



BUDGET ISSUE 2019

VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 - NOON TO 8PM



Message from the Superintendent

Dear Resident,

I would like to begin with a sincere note of appreciation for all those who have welcomed my family and me to the Royalton-Hartland Central School District over the past year. We have so much to be proud of at Roy-Hart.



This edition of the Roy-Hart Report includes information about the 2019-2020 school budget and a proposed 12.1 million dollar referendum to fund phase one of our Roy-Hart 2028 Master Plan. The report also serves to update you on a series of many exciting efforts taking place across our schools.

On May 21st, eligible voters will have the option of voting on three propositions:

Proposition #1: The school board is presenting an expenditure budget of \$26,237,421 which represents a 2.5% increase in spending compared to 2018-2019. The budget proposes a 2.8% increase in the tax levy.

The proposed budget includes the introduction of many new programs throughout the District and includes a technology integration position and an enhanced special education program at our middle school. In addition, we are proposing to fund several improvements to our athletic program and general facilities' needs.

As part of our 2019-2020 budget, the District is planning a small Capital Outlay project of \$100,000 as permitted by New York State. The process is simplified and is included in the proposed general fund budget. The 2019-2020 proposal is to improve the auditorium facilities at our high school. The Capital Outlay project that was completed as part of our current budget addressed some important drainage items at our elementary school's bus drop off area and refinished the gymnasium floor. A special thank you to our PTA for donating the Ram's head at center court.

Proposition #2: The District seeks voter approval to use 2.5 million dollars from the District's capital reserve fund to leverage an estimated 9.6 million dollars in state aid to fund a 12.1 million dollar project. The project will address items identified as part of phase one of our District master plan and includes improvements to our roofs, windows, fire alarms, public address systems and other mechanical systems. In addition, new playgrounds are to be constructed at our Gasport and Middleport campuses, new tennis courts at the high school, new parking areas south of the middle school and east of the elementary school, resurfacing of the track and more.

Proposition #3: The Royalton Hartland Community Library is seeking a minimal tax increase to cover expenses such as salaries due to the rise in minimum wage and maintenance as well as maintaining programs and the purchase of reading and audio visual materials.

Thank you for your continued support of the Royalton-Hartland Central School District, and as always, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 716-735-2000 extension 2318.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hank Stopinski, Superintendent of Schools

THE ROY-HART REPORT

Candidates for the Board of Education

Two candidates, Jason Wilhelm and Sara Fry, are seeking reelection to the school board. Jesse Snyder and Alan Casey will be seeking their first term of service on the Board of Education as well.

Sara Fry

I am married to Randy Fry and have two daughters, Taylor and Madison. I am a Customer Service Team Leader at Hypertherm, Inc.

I have served on the Roy-Hart Board of Education for 6 years. During that time, I have learned a lot and developed strong working relationships with the other Board members as well as school personnel. There have been a lot of changes during my tenure, with more to come. I would like to continue being on the school board to see those projects through to completion. It has always been important to me for everyone in the district to work together in the best interest of the students because everyone benefits when they succeed.

Jason Wilhelm

I have been married for 17 years and have three children, two that are in the elementary school and a newborn. I work for Erie 1 BOCES as a Network Administrator and have worked in the schools for about 20 years.

Having worked in so many Districts over the years I understand the good, the bad and the ugly. My knowledge and background gives me the edge to make positive suggestions for this District whom I feel will be a Destination District over the next few years. I want to continue to celebrate all that

Royalton-Hartland Schools can offer its community and students.

Jesse Snyder

I am married to Erin Snyder and work as a Sales Representative. I have two children, Lauren and Henry. I am a Roy-Hart graduate and have a B.A. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

I am motivated to run for the Board of Education for several reasons including, but not limited to the following, my children, my wife, my love for our community and the desire to make a positive impact.

Alan Casey

I am the General Manager of an automotive repair shop. I have two daughters, one in college and the other is a senior in high school. My wife is a teacher in the Roy-Hart School District.

I want to be a voice for students and parents, keep education healthy and support district staff.

Scholar Athletes

Congratulations to Lexie Lovewell and Cameron VanBuren who were named Winter Scholar Athlete Winners.

Lexie plays on the girls basketball team and Cameron is on the boys swim team!



