

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET NEWSLETTER



Proposed School Budget 2019-20

Proposed budget: \$28,030,515

Estimated tax levy: 0.5%

Estimated budget increase: -1.17%

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again this year we are very excited about the academic success our students have demonstrated. The hard work of our faculty and staff have, again, not only met expectations, but have continued to achieve at a level near excellence.

Our students' success is certainly attributed to the collaborative efforts of our faculty working within professional learning communities. We have established a belief system where recognizing, expecting, and insisting every student be given an equal opportunity to receive quality instruction, exciting enrichment, and when necessary, strategic intervention. Additionally, we have continued to stress the importance of social and emotional development for all our students through a receptive faculty and support staff

Outside the classroom we have continued to regionally lead the way. As many districts continue to see a loss of enrollment, we once again saw an increase in student counts. Over forty out of district parents have selected the Sidney Central School District as their choice of education for their families. This demonstrates the strong, well rounded program we continue to offer.

One example is our continued capital improvements that with your support continue to provide state of the art, safe, and progressive learning spaces for our students. This fall we completed our SMART Schools project that implemented a secure one-point of entry vestibules for all visitors at the Elementary and Jr/Sr High School buildings. Recently, we completed a LED light upgrade and will be finishing that in the coming months. Again, proving our commitment to reducing costs, improving safety, and investing in our community.

As you know, capital improvements, such as academic improvements, must be maintained. As a result, we will be presenting a capital project on the May 21, 2019 ballot. This referendum has been strategically thought out and is financially not going to have any impact on

local taxpayers. Our fiscal strength and planning has once again prepared us to save and then invest money into our project. This results in the project not costing local taxpayers anything and strategically using state building aid to pay for the debt.

Below are the two propositions that you will find on the ballot.

The first proposition will be to approve the annual school budget of \$28,030,515. This budget maintains the present level of academic programming to help our students achieve. We are very proud at Sidney Central School District to maintain fiscally sound programming while being responsible to the community. The tax levy will require a minimal 0.5 percent increase to maintain these programs. This will be the first increase in the tax levy in eight years. The present local tax effort requested is approximately the same amount as the district did in 2007-08 school year.

The second proposition is to approve a capital project focusing on upgrades in the elementary building. These upgrades would be financed by the approval of a maximum estimated cost of \$8,500,000 with \$500,000 of current funds for the establishment of a capital reserve. The specific elementary upgrades would include the 5th and 6th grade classrooms and corridors, elementary cafeteria, and site work throughout the Sidney Central school District campus. We are excited for your approval to continue to maintain and improve our campus facilities.

We thank you for your continued support and are appreciative of your efforts to help make Sidney Central School District successful in the development of our students as they become proud citizens within the community.

Bill Christensen, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools

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School Budget Propositions

Proposition 1

Shall the Board of Education of the Sidney Central School District be authorized to expend sums set forth in the 2019-20 school year proposed budget in the amount of \$28,030,515 and levy the necessary tax therefor.

Proposition 2

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

To authorize the Sidney Central School District to implement a school district improvement program consisting of the construction of improvements to various school facilities consisting primarily of site work and including other improvements and costs incidental thereto, at a maximum estimated cost of \$8,500,000 and that \$500,000 available current funds shall be used to pay a portion thereof, with \$8,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof.

Sidney Memorial Public Library Proposition

That the Sidney Memorial Public Library proposed budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year in the amount of \$646,390 be adopted.

