



PORT BYRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Where the school, parents and community work together. May 2021



BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Athletic Center Lobby

(Please enter through the back doors located on Athletic Drive)



Dear Panther Community,

This is my 17th budget newsletter and my last one. Much has changed over the years, but the basics have stayed the same. We work to be the best for students, parents and community and the proposed budget supports this effort once again.

Today, we have the top financial rating from Standard and Poor's rating service because our balance sheet is so strong along with our finances being in perfect order. We enjoy the best, cleanest and most inviting facility in the region. Our technology is state-of-the-art and viewed as not just the best in the area, but one of the best in the state. Our graduation rate is consistently the highest the district has ever enjoyed at near or above 90 percent. The true tax rate has fallen over the past decade as we have lived within our own self-imposed tax cap. We have put together the most talented, skilled and caring staff who give their best every day. Best is no longer a goal, but an expectation.

The budget next year has no increase in the tax levy. Yes, zero percent! This is due to the increase in state aid and the savings we were able to enjoy in the current budget from the diminished services for students and community in light of the pandemic. We are very excited to put a budget next year that reflects a return to normalcy while taking the once in a lifetime opportunity of giving the community a budget without a tax increase.

It might be my last budget, but I know and believe the best for Port Byron is in our future. We have enjoyed many bests over the past 17 years including the best support from stakeholders.

Panthers Forever,

Superintendent Neil O'Brien

2021-22 Budget Proposal

Total Budget **\$22,720,686**

Proposed Budget Increase **\$436,041**

Proposed School Tax Levy **\$6,345,748**

Estimated School Tax Levy Increase **0%**

REVENUE SUMMARY

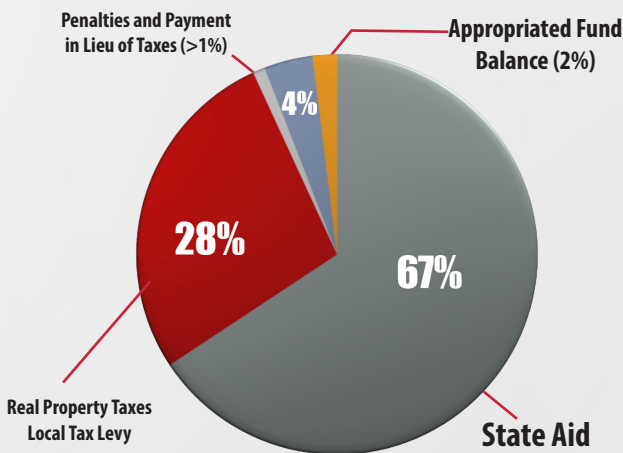
	2020-2021	2021-2022
State Aid	14,726,442.00	15,127,183.00
Real Property Taxes Local Tax Levy	6,345,748.00	6,345,748.00
Penalties and Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10,000.00	10,000.00
Other Sources (such as admissions, interest on investments, tuition billing for non-residents, other miscellaneous charges, and fund balance application)	852,455.00	887,755.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	350,000.00	350,000.00
Total	22,284,645.00	22,720,686.00



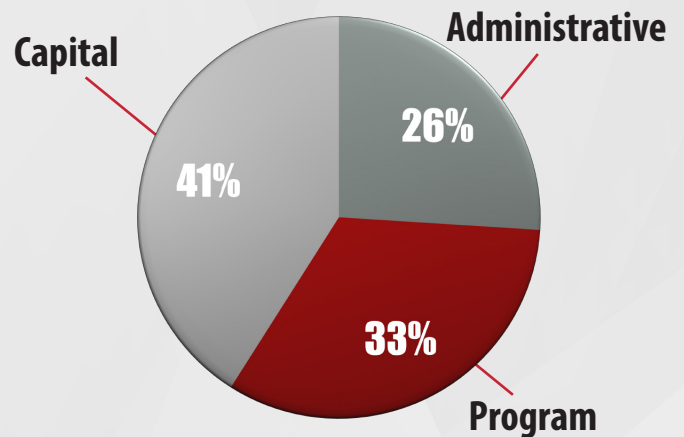
SPENDING SUMMARY

	2020-2021	2021-2022
Administrative Expenditures	2,991,304.00	2,838,494.00
Program Expenditures	3,572,855.00	3,583,202.00
Capital Expenditures	3,855,346.00	4,491,562.00
Total	10,419,505.00	10,913,258.00

