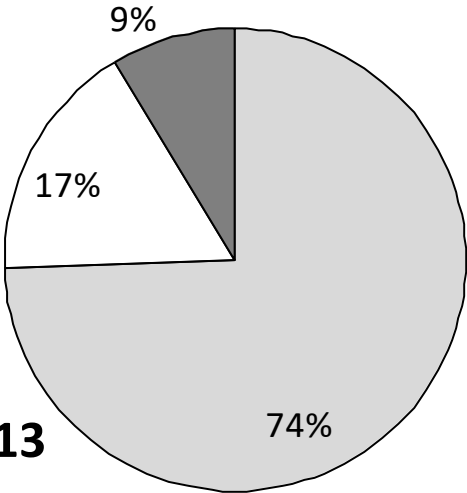
2023—2024 ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

REVENUES



State & Federal Aid	\$11,844,842
Misc. Revenues	599,000
Tax Levy	6,023,613
Appropriated Fund Balance	2,710,358

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET \$21,177,813



EXPENDITURES

2023—2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET DETAIL [BUDGET-TO-BUDGET INCREASE 4.65%]

Program 74%	2023—2024 Proposed Budget	2022—2023 Budget	Increase or (Decrease)
Inservice Training-Instruction	\$190,438	\$178,348	\$12,090
Teaching-Regular School	5,058,815	5,094,008	(35,193)
Teaching-Special Education	3,729,792	3,401,922	327,870
Student Support Services	372,659	366,984	5,675
Co-Curricular and Athletics	435,074	367,686	67,388
Transportation	1,382,335	1,135,759	246,576
Community Services	44,400	27,300	17,100
Legal, Pupil Personnel & Transfers	93,754	81,298	12,456
Employee Benefits	4,451,314	4,382,409	68,905
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$15,758,581	\$15,035,714	\$722,867
Capital 17%	2023—2024 Proposed Budget	2022—2023 Budget	Increase or (Decrease)
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$1,131,900	\$979,931	\$151,969
Refund of Real Property Taxes	2,500	2,500	-
Employee Benefits	310,233	265,621	44,612
BOCES Capital Charge	54,615	54,615	-
Debt Service	2,072,965	2,072,965	-
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$3,572,213	\$3,375,632	\$196,581
Administration 9%	2023—2024 Proposed Budget	2022—2023 Budget	Increase or (Decrease)
Board of Education & District Meeting	\$65,641	\$74,093	\$(8,452)
Central Administration	587,409	558,056	29,353
Audit, Treasurer & Tax Collection	41,507	48,320	(6,813)
Legal, Purchasing & Personnel	40,545	26,668	13,877
Record Management	12,614	12,032	582
Central Data Processing, Insurance, Dues	320,386	314,662	5,724
Supervision	294,151	311,950	(17,799)
Employee Benefits	424,766	419,009	5,757
BOCES Administration Charge	60,000	60,000	-
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$1,847,019	\$1,824,790	\$22,229
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$21,177,813	\$20,236,136	\$941,677

2023—2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET DETAIL [TAX LEVY INCREASE 2.85%] *Tax Cap Limit 3.01%*

Revenues	2023—2024 Proposed Budget	2022—2023 Budget	Increase or (Decrease)
State and Federal Aid	\$11,844,842	\$11,595,414	\$249,428
Real Property Tax Levy	6,023,613	5,856,697	166,916
All Other Revenues	599,000	360,120	238,880
Reserve Funds Applied to Budget	2,460,358	2,173,905	286,453
Appropriated Fund Balance	250,000	250,000	-
TOTAL REVENUES & APPLIED FUND BALANCE	\$21,177,813	\$20,236,136	\$941,677
DUNDEE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Proposed	Percent Change
Total Budgeted Amount, Exclusive of Propositions	20,236,136	21,177,813	4.65%
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy	5,856,697	6,023,613	2.85%
Permissible Exclusions to School Tax Levy Limit	59,153	31,376	
School Tax Levy Limit , Excluding Permissible Exclusions	5,857,072	6,032,753	
Total Proposed Tax Levy, Excluding Permissible Exclusions	5,797,919	6,023,613	
Difference (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval)	58,778	9,140	
Public School Enrollment	630	635	.79%
Consumer Price Index			8.0%
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	21,948,619	22,826,564	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	250,000	250,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	847,100	883,100	
Unrestricted Fund Balance-% of Budget	4.19	4.17	



