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GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

BUDGET 2019-20



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## Budget Hearing

Thursday, May 9, 2019  
6:30 p.m., Auditorium

## Voting Day

Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Junior-Senior HS Gym

- Proposed School Budget
- 3 Propositions
- 3 School Board Positions

## Eligibility to Vote

- Citizen of the United States,
- 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote,
- Resident within the district for a period of 30 days prior to the vote
- Registered to vote

## Register to Vote

If you are registered to vote in the general election, then you are registered to vote in the school election. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, please call the Board of Elections Office for the county in which you reside.

## Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available to registered voters of the Galway Central School District who will not be able to vote on Election Day. The ballot application, with instructions, is available at [www.galwaycsd.org](http://www.galwaycsd.org) or by contacting the District Clerk, Linda Dumblewski, at 518-882-1033 Ext. 3224.

## Vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

The Galway Central School District Board of Education has adopted a fiscally responsible and educationally sound budget that maintains the quality programs for which Galway Central School is highly regarded. The budget balances appropriate curriculum enhancements with sensitivity and an understanding of the impact on taxpayers.

The budget was collaboratively developed, discussed, and revised with input from residents and other stakeholders. At a time when the consumer price index has vacillated from 1.7 to 2.4%, the increase in Foundation Aid the district is slated to receive from NYS is only 1%. The district acknowledges that NYS tried to provide more aid to school districts for the 2019-20 school year, however, its funding formulas continue to deprive small, rural school districts the full amount of state aid needed to keep pace with the annual cost of living.

The proposed budget continues to achieve cost reductions and economies of scale by participating in employee health insurance and workers' compensation group plans, taking part in energy management programs that contain the cost of electricity, and educating as many students with disabilities in-district as possible.

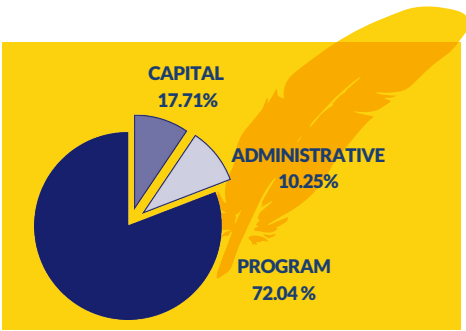
Galway CSD is proposing a budget of \$22,299,130 for the 2019-20 school year. This is an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$798,648 or 3.71%, resulting in an estimated 1.99% increase in the tax levy, which is well below the district's maximum allowable tax levy cap of 4.99%.

The budget-to-budget increase is mostly attributed to payments on principal and interest for the capital improvement project, which represents \$553,800 or 70% of the \$798,648 increase. 78.7% of the Capital Project expenditures will be returned to the district in ensuing years in the form of revenue from NYS Building Aid.

The district continues to follow its multi-year financial plan, which calls for a gradual reduction of dependence on fund balance to offset the tax levy. As a result, the district will tap \$1,374,599 from the fund balance, which is \$25,000 less than was allocated in the 2018-19 budget.

The proposed budget sustains the fiscal capacity of the school district in order to adequately provide programs and services for our students not only for next year, but for many years to come.

**We encourage you to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the Galway Junior-Senior High School gym between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.**



# Expenditure Summary

## Estimated Expenditures by Function

### Meet the Candidates

There are three vacancies on the Galway CSD Board of Education. Two vacancies are for four-year terms of office that are effective July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2023. These seats are currently held by Dennis Schaperjahn and Linda Jackowski. The third vacancy is a one-year term of office that is effective immediately following the election on May 21, 2019 and upon filing an oath of office, until June 30, 2020. This one-year vacancy is to complete the four-year term of Meloye Eldeen, who resigned in 2018.

