

2022-23 SCHOOL BUDGET & PROPOSITIONS VOTE, BOE ELECTION

2022-23 BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

Proposed Budget
\$24,688,027

Spending Increase
+ \$1,015,779 (+ 4.29%)

Tax Levy Decrease
- \$53,897 (- 0.5%)

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE PROPOSED BUDGET CAN
BE FOUND ONLINE:**

www.bkwschools.org

Proposed 2022-23 district budget lowers tax levy while maintaining educational programs

BKW Central School District residents will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 17, to vote on a proposed \$24.69 million budget for the 2022-23 school year. Voting will be held from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

The proposed spending plan for 2022-23 totals \$24,688,027 and represents a spending increase of 4.29 percent or \$1,015,779 over the current year budget and a tax levy decrease of -0.5% or -\$53,897.

The year-to-year budget increase is attributed to annual contractual salary obligations, an 8 percent increase in health insurance premiums, higher projected fuel and heating costs and increased debt service related to the recent capital improvement project. The district, however, is expected to receive an increase in state aid to education of nearly \$435,000. It also expects to save about \$230,000 next school year due to staff retirements.



The proposed budget focuses on student-centered expenses and calls for maintaining all current staffing levels and existing academic programming. It also maintains summer enrichment and support, after-school programs like Bulldog Club, all athletics, clubs and activities, late bus runs and educational support programs like iReady Math and Horizons Reading.

Those already registered for the general elections are automatically registered for school votes. For questions on how to register to vote, voting qualifications or about applying for an absentee ballot, contact District Clerk Anne Farnam at (518) 872-1293 or email at anne.farnam@bkwschools.org.

VOTE:
May 17, 2022



2022 Voting Information

Voting on the 2022-23 district budget, propositions and Board of Education election will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., in the elementary school cafeteria.

Building Purchase Proposition

The district is seeking voter approval to spend up to \$410,000 to purchase the building and property located at 1772 Helderberg Trail. The property includes: a 1.1-acre lot, zoned commercial/residential; a building with 2,400 square feet of space currently set up as office space and 1,900 square feet currently used as a residential area; a paved lot with 20 marked spaces and additional unmarked spaces; and a two-car garage. The building purchase is not part of the 2022-23 proposed budget and would not require borrowing or use of additional tax revenues. The district plans on using \$410,000 in left over fund balance from the current school year budget to finance the purchase – a one-time expense.

Bus Purchase Proposition

The district is seeking voter approval to purchase three (3) 72-passenger school buses and (2) smaller buses at a cost not to exceed \$504,000. The district would use \$150,000 from the Transportation Reserve Fund toward the purchases. The bus purchases are eligible for state aid.

Board of Education Election

Two seats are up for election on the Board of Education, each carrying new three-year terms beginning July 1, 2022. Those seats are currently held by Board President Matthew Tedeschi and member Rebecca Miller. The top two vote-getters on the ballot will be elected.

School District Budget Notice

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 23,672,248	\$ 24,688,027	\$ 24,606,211
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ 1,015,779	\$ 933,963
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.29 %	3.95%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 10,779,562	\$ 10,725,665	
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)	\$ 10,779,562	\$ 10,725,665	\$ 10,725,665
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 542,857	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 10,924,077	\$ 11,552,304	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – F – F + D)	\$ 10,779,562	\$ 10,182,808	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$ 144,515	\$ 1,369,496	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,513,158	\$ 1,510,491	\$ 1,488,022
Program Component	\$18,965,850	\$ 18,912,784	\$ 18,883,437
Capital Component	\$ 3,193,240	\$ 4,264,752	\$ 4,234,752

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

** 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
Proposition to Purchase three 72-Passenger Buses and two 21-Passenger buses using \$150,000 from the Transportation Reserve	\$504,000
Proposition to Purchase Property at 1772 Helderberg Trail, Berne, NY 12023	\$ 410,000

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
	\$ 475

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District, Albany County, New York, will be held at BkW Elementary School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 6:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the cafeteria, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by machine.

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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