PROJECTED REVENUES



PROJECTED EXPENDITURES



VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 18 years old as of May 21, 2021
- U.S. citizen and district resident for at least 30 days prior to May 21, 2021
- Residents are eligible to vote if they have registered with the county board of elections
- No preregistration is required, but personal identification/proof of residency is required, such as a driver's license with current address or utility bill showing resident's name and current address.
- Questions?
Call: (315) 776-5728



BUDGET SUMMARY

All public schools in New York State are required by law to report their spending in three categories: Administrative (this page), Program, and Capital (Page 4).

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

The administrative component provides for overall general support and management activities including board of education, central administration, business office, and legal and auditing services. Costs for administration and supervision of each of the district's schools are also included.

	2020-2021	2021-2022
Board of Education	36,515.00	37,272.00
Central Administration	324,986.00	249,967.00
Finance	421,648.00	548,700.00
Legal	26,481.00	26,481.00
Personnel	9,976.00	10,947.00
Public Information	12,657.00	12,903.00
Other Central Services	426,860.00	419,940.00
Other Special Items	184,646.00	180,790.00
Supervision	687,625.00	580,550.00
Research Planning & Development	166,090.00	92,536.00
Benefits	693,820.00	678,408.28
Total	2,991,304	2,838,494

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How is the budget developed?

The proposed budget adopted by the Board of Education began as a draft developed by administrators and staff during the fall and early winter. From January through early April, the board reviewed and revised the draft budget to reflect its annual goals and public feedback.

What happens if the budget is defeated?

Under New York State law, if the school budget is defeated, the Board of Education can either put the same budget or a modified budget up for another vote, or immediately adopt a contingent budget. If residents defeat the proposed budget during a second vote, the board must adopt a contingent budget.

Where can I learn more about the proposed budget?

Visit the district's budget webpage on the district website, www.pbcschools.org.

Attend an upcoming community budget meeting. The district is hosting three more this month: See back page for dates,

PROGRAM COMPONENT

This program component includes salaries of all teaching staff, as well as pupil transportation and employee benefits.

	2020-2021	2021-2022
Legal	29,000.00	29,000.00
Inservice/Curriculum Development	108,145.00	136,271.00
Teaching Regular School	4,682,478.00	4,546,501.00
Teaching Special Programs	2,817,114.00	2,878,620.00
Teaching Special Schools	923,409.00	815,528.00
Library Media Services	169,594.00	173,239.00
Computer Assisted Instruction	926,426.00	930,506.00
Guidance	260,048.00	271,110.00
Health Services	106,418.00	108,873.00
Psychological Services	25,000.00	25,000.00
Pupil Services Athletics	361,500.00	399,499.00
Transportation	1,456,007.00	1,493,281.00
Benefits	3,572,855.00	3,583,202.00
Total	15,437,995	15,290,630

CAPITAL COMPONENT

The capital component of the budget deals with all personnel, equipment, supplies and materials for the operation and maintenance of district families. It also includes any judgement and claims, refunds of real property taxes and all payments on principal and interest on judgements.

	2020-2021	2021-2022
Operation of Plan	985,798.00	986,330.00
Maintenance of Plant	214,767.00	461,907.00
Other Special Items	66,000.00	71,500.00
Refund of Property Tax	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bus Garage	15,550.00	307,614.00
Debt Service	2,138,198.00	2,224,631.00
Transfer to Capital Fund (Capital Outlay)	100,000.00	100,000.00
Interfund Transfers	15,000.00	15,000.00
Benefits	318,033.00	322,580.00
Total	3,855,346.00	4,491,562.00



VOTERS TO ELECT TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Port Byron Central School District residents will elect two members of the Board of Education on May 18, 2021. The two with the highest number of votes will each serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2021. Each board candidate has prepared his or her own biography.

Joseph Verdi

I have proudly served on the Port Byron School Board of Education since 2006 and I am excited about the opportunity to serve another term. During my time on the board, I feel that the board has made great strides in maximizing opportunities available while being conservative in the district's spending.

Having worked on the board for 15 years, I have had the opportunity to work on several projects, including PB700, with our current Superintendent Neil O'Brien and the administration staff. The opportunity to serve another term for the School Board would allow for me to provide my previous experience for this upcoming transition in getting our new Superintendent Michael Jorgensen, as well as new and current administration members, into place.