2019-20 Proposed Property Tax Report Card

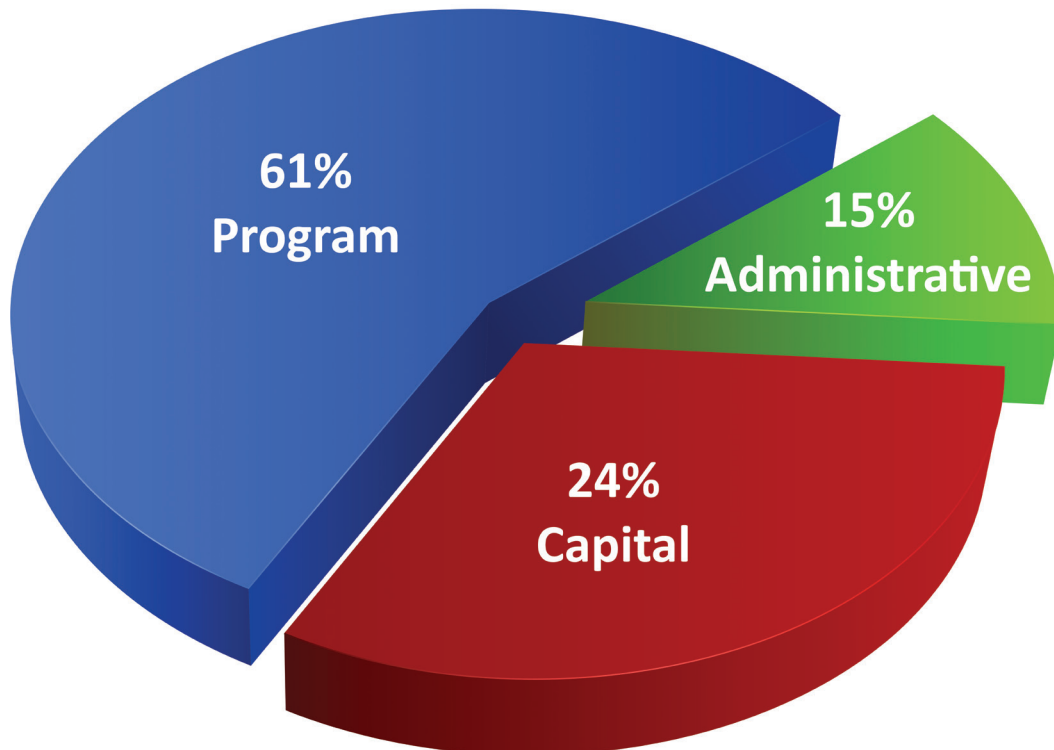
| | Current | Proposed | Percent Change |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Total Spending | \$28,362,879 | \$28,030,515 | -1.17% |
| Total Estimated School Tax Levy | \$5,991,960 | \$6,021,920 | 0.5% |
| Public School Enrollment | 1,108 | 1,111 | 0.3% |
| Adjusted Reserve Fund Balance | \$4,840,635 | \$3,842,295 | |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | \$1,254,842 | \$1,454,842 | |
| Adjusted Unreserved, Unappropriated Fund Balance | \$1,269,797 | \$1,069,797 | |
| Unreserved, Unappropriated Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget | 4.48% | 3.82% | |

2019-20 SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Where does the money go?

| EXPENDITURES | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | CHANGE |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Administrative | \$4,290,000 | \$4,252,086 | (\$37,914) |
| Provides funds for general management and support activities including Board of Education, central and financial administration, staff support, central services, and special items. Also included are instructional administration and curriculum development. | | | |
| Program | \$17,525,699 | \$17,100,835 | (\$424,864) |
| Provides funds for instructional and educational support, computer assisted instruction, guidance, health, co-curricular, and interscholastic sports programs. Provides funds for the purchase of computers, network upgrades, computer enrichment programs, and music programs. | | | |
| Capital | \$6,547,180 | \$6,677,594 | \$130,414 |
| Provides funds for the operation and maintenance of the District's physical plant, including utilities. Also, includes debt service payments. Provides \$100,000 of dollars transferred to capital for capital project, purchase of equipment, and purchase of buses. | | | |
| TOTAL | \$28,362,879 | \$28,030,515 | (\$332,364) |

