



Alfred-Almond Central School District Newsletter

May 2019

Budget Hearing

Tuesday,
May 7
7 p.m.

High School
Auditorium



Vote

Registration

Tuesday,
May 7
2-8 p.m.

High School
Auditorium



Vote

Tuesday,
May 21
1-9 p.m.

High School
Auditorium

Dear Community Members:

Once again, we are proud to report about the great successes of our students. While we are deservedly proud of their academic and extracurricular achievements, we are most pleased with their strong character, resilience, care for others and sense of right and wrong.

Last year, some community members who were mindful of the ever-changing tax laws asked us to develop some common language regarding the “2 Percent Tax Cap” in budget newsletters. We appreciate this dialogue and have developed the following language to address this topic:

The 2019-2020 proposed levy is under the 2 percent Tax Cap and property owners will receive their state-issued refund check.

Had this year’s proposed budget exceeded the amount allowed by this legislation, the term “under” would have been replaced with “over” and “will” would have been replaced with “will not.” Additionally, these statements will be placed at the bottom of the Annual Budget proposition. As indicated above in bold, our proposed budget is under the cap and district taxpayers will receive a state-issued refund check.

In fact, for the 2019-2020 budget, we are proposing a 0 percent tax increase. As such, your school taxes will see no increase. It is anticipated that you will see a small decrease in your tax bill as a result of new building and updated assessments. We are able to achieve this through a modest state aid increase, a reduction in employee benefit costs (achieved through negotiation) and careful budgeting.

Additionally, we are asking for your support in helping us protect and maintain our district facilities. As such, we are proposing a capital project that will enable us to complete needed repairs and modernize some classrooms/facilities while further ensuring the safety of our students. Best of all, these updates will have no impact on our taxes as we are utilizing a portion of our capital reserve fund to pay the district share. A separate brochure outlining the proposed work and funding structure is available for your review and, like the proposed budget, this project will have a 0 percent tax increase.

Finally, we would like to thank all of you for your continued support of our district. Alfred-Almond is a special place and we are committed to providing students with some of the strongest educational opportunities in the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact Superintendent Rich Calkins at 276-6501 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alfred-Almond Central School
Board of Education

Candidate for the Alfred-Almond Board of Education

One school board position is up for vote, with a term of five years. Earl Pierce is seeking re-election to the Board of Education.

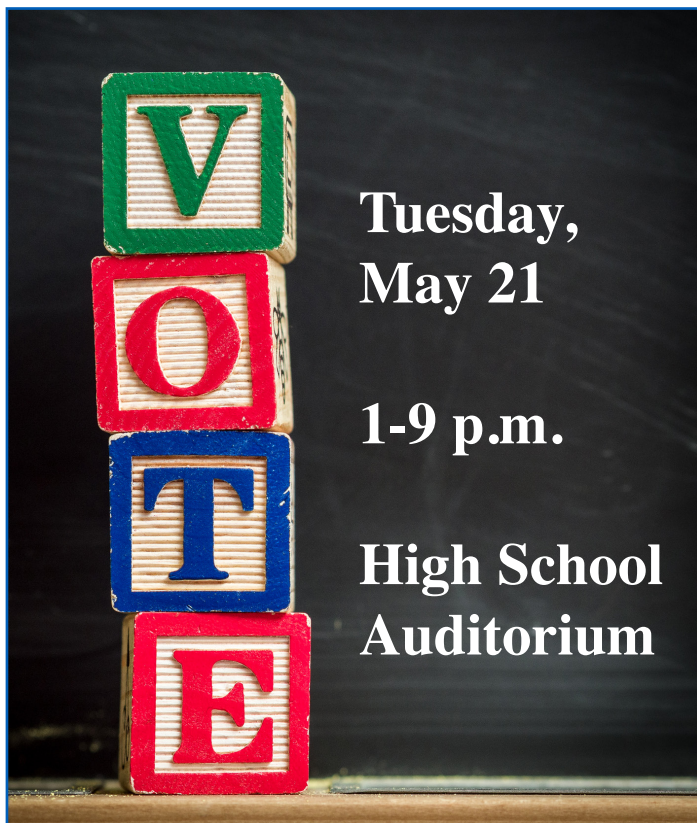
Taxes paid on a hypothetical \$100,000 home in our district

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
\$1,514.50	\$1,516.37	\$1,533.42	\$1,545.00

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
\$1,614.96	\$1,678.05	\$1,696.23	\$1,663.75

2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Projected 2019-20
\$1,674.40	\$1,649.20	\$1,662.50	\$1,662.50

NOTE: The average assessment in the Alfred-Almond School District was \$72,569 in 2018-19.



Propositions to be voted on

Annual Budget

Shall the annual budget for the 2019-2020 school year, as proposed by the Board of Education of Alfred-Almond Central School, be approved in the amount of \$14,156,270.00?

