



BUDGET ISSUE **2021**

VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021



Message from the Superintendent

Dear Resident,



I would like to begin with a sincere note of appreciation to the entire community for their support and understanding through this most difficult of years. I am so very proud to serve our students and community as your Superintendent of Schools. This edition of the Roy-Hart Report includes information about the 2021-2022 school budget, a request to purchase a new vehicle and proposed creation of a Capital Reserve Fund. The Report also serves to update you on a series of many exciting efforts taking place across our schools.

On May 18th, eligible voters will have the option of voting on three propositions:

Proposition #1: The school board is presenting an expenditure budget of \$28,400,987 which represents a 3.97% increase in spending compared to 2020-2021. The budget proposes a 2.1% increase in the tax levy. The proposed budget includes the inclusion of additional supports for our students in the area of mental health, the addition of a full time music teacher and the addition of a special education program at our middle school.

As part of our 2021-2022 budget, the District is planning a small Capital Outlay project of \$100,000 as permitted by New York State. The approval process is simplified and funding is included in the proposed general fund budget. The current proposal is to improve the HVAC and parking lot lighting at the elementary school.

Proposition #2: The District seeks voter approval to use an estimated \$50,000 from the District's Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new plow truck for the District. The current truck has reached the end of its useful life.

Proposition #3: The District seeks voter approval to create a Capital Reserve Fund of \$6,000,000. The Capital Reserve Fund will be funded over time as part of a ten-year plan to improve our school buildings and grounds. By establishing the fund, the District will make wise use of any fund balance and the opportunity to leverage State funds to improve our schools. Currently, the reimbursement rate to the District is nearly 89%. The creation of the reserve will allow for future projects to have a minimal impact on the taxpayers. Like creating a savings account for home improvements, the District believes that this is a wise decision for our schools. Please note that any proposed capital projects that would use this reserve fund will need voter approval.

Two candidates are seeking election to the school board. There are currently two seats of three year terms that will be on the ballot.

Thank you for your continued support of the Royalton-Hartland Central School, 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

A Message from the Royalton-Hartland Board of Education

A Report to the Stakeholders:

At our April 14th Board of Education meeting, we began by recognizing some of our students – the Boys Swim team, the Channel Cats, for their recent Niagara-Orleans League championship; Lorna Becker, a Sophomore, for her leadership and recent (and continued) success in various FFA competitions; and Alayna Trautman, a Senior, for her selection as NYS Skills USA President, and as the recipient of the Thomas Olivo Leadership Award.

In addition to that we heard from Mr. Mike Landers, President of the newly formed Royalton-Hartland Ag Foundation, an organization made up of men and women from the community, business people and farming families with long histories in the District.

We also learned that the District has, for the third year in a row, been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

The Board was updated with news from our Strategic Planning Committee, a directive the Board placed in the hands of our Superintendent, administrators, teachers, students, and community to provide a vision, mission, and long-term goals in areas of school safety, academics, career preparation, and student services.

All this was a reminder that despite the pandemic, our District, and our community, has forged ahead. These awards, organizations, and planning for the future are a reminder of all the good that is going on in our District, and also a reminder of all the hard work that is being done, despite adversity. These things are a testament to the good people and strong character of our District.

The Board of Education thanks the Roy-Hart Community for their continued support, and will continue to work hard, just as our students, faculty, and families have done.

Sincerely,

The Royalton-Hartland Board of Education

Channel Cats Take Home Second Place

Our Channel Cats were the second place finish in the Section VI Championship versus Williamsville South in the Ontario Bracket! What a year it has been for them with finishing undefeated in the N-O League!

We are so proud of them!



Congratulations to senior Carter Green who was named Swimmer of the Year in the N-O League!

Candidates for the Board of Education

Dave Huntington

I am a lifelong resident of Roy-Hart. I've been married 43 years. My children and grandchildren are all Roy-Hart graduates. I taught at Roy-Hart for 25 years.

I think I have a finger on the pulse of the community. I just think I can make a difference.

Jason Wilhelm

I have worked in education for over 20 years and have a plethora of knowledge as a tech administrator and how Districts work from a policy to budget to day-to-day operations. I work for Erie 1 BOCES and am at Lyndonville and Medina school districts. I have 2 kids in the elementary school and 1 more who will be in pre-school in the next 2 years. I am a musician and work at a TV station on the side. I also pastor for a church part-time. I love the arts and technology is a passion for me.

With all of my experience as a school administrator I breathe education from sun up to sun down. I am involved with school for work or with my kids. Now is when Roy-Hart needs a calm seat at the table to work with the team to overcome hurdles from the pandemic, the changing culture in society, how to be innovative, fiscally creative and be a destination district for parents to live and work in.



Our Middle Schoolers showed some love for our local veterans by making Valentines cards for them.