2019-20 Budget by Component



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Sources of Revenue

| | <u>Projected Revenue</u> | <u>2018-19</u> | <u>2019-20 (estimated)</u> |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| A 1001 | TAXES | \$4,813,316 | \$4,843,276 |
| A 1081 | PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES | \$19,225 | \$16,485 |
| A 1085 | SCHOOL TAX RELIEF REIMBURSEMENT | \$1,178,644 | \$1,178,644 |
| A 1090 | TAX PENALTIES | \$28,000 | \$10,000 |
| A 1310 | DAY SCHOOL TUITION | \$12,500 | \$21,000 |
| A 2230 | DAY SCHOOL TUITION OTHER DISTRICTS | \$78,000 | \$214,316 |
| A 2280 | HEALTH SERVICES FOR OTHER SCHOOLS | | \$12,500 |
| A 2401 | CHECKING ACCOUNT INTEREST | \$360 | \$360 |
| A 2401.1 | INTEREST MMDA | \$2,900 | \$575 |
| A 2401.10 | INTEREST - ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE | \$120 | \$175 |
| A 2401.11 | INTEREST - ERS RETIREMENT CONTRIBUT | \$328 | \$1,200 |
| A 2401.5 | INTEREST - TAX CERTIORARI | \$144 | \$200 |
| A 2401.6 | INTEREST REPAIR RESERVE | \$32 | \$25 |
| A 2401.7 | INTEREST - CHASE UNEMPLOYMENT INS RES | \$196 | \$750 |
| A 2401.8 | INTEREST - PROPERTY LOSS | \$60 | \$100 |
| A 2401.9 | INTEREST - LIABILITY RESERVE | \$330 | \$1,250 |
| A 2401.F | CHECKING ACCOUNT INTEREST-FEDERAL | \$48 | \$50 |
| A 2401.PR | PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT INTEREST | \$10 | \$10 |
| A 2401.TA | CHECKING ACCOUNT INTEREST - TA | \$38 | \$25 |
| A 2410 | RENT REAL PROPER INDIVI/FACIL USE | | \$1,500 |
| A 2412 | RENT REAL PROPERTY - OTHER GOVT'S | \$120,000 | \$120,000 |
| A 2412.1 | REIMBURSEMENT/WAGES/RENTAL | \$15,000 | \$20,000 |
| A 2440 | RENTAL OF BUSES | \$500 | \$1,000 |
| A 2650 | SALE OF EXCESS GOODS | \$15,000 | \$10,000 |
| A 2701 | REFUND PRIOR YEAR'S EXPENSE - BOCES | \$350,000 | \$252,000 |
| A 2702.TRA.NS | TRANSPORTATION | \$200 | \$100 |
| A 2703 | REFUND OF PRIOR YRS EXP OTHER | \$45,000 | \$15,000 |
| A 2705 | GIFTS AND DONATIONS | \$1,500 | \$500 |
| A 2770 | MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | \$1,000 | \$735 |
| A 3101 | STATE AID | \$11,267,074 | \$11,556,540 |
| A 3101.1 | STATE BUILDING AID - PROJECT 2000 | \$4,202,147 | \$2,832,534 |
| A 3101.2 | EXCESS COST AID | \$268,186 | \$235,321 |
| A 3103 | BOCES AID | \$2,267,601 | \$2,820,839 |
| A 3107 | HIGH TAX AID | \$125,580 | \$125,580 |
| A 3108 | TRANSPORTATION AID | \$1,012,445 | \$1,187,766 |
| A 3260 | TEXTBOOK AID | \$84,538 | \$86,228 |
| A 3261 | COMPUTER HARDWARE AID | \$20,015 | \$21,089 |
| A 4601 | MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT/FED | \$28,000 | \$38,000 |
| A 5050 | INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM DEBT RESERVE | \$850,000 | \$850,000 |
| A 5051 | INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM ERS RESERVE | \$300,000 | \$100,000 |
| A 599 | APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE | \$1,254,842 | \$1,454,842 |
| | TOTAL BUDGET | \$28,362,879 | \$28,030,515 |

2019-20 SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Board of Education Candidates

Alphabetical - Write-ups printed as submitted

Kerri G. Green



Kerri G. Green for a term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2022 to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term for a seat currently occupied by Kerri G. Green.