Proposition 1 – Purchase of one (1) 66-passenger School Buses

Shall the proposition authorizing the Board of Education to purchase one (1) 66-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$121,000 be approved?

Proposition 2 – Resolution for Capital Project

Shall the Alfred-Almond Central School District be authorized to undertake a project consisting of certain renovations, additions, alterations and improvements to all District facilities, including the existing Bus Garage, K-12 Building and campus, as well as energy performance improvements to all district facilities (the “Project”) at a total maximum estimated cost of \$4,500,000 and to pay for the Project by spending \$450,000 from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund and the levy of a tax which is hereby voted in the amount of \$4,050,000, subject to available State aid, Federal aid or to any other revenues available for such purpose, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$4,050,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due?

Proposition 3 – Almond Library and Alfred Box of Books Library

Shall the Board of Education of the Alfred-Almond Central School District, at the request of the Alfred Box of Books Library and the Almond Library, be authorized to levy the following appropriation for the support of the libraries by \$183,323 annually, with annual distribution being \$98,960 to the Alfred Box of Books Library and \$84,363 to the Almond Library?

Member of the Board of Education – Five-Year Term

To elect a member of the Board of Education for a five-year term to fill a vacancy caused by the expiration of term of Earl Pierce.

Candidate: Earl Pierce

Account	Code	Anticipated Expenses	2018-19 Administrative	2019-20 Administrative	2018-19 Program	2019-20 Program	2018-19 Capital	2019-20 Capital
Board of Education	1000	\$61,684	\$61,665	\$62,726				
Central Administration	1200	\$158,243	\$157,805	\$167,015				
Finance	1300	\$260,608	\$260,541	\$276,484				
Staff	1400	\$30,900	\$30,900	\$30,900				
Central Services	1600	\$938,078	\$220,255	\$251,577			\$775,618	\$784,881
Special Items	1900	\$300,804	\$300,804	\$292,482			\$1,000	\$1,000
Admin. & Improvement	2000	\$5,957,748	\$264,750	\$278,052	\$144,989	\$156,294		
Instructional Area	2399	\$27,635			\$5,567,948	\$5,858,730		
Instructional Media	2600	\$232,025			\$173,281	\$114,588		
Pupil Services	2800	\$395,819			\$393,294	\$402,270		
Pupil Transportation	5999	\$505,211			\$544,555	\$548,608	\$25,000	\$25,000
Community Service	8000	\$1,500			\$1,500	\$1,500		
Employee Benefits	9000	\$3,002,497	\$257,504	\$194,801	\$2,725,796	\$2,788,748	\$261,923	\$272,635
Debt Service	9700	\$1,472,826					\$1,472,826	\$1,472,979
Interfund Transfer	9900	\$160,000					\$100,000	\$175,000
Subtotals			\$1,554,224	\$1,554,037	\$9,551,363	\$9,870,738	\$2,636,367	\$2,731,495
Grand Total Yearly		\$13,505,578					\$13,741,954	\$14,156,270

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Alfred-Almond Central School
6795 Rte. 21
Almond, New York 14804
Return Services Requested

U.S. Postage Paid
Alfred, New York 14802
Permit No. 20
Non-Profit Organization

Voters will have the opportunity to vote on:

- **the budget**
- **one candidate for a five-year position on the Board of Education**
- **the purchase of one (1) 66-passenger school bus**
- **a Capital Project proposition**
- **a library proposition**

**on Tuesday, May 21, 2019
between 1:00 and 9:00 p.m. in
the High School auditorium.**

Voter qualifications

A person is entitled to vote in the annual school district election if he or she is:

- A citizen of the United States.
- Eighteen (18) years of age on or before the election.
- A resident of the district for 30 days prior to the vote.
- Registered as a qualified voter.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Alfred-Almond School District, Allegany County, New York, will be held at Alfred-Almond Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Alfred-Almond school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by ballot.

Compensation Disclosure

Terms and Information for Required Compensation Disclosure Pursuant to Sections 1608(4) and 1716(4) of the Education Law as Amended by Chapter 474 of the Laws of 1996.

Total Salary – Superintendent	\$165,093.00
Annualized Fringe Benefits	\$56,116.80
Teachers' Retirement, Workers' Compensation, Social Security, Medicare, Health, Unemployment & Association Dues	

Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots are available for voting purposes. Qualified voters must fill out an Application for Absentee Ballot. Voters who meet the following criteria are eligible for an absentee ballot:

- Voter is a patient in a hospital or unable to appear personally at the polling place on voting day because of illness or physical disability;
- Duties, occupation, business or studies will require the voter to be outside the county of residence on voting day;
- Voter will be on vacation outside the county of residence on voting day;
- Voter will be absent from voting because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction of an offense other than a felony.

The district clerk must receive applications for an absentee ballot at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or one day prior to the vote, if the ballot will be picked up in person. Applications are available from the District Office.