2019-2020 Budget Vote
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 • Noon to 8PM

POLLING PLACE

High School Gymnasium

54 State Street • Middleport, NY 14105

Noon to 8:00 PM

www.royhart.org

Propositions

PROPOSITION 1:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to spend the sum of \$26,237,421 in the total amount set forth in the proposed Budget during the 2019-2020 school year and to levy the necessary tax?

Yes No

PROPOSITION 2:

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Royalton-Hartland Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized to undertake a "Capital Improvements Project, 2019" (the "Project") consisting of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and renovation, in part, and the construction of additions, improvements and upgrades to, various District buildings and facilities (and the sites thereof) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures and various other measures that are included and generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$12,100,000; (b) the District is authorized to expend or apply toward the Project (during the current fiscal year of the District) \$2,500,000 from the District's Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2018; (c) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$9,600,000 to finance the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (d) in anticipation of such tax,

obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9,600,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (e) New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for all of the anticipated work described in Proposition No. 2 set forth above (the "Project") which Project constitutes a Type I action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), a thorough review of the Project's potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA review and findings has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

Yes No

PROPOSITION 3:

Shall the funding for the Royalton Hartland Community Library which is raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Royalton-Hartland Central School District be increased from \$105,000 to \$107,000?

Yes No

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is the official website and source for Roy-Hart Central School District news and information.



Buffalo Bandits Give Lacrosse Lessons to Elementary Students

The Roy-Hart Elementary students had some fun guests. The Buffalo Bandits came in March to teach the students lacrosse as part of their physical education class.

Students had a great time with players Dhane Smith, Josh Byrne, Chris Cloutier, Matt Gilray, Chase Fraser and Ian MacKay and of course their mascot, Rax.



DEC Project Update

As you are aware, the Department of Conservation (DEC) has facilitated the remediation activity or removal of arsenic from the soil at the Middleport Campus. Phase 1 involved the southeast property including the field hockey field. Phase 2 involved the courtyard areas at the high school. Phase 3 involved the southern portion of the property between the middle and high schools. Phase 4 involved the northeastern portion of the property (i.e. the property east of the middle school) which included the removal of the playground. Facility upgrades included the site work required to construct six tennis courts and a parking lot via an access road. Phase 5 of the project will involve the remediation of the practice field south of the high school, the access drive to the west of the high school and the remaining areas along State Street and north of the high school and middle school. We have been assured that front of the high school will not be remediated prior to commencement.

While there have been inconveniences associated with the remediation, with each phase of construction came evident upgrades to the campus grounds. We now have one of the league's best field hockey fields and collegiate-level JV and Varsity softball fields, and are in a great position for the installation of our new proposed tennis courts and parking area. We thank you for your patience during the remediation process.

Roy-Hart Softball Team to Travel to Disney for Spring Training

Thanks to their fundraising efforts and the Roy-Hart Sports Boosters, our Lady Rams Softball Team will be traveling to Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports for Spring Training.

The sports complex combines competition with speed and agility training. The team is scheduled for seven contests and are looking forward to improving their skills and making some fun memories!

The Lady Rams are coming off a 16-1 season from last year and they have an undefeated N-O League record of 12-0.



Senior Captains: Maddie Fry, Jamie Bower, Ashley Hill, Jayden Townsend, Lexie Lovewell and Emily Metz. Other Members: Sam Choate (junior), Shelby Wolf (sophomore), Mallory Steiner (sophomore), Reanna Perkins (freshman) and Claire Halstead (freshman).

Seussical the Musical Takes the Stage

Our Drama Department took on "Seussical" the musical and charmed everyone with its portrayal of Dr. Seuss's much beloved characters including the Cat in the Hat and Horton the elephant.

The talented cast included: Charlie Brigham, Madison Pratt, Logan Edwards, Mackenzie Rothwell, Meghan Washington, Jordyn Bobzien, Hunter Pratt, Sophia Weber, Edward Murphy, Jacob Higgins, Jacob Hagen, Isabelle Covert, Paige Dent, Maddy Groffenberg, Adrianna Gutierrez, Mackenzie White, Miles Clarke, Nikolas Gutierrez, Jacob McKernan, Justin McKernan, Alex Murray, Justin Strothmann, Hanna Willard, Allison Dent and our very own Superintendent, Dr. Stopinski gave an impressive performance as Judge Yertle the Turtle.