Music teacher Mary Bradfuhrer rehearses with her 6th grade band members. They are working on strengthening their sight reading and rhythm skills during weekly band rehearsals and virtual lessons.

Capital Improvement Project Update

In May of 2018, the Royalton-Hartland voters approved a plan for the District to complete a \$12,100,000 capital improvement project. During the summer of 2020, we are pleased to report that phase I of the project was completed and included a new roof section on our elementary school and maintenance garage, two new playgrounds, new tennis courts, improvements to the field event areas of our track and field complex, increased parking and more.

Phase II of the project will begin in June and include the replacement of the Elementary and Middle School roofs, replacement of windows at the Elementary School, replacement of the High School track surface, replacement of the elevators at the Elementary and Middle Schools and the addition of several fire safety devices and controls and intercom systems throughout the District.

We ask for your continued support, patience and cooperation as we complete this next phase of our work. On behalf of the Board of Education and administration, thank you to members of our community who have supported these much needed improvements.

Twenty-Two Students Inducted Into National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to the 22 Royalton-Hartland High School students from the Orleans Career and Technical Education Center who were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

Hunter Babel (Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering), Rebecca Berner (Allied Health), Samantha Capen (Allied Health), Madelyn Colley (Allied Health), Onnika Draper (Early Childhood Ed), Zachariah Duewiger (Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering), Madelin Groffenberg (Early Childhood Ed), Joshua Haley (Electricity/Electronics), Arianna Hayes (Cosmetology), Mathew Heschke (Building Trades) Kylie Johnson (Computer Technology), Renee Lehman (Early Childhood Ed), Nico Martinez (Automotive Technology), Jordan Peters (Graphic Communications), Riley Peters (Graphic Communications), Thomas Ragonese (Diesel Technology/Heavy Equipment), Bethany Ray (Cosmetology), Nicholas Saia (Security and Law Enforcement), Noah Stern (Welding), Alayna Trautman (Electricity/Electronics), Hanna Willard (Cosmetology) and Shelby Wolf (Allied Health) were recognized for their achievement.

Out of all the high school students in the United States, the National Technical Honor Society students who receive this honor comprise 1.6 percent of that population. For staff at the Orleans/Niagara BOCES center, they represent the four pillars of the National Technical Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character.

The students had to maintain an 89.5 grade average in their career and technical education programs and an 84.5 average at their high schools, have superior attendance, exemplary behavior, be a member in good standing with SkillsUSA and have a recommendation from a faculty member.



Hunter Babel



Rebecca Berner



Samantha Capen



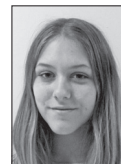
Madelyn Colley



Onnika Draper



Zachariah Duewiger



Madelin Groffenberg



Joshua Haley



Arianna Hayes



Mathew Heschke



Kylie Johnson



Renee Lehman



Nico Martinez



Jordan Peters



Riley Peters



Thomas Ragonese



Bethany Ray



Nick Saia



Noah Stern



Alayna Trautman



Hannah Willard



Shelby Wolf

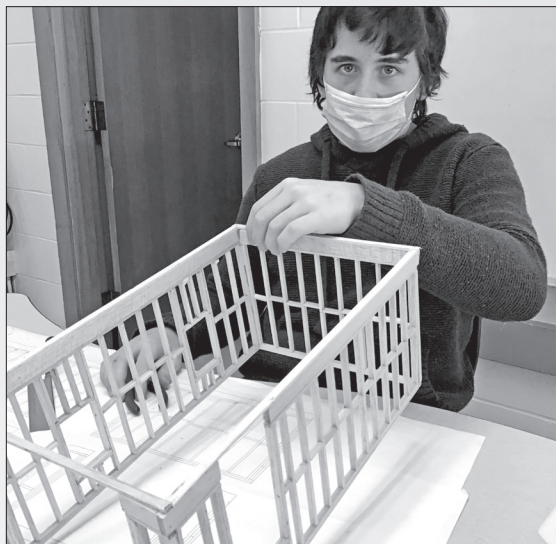


Our Elementary students enjoyed our PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) celebration. This year's theme was "Reading is Our Thing!"

Here are Colton and Cainon Michalak on "Read a Shirt" Day.



Our talented Middle School students had a chance to have their artwork on display. Art teacher Mr. Facklam picked a portfolio and gave them their own showcase.



Michele Parker's Technology class at the High School has been having a blast in the Advanced CAD/Architecture portion of class.



Our Elementary students showed their appreciation for our bus drivers. We are grateful to these dedicated men and women who keep our students safe!



Roy-Hart Superintendent Dr. Hank Stopinski, Roy-Hart High School Principal Gary Bell, Alayna Trautman and Roy-Hart Counselor Colleen Albee.