The candidates are listed in order on the ballot per a random drawing of names:

- Karen English
- Sarah Leszczynski
- Dennis Schaperjahn
- Linda Jackowski
- James Heuser

#### Karen English

Karen English is an Information Technology Specialist III with the NY Statewide Financial System. She has been a resident of West Charlton for 30 years. She and her husband, Greg, have three children who attended Galway CSD; the youngest is currently in seventh grade. Her top three priorities are:

1. Good education for all
2. Containing taxes in the area
3. Retaining good quality teachers

#### Sarah Leszczynski

Sarah Leszczynski is an Assistant District Attorney with the Saratoga County DA's Office. She has been a resident of Galway CSD for two years. She and her husband, Jason, have two children in Galway CSD. Her top three priorities are:

1. Giving every student a pathway to their future
2. Public Information
3. Fiscal responsibility

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ADMINISTRATIVE	2018-19	2019-20	Change
Board of Education	\$30,414	\$29,414	(\$1,000)
Central Administration	\$234,157	\$202,778	(\$31,379)
Business/Finance/Audit	\$378,250	\$341,488	(\$36,762)
Legal Services	\$51,818	\$75,000	\$23,182
Personnel Services	\$2,892	\$2,892	\$0
Public Information	\$60,060	\$60,060	\$0
Printing/Mailing/Data	\$262,183	\$262,265	\$82
Unallocated Insurance	\$115,612	\$122,000	\$6,388
School Association Dues	\$19,845	\$19,845	\$0
BOCES Admin.	\$163,204	\$140,000	(\$23,204)
Supervision Regular School	\$560,213	\$494,820	(\$65,393)
Employee Benefits	\$539,096	\$536,182	(\$2,914)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,417,744</b>	<b>\$2,286,744</b>	<b>(\$131,000)</b>

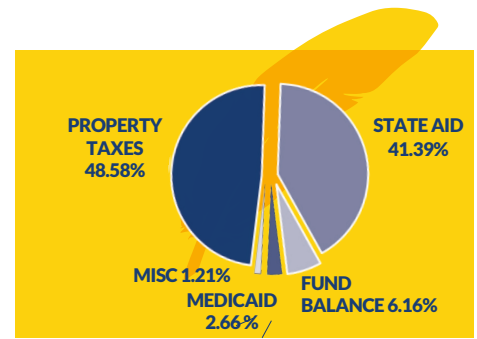
PROGRAM	2018-19	2019-20	Change
Curriculum Development	\$127,076	\$110,369	(\$16,707)
Planning and Evaluation	\$7,069	\$7,069	\$0
Staff Development	\$119,698	\$128,115	\$8,417
Regular Instruction	\$5,323,879	\$5,770,171	\$446,292
Special Education	\$2,117,445	\$2,069,884	(\$47,561)
Occupational Education	\$633,196	\$573,516	(\$59,680)
Special School Programs	\$56,993	\$55,675	(\$1,318)
Library/Media/Technology	\$910,910	\$978,797	\$67,887
Pupil Services Group	\$487,058	\$528,838	\$41,780
Co-Curricular	\$84,675	\$82,590	(\$2,085)
Interscholastic Athletics	\$293,750	\$291,390	(\$2,360)
Transportation	\$1,037,108	\$1,008,587	(\$28,521)
Garage	\$222,395	\$221,509	(\$886)
Contract Transportation	\$92,356	\$56,930	(\$35,426)
Employee Benefits	\$4,067,724	\$4,045,735	(\$21,988)
Other Fund Transfers	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,716,332</b>	<b>\$16,064,175</b>	<b>\$347,884</b>

CAPITAL	2018-19	2019-20	Change
Operations and Utilities	\$1,050,670	\$1,137,026	\$86,356
Maintenance	\$470,648	\$413,886	(\$56,762)
Refund of Taxes	\$1,323	\$1,323	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$294,052	\$292,463	(\$1,590)
Debt Service	\$1,549,713	\$2,103,513	\$553,800
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,366,406</b>	<b>\$3,948,211</b>	<b>\$581,804</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$21,500,482</b>	<b>\$22,299,130</b>	<b>\$798,648</b>

# Revenue Summary

## Estimated Revenues

	2018-19	2019-20	Change
Real Property Taxes	\$10,621,234	\$10,832,597	\$211,363
State Aid	\$9,208,558	\$9,229,305	\$20,747
Fund Balance Allocation	\$1,400,000	\$1,374,599	(\$25,401)
Medicaid and Transfers	\$43,560	\$593,549	\$549,989
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$227,131	\$269,080	\$41,949
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$21,500,482</b>	<b>\$22,299,130</b>	<b>\$798,647</b>