Girls Swim Team Honored For Perfect Year

The Varsity Girls Swim Team were honored on March 19th at the Niagara County Court House. County Legislator Mike Hill recognized the young ladies for their 10-0 record this season.



Pictured above is the Girls Varsity Swim team in the Niagara County Court House

Pictured at right: (L to R) Jr. Captain Kayla Hagen, Coach Dottie Barr, Niagara County Legislator Mike Hill, and Senior Captain Jenna Heiser



Royalton-Hartland's Music Program Receives National Recognition

The Royalton-Hartland Central School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

This award recognizes that Royalton-Hartland is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The legislation guides implementation in the states and replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) which was often criticized for an overemphasis on testing, while leaving behind subjects such as music. ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children.

A 2015 study supported by The NAMM Foundation, "Striking A Chord," also outlines the overwhelming desire by teachers and parents for music education opportunities for all children as part of the school curriculum.

Royalton-Hartland has a vibrant arts program that is fully supported by both the community, the school administration and the Board of Education.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,400 members around the world.

For more information about the NAMM Foundation, please visit www.nammfoundation.org.

Destination Imagination Team Takes First Place

Roy-Hart's Destination Imagination team, "penDIng", competed on Saturday March 23rd at the Western Region Tournament.

The team of: Eddie Murphy, Jeffrey Lovewell, Jenna Klino, Andrew Downey, Wyatt Hashem, and Paige Dent placed 1st in the Improv Challenge and 1st in the Instant Challenge. This qualified them for the New York State Affiliate Tournament in Binghamton on April 6th.

Congratulations to them on a fantastic job!



ROYALTON-HARTLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET SUMMARY

Item	Amount
General Fund Budget	\$26,237,421
Budget Increase	\$643,815
Budget to Budget % Increase	2.52%
Tax Levy	\$10,453,732
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Increase	\$10,454,000
Tax Levy Increase	\$284,732
Tax Levy % Increase	2.80%
THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY IS <u>BELOW</u> THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TAX LEVY INCREASE	

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES 2019-20 Proposed Expenditure Comparison

	2018-19 Budgeted	2019-20 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
General Support	\$2,152,636	\$2,239,898	\$87,262	4.1%
Operations and Maintenance	\$2,095,635	\$2,122,900	\$27,265	1.3%
Instruction	\$13,849,177	\$14,227,239	\$378,062	2.7%
Transportation *	\$1,969,000	\$2,197,947	\$228,947	11.6%
Employee Benefits	\$5,109,938	\$5,026,418	-\$83,520	-1.6%
Debt Service	\$292,220	\$293,019	\$799	0.3%
Interfund Transfers	\$125,000	\$130,000	\$5,000	4.0%
Total Expenditures	\$25,593,606	\$26,237,421	\$643,815	2.5%

* Included in the 2019-20 budget is the first year of a five year contract for student transportation. The cumulative five year cost is estimated to be \$233,400 for summer special education.

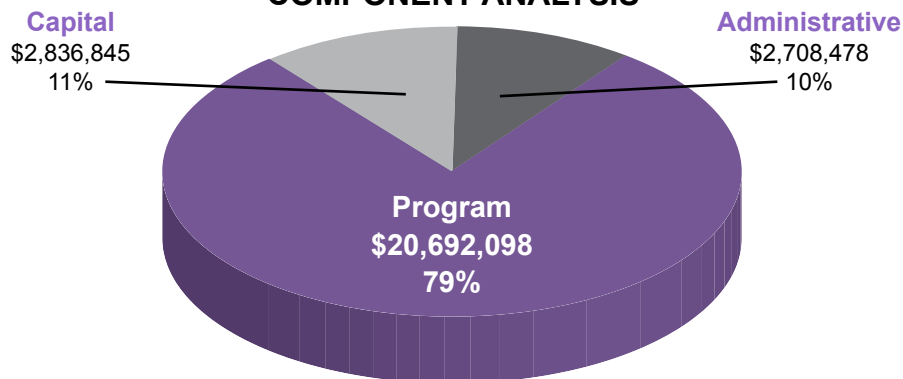
2019-20 Estimated Revenue Comparison

	2018-19 Budgeted	2019-20 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
State Sources	\$13,675,185	\$13,948,689	\$273,504	2.0%
Real Property Taxes	\$10,169,000	\$10,453,732	\$284,732	2.8%
Appropriated Fund Balance and Reserves	\$1,485,921	\$1,454,697	-\$31,224	-2.1%
Other Revenue	\$263,500	\$380,303	\$116,803	44.3%
Total Revenue	\$25,593,606	\$26,237,421	\$643,815	2.5%