Kerri Green has served on the Sidney Central School Board of Education since 2005.

She has participated in a variety of committees, including marketing and promotion, liaison to the Sidney Central School Alumni Association Board, Audit Committee, and on the Executive Committee serving as Vice President and most recently, as President of the School Board.

She has also been a part of the last three Superintendent Searches for the Sidney Central School District, as well as the hiring team for some of our current administrators.

Green has worked in higher education since 2015 at Hartwick College, as Senior Assistant to the President and Assistant Secretary to the Board. More recently, she was tasked with creating an alternative revenue source for the college and implemented that program earlier this year. She volunteers on a number of committees both through her work at Hartwick College and as a member of the Sidney community.

As a former member of the United States Army, Green continues to show support for her fellow Veterans through volunteer work and creation of programs to help support them. In addition, she volunteers as a member of the Young Professionals Network through the Otsego County Chamber, is a director with the Sidney Chamber of Commerce and serves on Parish Council at Sacred Heart Church in Sidney.

Kerri lives in Sidney with her husband, Blake, who works for the Village of Sidney. Their daughter Grace is currently in the 5th grade, their daughter Rachel is a recent Sidney graduate (2018) and is a freshman at Moravian College, and their eldest daughter Kelsey resides in Syracuse.

When asked about her tenure as a member of the Sidney School Board, Green said “Being a member of the Sidney School board has been one of the most challenging and rewarding things I have done. I’ve had the opportunity to work with committed and caring educators, a thoughtful administration and a dedicated group of board members. I am proud to be a member of this community and to continue the work of the Board of Education”

Open Seat

A term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2022 to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term for a seat currently occupied by Kjersti B. VanSlyke-Briggs.

2019-20 SIDNEY MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET

| | Current 2018-19 | Proposed 2019-20 | Change |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <u>RECEIPTS</u> | | | |
| LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES AID | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS | 6,300 | 6,300 | 0 |
| INTEREST AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS | 1,375 | 1,475 | 100 |
| TRUST FUND EARNINGS | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 |
| LIBRARY FINES | 8,600 | 8,300 | (300) |
| COPIER INCOME | 9,500 | 10,000 | 500 |
| TOTAL - ALL RECEIPTS | 33,775 | 34,075 | 300 |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | | | |
| PERSONNEL - SALARIES | | | |
| LIBRARY STAFF | 341,970 | 349,003 | 7,033 |
| PERSONNEL - BENEFITS | | | |
| STATE RETIREMENT | 36,200 | 30,133 | (6,067) |
| SOCIAL SECURITY | 20,739 | 21,440 | 701 |
| MEDICARE | 4,850 | 5,014 | 164 |
| WORKER'S COMPENSATION | 4,500 | 4,500 | 0 |
| DISABILITY INSURANCE | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0 |
| HEALTH INSURANCE | 24,000 | 29,000 | 5,000 |
| HEALTH PROMOTION | 50 | 50 | 0 |
| TOTAL - PERSONNEL | 433,509 | 440,340 | 6,831 |
| <u>LIBRARY MATERIALS</u> | | | |
| BOOKS, INFORMATION NETWORK | 41,150 | 41,650 | 500 |
| PERIODICALS | 3,200 | 3,200 | 0 |
| SERIALS | 2,600 | 2,600 | 0 |
| RECORDINGS | 7,500 | 7,500 | 0 |
| TOTAL - LIBRARY MATERIALS | 54,450 | 54,950 | 500 |
| <u>EQUIPMENT</u> | | | |
| COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 3,000 | 3,500 | 500 |
| OTHER EQUIPMENT | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 |
| TOTAL - EQUIPMENT | 5,000 | 5,500 | 500 |
| <u>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS</u> | | | |
| FUEL AND UTILITIES | 34,000 | 33,000 | (1,000) |
| CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 |
| MAINTENANCE EXPENSES | 11,000 | 13,000 | 2,000 |
| REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT | 10,930 | 9,000 | (1,930) |
| RENTAL OF BRANCH LIBRARIES | 4,800 | 4,800 | 0 |
| INSURANCE | 18,000 | 19,000 | 1,000 |
| TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE | 82,730 | 82,800 | 70 |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</u> | | | |
| OFFICE AND LIBRARY SUPPLIES | 5,200 | 5,200 | 0 |
| COPIER SUPPLIES | 2,000 | 3,000 | 1,000 |
| TELEPHONE | 3,700 | 4,500 | 800 |
| POSTAGE | 600 | 700 | 100 |
| PUBLICITY AND PRINTING | 400 | 400 | 0 |
| PROGRAMMING | 2,100 | 2,600 | 500 |
| TRAVEL | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| CONTINUING EDUCATION | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |