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SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FUNDS				
Reserve Fund	Description	3/31/2023 Balance	6/30/2023 Est. Bal.	Proposed 2023-2024 Use
Capital (Including Transportation)	Pay cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	5,202,282	4,946,866	Fund the purchase of transportation vehicles.
Debt Service	Cover debt service payments.	102,555	102,555	Applied to reduce tax levy.
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	For payment of accrued 'employee benefits' to employees upon termination of service.	6,057,201	5,932,201	Adjusted to actuarially determined liability.
Insurance	Pay liability, casualty and other types of uninsured losses.	110,000	110,000	Applied to reduce tax levy.
Repair	Pay cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	686,779	686,779	No planned use.
Retirement Contribution	Pay employer retirement contributions to the NYS Teachers and State and Local Employees' Retirement Systems.	3,472,789	3,588,439	Used for payment of annual employer contribution amount.
Unemployment Insurance	Pay cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	1,450,000	1,450,000	Partially applied to reduce tax levy.
Tax Certiorari	Pay judgments and claims pursuant to RPTL Article 7	250,000	250,000	Returned to fund balance upon expiration on 7/1/23.
Workers' Compensation	Pay Workers' Compensation benefits, medical/hospital expenses and plan administration	313,000	313,000	No planned use.

DUNDEE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET NOTICE	Adopted 2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	2023-2024 Contingent Budget
Total Budgeted Amount	20,236,136	21,177,813	20,987,443
Increase (Decrease) in Budgeted Amount		941,677	751,307
% Increase (Decrease) in Budget Amount		4.65%	3.71%
% Change in Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
Total Proposed School Tax Levy	5,797,919	6,001,377	5,811,007
Permissible Exclusions to Tax Levy Limit	59,153	31,376	
School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	5,857,072	6,032,753	
Total Proposed School Tax Levy, Excluding Permissible Exclusions	5,856,697	6,023,613	
Difference (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval)	375	9,140	
Administrative Component	1,719,914	1,847,019	1,830,964
Program Component	14,893,266	15,758,581	15,646,504
Capital Component	3,347,921	3,572,213	3,509,975
Assumptions in projecting contingent budget for 2023-2024 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law: Removal of Non-Contingent Equipment \$153,000; Removal of Wage Increases for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees \$37,370.			
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings, as authorized by Section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law		\$292	

Making Sense of Your Tax Bill

How will the proposed 2023-24 budget affect your taxes?

Dundee Central School District is proposing an increase to its tax levy of 2.85% for 2023-24. However, your overall tax bill may change by a different percentage if:

- The value of your property has changed;
- Your STAR reimbursement has changed; or
- The proportion of school taxes paid by homeowners in your township changes.

How is your final school tax bill & tax rate set?

School Tax Levy:: Amount a school district needs to collect from property owners each year.

State School Tax Relief Program (STAR): Partial school tax exemptions for owner-occupied homes. The Basic STAR and Enhances STAR savings for each township can be found at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/ex_index.htm.

Property Assessments: Estimate of the value of how much a property would sell for under normal conditions. This is determined by your town's assessor.

Once all factors are set, the final tax rate determines how much of the total tax levy each property owner pays.

See Detailed Information on the 2023 - 2024 Proposed Budget
www.dundeeecs.org | Financial | Budget | 2023 - 2024 Budget

The Dundee Library

The Dundee Library Board of Trustees has voted to request an increase of \$5,000 for the 2024 fiscal year. The total amount requested is \$173,000. This is under the tax cap set by the State. Costs continue to rise especially in the areas of utilities and payroll. The minimum wage has risen \$2.00/hour in the last two years and it is expected to go up again. The Library is also required to pay for sick leave and family medical leave for employees. The Dundee water bill has increased due to the charges for the waste water treatment. Library circulation is going up and the number of users is up. Many community organizations are cooperating in programs for all ages including children, veterans, caregivers and the disabled. The Tripp Community Room has been reserved almost 100 times since December 2022 by community members. If you have any questions about the requested increase or the services provided by the library, please call 607-243-5938 and speak with Linda Nichols.



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