3 Part Expenditure Comparison

	2018-19 Budgeted	2019-20 Proposed	\$ Change	% Total
Administrative	\$2,550,533	\$2,708,478	\$157,945	10%
Program	\$20,226,608	\$20,692,098	\$465,490	79%
Capital	\$2,816,465	\$2,836,845	\$20,380	11%
Total	\$25,593,606	\$26,237,421	\$643,815	100%

COMPONENT ANALYSIS



Royalton-Hartland Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 25,593,606	\$ 26,237,421	\$ 25,952,029
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 643,815	\$ 358,423
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.52 %	1.40%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 10,169,000	\$ 10,453,732	
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)	\$ 10,169,000	\$ 10,453,732	\$10,169,000
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 10,224,515	\$ 10,454,400	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 10,169,000	\$ 10,453,732	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 55,515	\$ 668	
Administrative Component	\$ 2,550,533	\$ 2,708,478	\$ 2,700,986
Program Component	\$ 20,226,608	\$ 20,692,098	\$ 20,570,298
Capital Component	\$ 2,816,465	\$ 2,836,845	\$ 2,680,745

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Equipment (except related to health and safety) and all other non-contingent items pursuant to Sec. 2023 of NYS Education Law, are removed. In addition, a contingency budget is subject to a cap on the administrative portion of the budget, with a zero percent cap on tax levy growth.

**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

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 644
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Royalton-Hartland Central School District, Niagara County, New York, will be held at the Royalton-Hartland High School, 54 State Street, Middleport, NY on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 12:00pm and 8:00pm, 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.

Voter Qualifications

All voters at any school district meeting for election must possess all of the following general qualifications:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Be a resident within the District for a period of at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.
3. Be a citizen of the United States.

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Roy-Hart Athletes Honored at Niagara PAL Awards Dinner

The Niagara Police Athletic League (PAL) recently honored Charlie Bringham and Madison Fry as their male and female athletes from the school.

The prep athlete senior students have to adhere to a high level of athletic achievement and excellence.



(LtoR) John Grzymala (Athletic Director), Charlie Bringham, Madison Fry and Gary Bell (HS Principal).

Getting Jiggy With It

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, 4th grader, Erica Little and her sister Brooke gave a presentation of Irish dancing and its history.



R-H Culinary Arts Students Shine at 15th Annual Taste of Education

The Culinary Arts students, from the Orleans Career and Technical Education Center, took home three big awards at the 15th Annual Taste of Education.

The Taste of Education introduces Western New York young chefs to the public with a friendly cooking competition where the students present a three course meal with appetizer, main course and dessert. This year's theme was "Get Stuffed". There is also an Iron Chef Competition with three professional chefs paired with student sous chefs. The event was held at Salvatore's Italian Gardens and the Western New York's Chapter of the New York State Restaurant Association benefits from the fundraiser which they use for scholarships.

Under the direction of their teacher, Chef James Atzrott, the students: David Baier (Royalton-Hartland), Lillie Gollhardt (Lockport), Brandon Heschke (Medina), Courtney Lang (Medina), Jacob McKernan (Royalton-Hartland), Carolina Overton (Lockport), Marie Reynolds (Albion) and Zach Richbart (Barker), took home first place for the People's Choice and first place for the Judges Choice for their menu of Banh Mi Sausage/Asian Pickled Spring Roll/Gochujang Aioli, Loukaniko Sausage/Stuffed Grape Leaves/Ladolemono Sauce, Stuffed Dates/Chocolate/Peanut Butter/ Sea Salt and Sweet Tofu Rangoon/Mexican Cinnamon/ Chipotle Sugar.

Roy-Hart's own, Jacob McKernan, won the Iron Chef competition with his partner Darian Bryan, Executive Chef for the Plating Society and head chef at Fisher Price.