The board had strived hard to work with other agencies, including the State to add programs into our school. Not only were they beneficial to the staff and students but our community was able to benefit from it as well. Recently the school was able to be used by the county for a vaccination center.

My wife and I have lived in Central New York our whole lives, being long-term residents of Montezuma. Doing this has allowed for us to grow our roots in this small town. Patty and I have been blessed to have three daughters, two of which have graduated from Port Byron High School. Kourtney graduated from PB in 2015, graduated college in 2018, and has been working at our family business since. Rose graduated PB in 2017, will be graduating from Siena College this year, then she will be starting her career path in accounting this upcoming summer. Kloe, our youngest child, is a freshman at Port Byron High School.

Daily, I own and operate our third generation family business that was started in Port Byron, which is currently located in Montezuma and Savannah. Alongside of a great team of local staff, we are able to serve customers throughout NY State. Making local communities better is very important to me and is the reason behind why I volunteer on several different local boards in Savannah and Montezuma. I strongly believe that serving on these boards can help shape the future of our communities.

Melinda Quanbeck

I was born and raised in Port Byron and my three children graduated from this school. My husband Erik and I have been married for 34 years. I am completing my seventh term on the board of education and remain committed to making it the best school district possible.

The board continues to focus on keeping our district financially stable and secure while increasing student experiences and achievement. We are proud of our technology program that allowed us to pivot quickly when we were forced to go to remote instruction. We also were very innovative with using the pod system that permitted our students to have the option of attending five days a week. Our last project gave us state-of-the-art sports facilities, as well as many energy saving and security improvements.

In the future we will focus on transitioning to a new superintendent and many new administrators. It is also important that the tax rate remains low and we continue to offer our students many opportunities even as our student population drops. Please contact me with concerns and questions at mquanbeck@pbcschools.org. Thank you for allowing me to serve this community.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$22,284,645	\$22,720,686	\$22,000,373										
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$436,041	\$284,272										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.96%	-1.3%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	6,345,748	6,345,748											
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)	6,345,748	6,345,748	0%										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$90,532	\$92,307											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,457,975	\$6,550,012											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$6,255,216	\$6,253,441											
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$202,759	\$296,571											
Administrative Component	\$2,991,304	\$2,838,494	\$2,830,171										
Program Component	\$15,437,995	\$15,390,630	\$15,390,630										
Capital Component	\$3,855,346	\$4,491,562	\$3,779,572										
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-22 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. The reductions that make up the contingency budget include no new buses, no maintenance equipment purchases, no capital outlay project, minimal admin salary increases, and reduction in contractual expenses (conferences and staff development opportunities).</p>													
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount								
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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year
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Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$557.19
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Port Byron Central School District, Cayuga County, New York, will be held at port Byron school in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Athletic Center Lobby at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



VOTERS TO DECIDE ON THREE PROPOSITIONS

1

Shall the Board of Education of the Port Byron Central School District, Cayuga and Wayne Counties, New York be authorized to adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$22,720,686.00 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District?

2

Shall the Port Byron Central School District be authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$3,000.00, in addition to the current appropriation of \$95,147.00 for a total of \$98,147.00 annually, which shall be paid to the Port Byron Library and for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Port Byron School District?

3

To elect TWO (2) members of the Board of Education to 3-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024 to fill the vacancies of the expiring terms of Melinda Quanbeck and Joseph Verdi.

MELINDA QUANBECK
JOSEPH VERDI

Completed absentee ballots must be returned by MAY 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Absentee Ballots must be RECEIVED by 5:00 PM on MAY 18, 2021 in order to be counted.

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VOTE!

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Athletic Center Lobby
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TOWN BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- **Montezuma** - May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall
- **Throop** - May 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall
- **Conquest** - May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall
- **Mentz** - May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Lehn Library, Dana L. West HS

Superintendent

Neil F. O'Brien

Board of Education

Dr. Paul Ryan, President
Joseph Verdi, Vice President
Todd Delaney, Member
Melinda Quanbeck, Member
Christopher Recckio, Member
Peter Svitavsky, Member
Benjamin Vitale, Member

District Clerk

Janet Tamilio