### Meet the Candidates continued...

#### Dennis Schaperjahn

Dennis Schaperjahn is a retired teacher who has been serving on the Galway Board of Education since 2011. He grew up in Galway and graduated from Galway High School, as did his father. He and his wife, Candice, have two sons who graduated from Galway High School. His top three priorities are:

1. Academics
2. Safety
3. Making sure everybody is treated equally; every student is important

#### Linda Jackowski

Linda Jackowski retired from Galway CSD as the Director of Pupil Personnel Services. She has been serving on the Galway Board of Education since 2015. She and her husband, James, live in Amsterdam and have two daughters who graduated from Galway High School. They have five grandchildren, four of whom attend Galway CSD and one who will start Galway's new Preschool program in the fall. Her top three priorities are:

1. Support academic achievement
2. Continue to investigate district initiatives
3. Ensure that Galway CSD is the epicenter of the community

#### James Heuser

James (Jim) Heuser is a heavy equipment operator for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 158. He and his wife, Lisa, have been residents of the Galway School District for 15 years. They have two daughters in Galway CSD. His top three priorities are:

1. The safety of students and staff
2. Promoting the advancement of the education system
3. Oversee adherence to contracts with outside vendors

## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget 2019-20 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$21,500,482	\$22,299,130	\$22,110,730
Increase for the 2019-20 School Year		\$798,648	\$610,248
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		3.71%	2.84%
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		2.44%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,621,234	\$10,832,597	
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)	\$10,621,234	\$10,832,597	\$10,644,197
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$346,466	\$522,668	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,274,768	\$10,309,929	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$10,274,768	\$10,309,929	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$2,233,278	\$2,096,155	\$2,096,155
Program component	\$14,315,464	\$14,728,406	\$14,654,006
Capital component	\$4,951,740	\$5,474,569	\$5,360,569

\* Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, should the proposed budget be defeated, certain equipment in the capital and program components would be reduced. \*\*Separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount include: Capital Projects Reserve Fund \$1,750,000, Bus Purchase Capital Reserve Fund \$500,000, and purchase of two school buses \$255,000 from available unallocated fund balance.

## Basic STAR Exemption Impact

The Estimated Basic STAR exemption savings is based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.	<b>Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year</b>
Basic STAR tax savings	\$538.00



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<b>Property Tax Report Card</b>			
	<b>2018-19 Budget</b>	<b>2019-20 Budget</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$21,500,482	\$22,299,130	3.71%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,621,234	\$10,832,587	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$10,621,234	\$10,832,597	1.99%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$346,466	\$522,668	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,274,768	\$10,309,929	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$10,274,768	\$10,309,929	
I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	812	800	(1.48%)
Consumer Price Index			2.44%
	<b>2018-19 Actual</b>	<b>2019-20 Estimated</b>	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$543,968	\$3,533,000	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,411,716	\$1,374,599	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$4,080,876	\$1,892,401	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	18.98%	8.49%	

\*Please note that this Property Tax Report Card presentation is in accordance with NYS Education Law sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3).

**Proposition #1: Proposed School Budget**

Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$22,299,130, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law?

**Proposition #2: Capital Projects Reserve Fund**

Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to establish a Capital Project Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000, with a probable term of 10 years, for the purpose of financing the construction of additions to, and reconstruction of, various district buildings, construction and reconstruction 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 Reserve Fund being funded with such portion of the unallocated fund balance as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Education?

**Proposition #3: Bus Purchase Capital Reserve**

Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to establish a Bus Purchase Capital Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, with a probable term of five years, for the purpose of financing the acquisition of school bus vehicles, with such Bus Purchase Capital Reserve Fund being funded with such portion of the unallocated fund balance as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Education?

**Proposition #4: Purchase of School Buses**

Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (a) purchase two 72-passenger school buses at the maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$255,000; (b) expend such sum for such purpose, and (c) fund the acquisition of the school bus vehicles not to exceed the total amount of \$255,000 from available unallocated fund balance of the district?

**Three Vacancies on the Board of Education**

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