

Connection

May 2020

Budget Vote & BOE Election

**Public Hearing
Wednesday,
May 27, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

The hearing will be held virtually via Zoom and a link for public viewing will be available on our website at www.corningareaschools.com

**Vote Date/Hours
Tuesday, June 9
Voting will be by
Absentee Ballot only.**

All registered voters will automatically receive an Absentee Ballot in the mail.

Questions?
Contact Karen Dutcher,
District Clerk at
936-3704 or kdutcher@coppmail.com



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AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Students are the center of all we do.

From Superintendent Mike Ginalski

CPP Community,

The Board of Education approved a budget of \$117,717,243 on May 20, 2020. The Board took a strong stand when they began their work in November on cutting costs in an effort to decrease the tax levy. They have done so. For the first time in the public vote era, the Board elected to freeze the tax levy at the 2019-20 level at \$54,057,931 for a zero percent increase in the 2020-21 budget. The Board could have elected to raise taxes as high as the two percent level but from the start, that was never an option as we all recognize the effects of the pandemic on the local economy. I give tremendous credit to the Board for their leadership in this regard.

As a result of this action, the estimated full value tax rate is expected to decrease by 1.76 percent from 23.81 to 23.39. This is subject to action by the state in terms of equalization rates depending on location, etc but for most this represents a true decrease.

The 2020-21 budget preserves all positions and programs. I think during the COVID-19 crisis, everyone is united in missing those programs and people in a manner not seen previously. We have all learned that e-learning not only does not work for all, but does not substitute for a teacher face-to-face with a room full of students. The budget also retains current elementary class sizes and all programs needed to support students academically and socially. This includes all extra-curricular opportunities for students and we all know that right now, our students are truly missing those opportunities.

You will also see a proposition to purchase buses on June 9. We are mid-way through a bus replacement schedule that is fully aidable by the state and saves money in maintenance costs. As you are all very aware, we are a very large school district geographically speaking at 238 square miles (eighth largest in the state). On a daily basis we log the equivalent of two round trip travels to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida at nearly 6,000 miles a day. Staying on a consistent replacement schedule helps save money later on and ensures we have a reliable fleet of buses.

As you may be aware, the vote this year is by mail via absentee ballot all of which are due to the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on June 9. You likely have already received a postcard about this and will receive more communication relative to the vote as dictated by the Governor's Executive Order. As always, if you have questions please call District Clerk Karen Dutcher at 936-3704 or kdutcher@coppmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe!



Mike Ginalski

Budget Highlights

- 0 percent tax levy increase
- The estimated full value tax rate would decrease from 23.81 to 23.39 from the current year
- 1.92 percent budget-to-budget increase
- Services to students are maintained

Budget and School Board Vote:

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Please note the following as per the New York Governor's Executive Order 202.26

The adjourned Annual District Meeting (Budget Vote and Board Election) has been rescheduled and will be conducted on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 and is being held by **ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY. Ballots will be sent to all registered voters of the District.** All absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

The adjourned 2020-21 Budget Hearing has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be held virtually via Zoom and a link for public viewing will be available on our website at www.corningareaschools.com.

The proposed budget for 2020-21 is \$117,717,243, which is a 1.92 percent budget-to-budget increase from 2019-20. This proposal will result in a 0 percent tax levy increase, which is within the state-assigned tax cap. The estimated full value tax rate would decrease from 23.81 to 23.39 from the current year into 2020-21. This number is subject to change based on finalized assessment rolls.

Voters will elect three members to the Board of Education. The newly-elected candidates will serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023. The slate of candidates are as follows: Janelle Meteer, James Webb and Victoria Zingler.

2020-21 Budget Highlights

- The estimated full value tax rate would decrease from 23.81 to 23.39 from the current year into 2020-21. Please note, this number is subject to change based on finalized assessment rolls.
- 0 percent tax levy increase, which is within the state-assigned tax cap
- 1.92 percent budget-to-budget increase
- Services to students are maintained

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Proposed 2020-21 Budget

Proposed Expenditures

Category	2019-20	2020-21
Salaries/Fringe Benefits	\$78,829,031	\$80,978,591
BOCES	\$10,832,714	\$10,760,819
Treasurer/Debt Service	\$13,012,670	\$13,321,423
Transportation	\$5,069,971	\$4,955,968
Buildings & Grounds/Utilities	\$2,880,400	\$2,730,850
Other	<u>\$4,874,524</u>	<u>\$4,969,592</u>
TOTAL	\$115,499,310	\$117,717,243

Anticipated Revenues

Category	2019-20	2020-21
State Aid	\$51,883,864	\$52,437,269
Other	\$8,057,515	\$8,425,771
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,500,000	\$2,796,272
Tax Levy	<u>\$54,057,931</u>	<u>\$54,057,931</u>
TOTAL	\$115,449,310	\$117,717,243

On the Ballot

The following propositions will appear on the June 9, 2020 ballot:

Proposition No. 1 – Annual Budget

Shall the annual budget of the Corning City School District for the fiscal year 2020-21 in the amount of \$117,717,243, be adopted?

Proposition No. 2 – Purchase of Buses and Vehicles

Shall the Bond Resolution of the City School District of the City of Corning, New York, entitled: "Bond Resolution of the City School District of the City of Corning, New York adopted March 18, 2020, authorizing the acquisition of various school buses and vehicles; stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$612,000; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$612,000 serial bonds of said District to finance said appropriation," be approved?

Board Member Election

Voters will elect three (3) members of the Board of Education: the top three candidates will take three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023.

Questions?

For budget questions, please call School Business Official Paul Webster at 936-3704.

For voting questions, please call Karen Dutcher, District Clerk, at 936-3704.

Or visit:
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Voting Information

Voter Qualifications

A qualified voter is a US Citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Voting Process

Executive Order 202.26 requires this year's school budget and board election be conducted entirely by absentee ballot (the application process has been suspended). **All registered voters will automatically receive an Absentee ballot in the mail. Included will be a prepaid envelope for your ballot return addressed to the District Clerk.** All Absentee Ballots must be received in the District Clerk's office by June 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

If you are not already a registered voter, you can register with the DMV at <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application> or contact the District Clerk at 607- 936-3704 or kdutcher@cppmail.com