NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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School Budget Issue • May 2017

Class of 2017 Top Ten Students

Valedictorian
Beth Kropf
Gannon University

Salutatorian
Caitlin Chunco
University at Buffalo

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ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Newfane Elementary School
Aquatic Entrance
2909 Transit Road, Newfane

The PTSA will be hosting

"Meet the Candidates" Night Wednesday, May 10th

at 6:30 p.m. in the Newfane Elementary School Cafeteria. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet and ask questions of the candidates running for a seat on the Newfane Board of Education.

ON THE BALLOT...

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1: 2017-18 School Budget

Shall the budget of the Newfane Central School District (the "District") Niagara County, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 in the amount of $34,234,845 as presented by the Board of Education, be hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore be hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said District to be levied and collected as required by law.

☐ YES ☐ NO

CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Newfane residents will elect 2 candidates to the Board of Education. The candidates are vying for 3-year terms for the seats currently held by Patrick Kilcullen and James (Mike) Little.

1. James (Mike) Little 2. Open

...message

from Newfane Board of Education President, James Schmitt

On behalf of the Newfane Board of Education, I would like to thank the community for your openness and support of the new ideas that we have introduced during the last few years and for considering our budget for the 2017-2018 school year. The budget is a balance between the educational programs and activities to be offered to the students and the cost to be supported by state and local taxes.

The 2017-2018 budget has an overall increase of 1.03% over the current year's budget. This will help the district maintain and even expand the educational programs, activities, and instruction that the community is proud of and has come to expect. The 2017-2018 budget allows the district to continue to offer activities such as modified sports and unified sports into our schools, as well as maintain the materials, supply and equipment funds for each building. It will also allow us to continue to offer opportunities to welcome the community into our buildings through options like our aquatics and fitness center programs.

This year, there will be a modest increase to the tax levy. While under the New York State tax cap legislation the Board of Education could have considered a levy increase in the 3% range; we felt strongly that we should keep the levy increase as low as possible. Therefore, we have limited the tax levy increase for next year to 1.00%. The impact of this increase should equate to about a $0.20 increase per $1000 of assessed value on property in the town. We are able to limit the increase this year thanks to efforts to control costs over the last several years and also by increasing the use of the reserve fund to balance the budget.

As a community, we share the responsibility to our youth to provide an educational experience that best prepares them for college or the career of their choice. As a board, we strive to meet this responsibility on your behalf in a proactive and thoughtful manner that balances the opportunities offered to our students with the financial resources required to achieve those goals. This budget continues to demonstrate the board's commitment to responsibly balance our district's educational and financial needs.

We continue to look for innovative ideas to support the ever-changing student needs while remaining mindful of the financial burden on the community. Although budgets are put forth and adopted on an annual basis, the budgeting process reflects a consideration of both the past and the future needs of the district over a number of years to reach this educational and financial balance. This can be seen in the enrollment sensitive staffing decisions and facility planning approaches that ensure our resources will remain focused on the students.

Please become informed by reading the information in this newsletter. We encourage all eligible residents to exercise their right to vote on this budget and to elect two representatives to the school board.

James Schmitt,
Board of Education President

Who May Vote??

Eligible voters must meet all of the following qualifications:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of age or older
3. District resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote

No pre-registration is required, although new voters will be asked to provide one form of residency (i.e. driver's license, utility bill). Voters do not need to own property in the District to be eligible to vote.

Class of 2017 Who Plan to Serve Our Country

Jonathan Costanzo
USAF Active Duty

Nicholas Perry
USAF Active Duty

Caleb Russell
USAF Active Duty

Absentee Ballot Applications

If you are not going to be available to vote in person, you may request an application for an absentee ballot from the District Office, 6048 Godfrey Road, Burt, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot to be mailed to you is May 9, 2017. All ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on May 16, 2017 at the District Office. For further information, please call Bernadette Seymour, District Clerk, at 778-6853.

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NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2016-17 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2017-18 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	$33,887,072	$34,234,845	$34,234,845
Increase/Decrease for the 2017-18 School Year		$347,773	$347,773
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.03%	1.03 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.26%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	$12,895,669	$13,024,626	
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)	$12,895,669	$13,024,626	$13,024,626
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	$0	$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	$13,301,339	$13,405,678	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	$12,895,669	$13,024,626	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	$405,670	$381,052	
Administrative Component	$3,108,198	$3,189,823	$3,189,823
Program Component	$25,081,690	$26,387,981	$26,387,981
Capital Component	$5,697,184	$4,657,041	$4,657,041

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2017-18 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Funds intended for equipment in the proposed budget may instead be used in other areas of the budget.

**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)

Description	Amount
N/A	N/A

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings[1]	$750

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-2018 by the qualified voters of the Newfane Central School District, Niagara County, New York, will be held at Newfane Elementary School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Newfane Elementary School Gymnasium, 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.

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Patrick Kilcullen
Laura Licht
Cheryl Wentland

Class of 2017 Top Ten Students *continued from front page*

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Olivia Littman
LeMoyne College

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Michele Schultz
SUNY College Buffalo

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Demerise Eadie
Mercyhurst

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Jacob Licht
University at Buffalo

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Jericho Adams
Daemen College

8

Cain Thomas
University of Texas-Arlington

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Haleigh Kubiniec
Gannon University

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Alexandria Martin
Allegheny College

...also on the calendar

May 11, 2017
Grades 7/8 Instrumental Concert
7:00 pm, Newfane MS Aud

May 16, 2017
Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ @ Newfane Elementary School Cafeteria
Pickup from 3:00 - 6:00 pm
$10 per dinner
Includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, roll and butter
Sponsored by the Class of 2019
For pre-sale tickets contact Class Advisor, Troy Sellers, at tsellers@newfane.wnyric.org or any member of the Sophomore Class.

May 18, 2017
Grades 5/6 Instrumental & Vocal Concert
7:00 pm at Newfane MS Aud

May 24, 2017
Grades 7-12 Vocal Concert
7:00 pm at Newfane MS Aud

June 1, 2017
HS Instrumental Concert
7:00 pm at Krull Park

June 13, 2017
Elementary Vocal & Instrumental Spring Concert
7:00 pm, at Newfane MS Aud

June 24, 2017
Graduation
7:00 pm , SUNY @ Buffalo - Fine Arts Center

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