2019-20 SIDNEY MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET

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| | Current 2018-19 | Proposed 2019-20 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0 |
| PROFESSIONAL DUES | 600 | 600 | 0 |
| LEASES OF EQUIPMENT | 10,000 | 9,000 | (1,000) |
| CIRCULATION SYSTEM | 24,100 | 24,800 | 700 |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES | 60,700 | 62,800 | 2,100 |
| GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 636,389 | 646,390 | 10,001 |
| EXPENDITURES | 636,389 | 646,390 | 10,001 |
| RECEIPTS- REGULAR | 33,775 | 34,075 | 300 |
| FROM LIBRARY RESERVE-BACK TO VOTERS | 65,000 | 65,000 | 0 |
| GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS | 98,775 | 99,075 | 300 |
| TAX LEVY TO BE RAISED | 537,614 | 547,315 | 9,701 |

Library Trustee Candidate

Write-up printed as submitted

David Dewey



David Dewey for a term of five (5) years ending June 30, 2024, caused by the expiration of the term of Virginia Brandt.

David Dewey is running for the position of trustee on Sidney Memorial Public Library Board. He grew up in Hancock, NY where he graduated from Hancock Central School.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education-Biology from SUC at Oneonta, and a MA from SUNY Albany. David retired in 2006 from teaching secondary science for 32 years at Mt. Upton CSD and Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton CSD.

For 43 years he has been a resident of the Village of Sidney where he currently lives with his wife, Paula, and their two children.

Helping to maintain the reputation of Sidney Memorial Public Library as one of the best small libraries in the area, David has supported the full automation of the branch libraries, expansion of free wireless service, development of programs for patrons of all ages, addition of E-books, formation of the Public Computer Center and many maintenance/building projects to enhance the accessibility and durability of the three branches.

He is looking forward to returning to the Board to continue helping give the Sidney area the best library services for the taxpayer dollar.

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Qualifications for Voters

Pursuant to Section 2012 of the Education Law, a person qualified to vote in the annual school district election must be:

- Eighteen years of age;
- A citizen of the United States;
- A resident within the District for a period of 30 days prior to the election.

You do not have to be a registered voter or own property in order to vote. The District may require proof of residency, such as a driver's license or a voter registration card, prior to signing the poll list.

Absentee Ballot Information

Absentee ballot applications are available to qualifying Sidney Central School District residents from the District Clerk, located in the District Office at the High School, during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). All applications must be picked up no later than May 14, 2019, if the ballot is to be mailed by the voter, or by May 20, 2019, if the ballot is to be delivered personally.

All completed absentee ballots must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., May 21, 2019.

ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

7 p.m.

High School Library

DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

High School Auditorium Lobby