Congratulations to senior Alayna Trautman who has received the Thomas Olivo Leadership Award from the New York State Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators. Alayna attends the Orleans Career and Technical Education Center for Electricity/Electronics and will be attending Alfred State College this fall.



The Roy-Hart Middle School 5/6 Grade Orchestra (Cohort "B") took advantage of the nice Spring Weather by having their rehearsal outside. Since the students were spaced 12 feet apart and were outside, it was treated as a mask break as well. The Orchestra received some appreciative applause from students in the Middle School Library who had their windows open and were able to enjoy the music being played.

ROYALTON-HARTLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET SUMMARY

Item	Amount
General Fund Budget	\$28,400,987
Budget Increase	\$1,083,978
Budget to Budget % Increase	3.97%
Tax Levy	\$10,908,072
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Increase	\$10,927,661
Tax Levy Increase	\$224,358
Tax Levy % Increase	2.10%
THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY IS <u>BELOW</u> THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TAX LEVY INCREASE	

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES 2021-2022 Proposed Expenditure Comparison

	2020-21 Budgeted	2021-22 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
General Support	\$2,172,249	\$2,197,360	\$25,111	1.2%
Operations and Maintenance	\$1,939,218	\$1,926,386	-\$12,832	-0.7%
Instruction	\$14,623,753	\$14,841,477	\$217,724	1.5%
Transportation	\$2,960,583	\$3,028,383	\$67,800	2.3%
Employee Benefits	\$4,976,237	\$5,236,333	\$260,096	5.2%
Debt Service	\$499,969	\$1,026,048	\$526,079	105.2%
Interfund Transfers	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$0	0.0%
Total Expenditures	\$27,317,009	\$28,400,987	\$1,083,978	3.97%

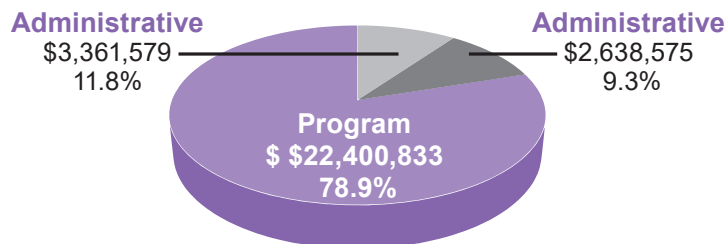
2021-2022 Estimated Revenue Comparison

	2020-21 Budgeted	2021-22 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
State Sources	\$13,730,431	\$15,710,363	\$1,979,932	14.4%
Real Property Taxes	\$10,683,714	\$10,908,072	\$224,358	2.1%
Appropriated Fund Balance and Reserves	\$2,517,561	\$1,394,452	-\$1,123,109	-44.7%
Other Revenue	\$385,303	\$388,100	\$2,797	0.7%
Total Revenue	\$27,317,009	\$28,400,987	\$1,083,978	3.97%

3 Part Expenditure Comparison

	2020-21 Budgeted	2021-22 Proposed	\$ Change	% Total
Administrative	\$2,584,540	\$2,638,575	\$54,035	2.1%
Program	\$21,851,340	\$22,400,833	\$549,493	2.5%
Capital	\$2,881,129	\$3,361,579	\$480,450	16.7%
Total	\$27,317,009	\$28,400,987	\$1,083,978	3.97%

COMPONENT ANALYSIS



Royalton-Hartland Central 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	\$27,317,009	\$28,400,987	\$ 28,130,535
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$1,083,978	\$813,526
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.97%	2.98%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,683,714	\$10,908,072	
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)	\$10,683,714	\$10,908,072	\$10,683,714
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,697,079	\$10,927,661	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$10,683,714	\$10,908,072	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$13,365	\$19,589	
Administrative Component	\$2,584,540	\$2,638,575	\$2,634,673
Program Component	\$21,851,340	\$22,400,833	\$ 22,274,282
Capital Component	\$2,881,129	\$3,361,579	\$3,221,580
* 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.			
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 2021-22 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$630

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Royalton-Hartland Central School District, Niagara County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 in the high school gymnasium, 54 State Street, Middleport.

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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Tuesday, May 18, 2021

12:00 noon to 8:00 pm

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54 State Street, Middleport

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Guidelines for School Visitors During Budget Vote

Please be aware we will follow the guidelines listed below to provide a safe voting environment:

- All visitors to the school must wear a mask.
- All visitors should use the hand sanitizer provided when they enter the voting area.
- Everyone must practice physical distancing allowing at least six feet from another person or person(s).
- All visitors should complete a self-check before entering a school building. Visitors with fever greater than 100.4, congestion, dry cough, breathing difficulties, sore throat and/or chills should NOT enter our school buildings or offices. It is extremely important that you do NOT come to our schools if you are sick. Please do not place our students and employees at risk.