



EAGLE EXPRESS

Lake Shore Central School District Newsletter

Quality Education is Essential

OUR MISSION:

The Lake Shore Central School District in partnership with our students, families and school community will cultivate engaging, diverse, and challenging educational opportunities and learning environments to promote life-long learning and achievement in preparation for high school graduation, college and careers.

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Each school year one of the top priorities of the Superintendent's office is to work closely with our Board of Education to develop a workable budget. Through days and even months of diligence, this group is charged with analyzing the needs of our classrooms, our buildings and grounds and our transportation fleet. At the same time, we are also spending many hours advocating for stronger state and federal aid, all to design a budget that supports the high-quality educational programs for our students.

The proposed budget will support our students' educational programs, fund state and federal education mandates and meet operating costs and contractual obligations for the coming school year.

In this edition of the Eagle Express, you will find detailed information about the 2016-2017 proposed budget. It is intended to provide proper funding for classroom equipment, updates in technology, and the retention of our course offerings including Advanced Placement Classes, to ensure we are preparing our students for college and careers. You will also find information concerning a proposition for new vehicles to be added to our fleet, as well as profiles of three candidates running for positions on the Board of Education.

The proposed 2016-17 budget (Proposition 1) is \$55,507,761, representing an increase in \$831,147, or 1.49% over the 2015-16 budget. The proposed budget reduces the fund balance allocation by \$750,000 to \$1,750,000 (\$2,500,000 in current budget). This plan maintains the integrity of our overall instructional plan.

Proposition 2 will authorize the purchase of three 71-seat buses, two 24-seat buses, and a pick-up truck with a snowplow at a total cost of \$544,730.43.

This second proposition has **NO** impact on the proposed budget.

The Senior High graduation rate is currently at 94.5%; our athletic teams have sent representatives to regional and state finals while our art and music departments have also been recognized at many prestigious festivals. Our students are making this community proud with their work in the classroom and on our fields and courts. We need to work together to make sure Lake Shore offers rigorous classroom curricula as well as opportunities that allow students to explore their artistic and athletic aspirations.

The Lake Shore class of 2016 is currently preparing to put into action what they have learned over the past 18 school years in the outside world while our kindergarteners are looking forward to a similar journey ahead of them. We need to maintain the integrity of our educational offerings that are taught in safe buildings so that our students may remain encouraged, competitive and excited about learning. An approved budget will make sure this level of excellence is preserved for generations to come.

Thank you to all the administrators, faculty and staff, students, parents and members of the community who have helped us send a message to our state lawmakers in regards to fully funding public education. This advocacy has helped bring about the total elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) as well as increase much-needed Foundation Aid.

I encourage you to cast your ballot on May 17 when our 2016-2017 Annual Budget Vote, Vehicle Purchase Referendum and Board of Education Election take place.

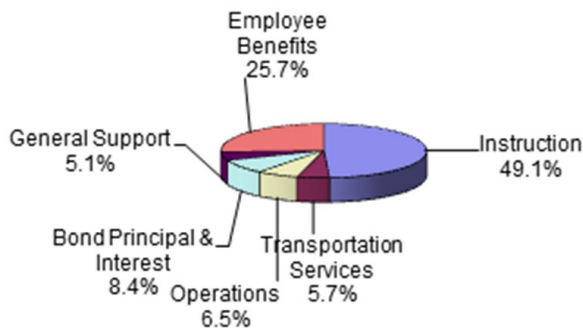
Voting takes place in the Senior High School Main Office Lobby from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

—James Przepasniak
Superintendent of Schools

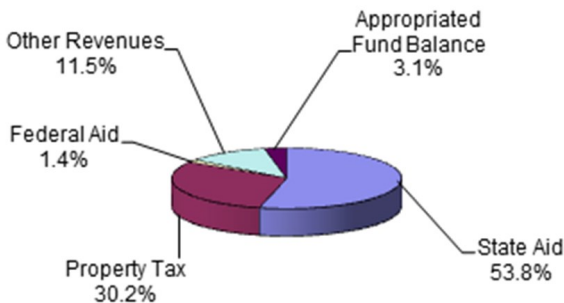
LAKE SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017

2016-2017 Proposed Expenditures



	Proposed Budget	Percent of Budget
Instruction	\$27,755,655	49.1%
Transportation Services	2,881,804	5.1%
Operations	3,684,492	6.5%
Bond Principal & Interest	4,773,859	8.4%
General Support	2,884,534	5.1%
Employee Benefits	14,527,417	25.7%
Total	\$56,507,761	100.0%

2016-2017 Anticipated Revenues



	Proposed Budget	Percent of Budget
State Aid	\$30,405,111	53.8%
Property Tax	17,055,165	30.2%
Federal Aid	775,000	1.4%
Other Revenues	6,522,485	11.5%
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,750,000	3.1%
Total	\$56,507,761	100.0%

Proposition 1: 2016-17 Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$56,507,761, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Proposition 2: Vehicle Purchase

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase the following replacement vehicles for use by the District in the transportation of students and general use by the District: three (3) full size diesel-powered 71-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$119,106.59 each; two (2) 24-passenger/3-wheel chair position gasoline-powered school buses at an estimated cost of \$72,705.33 each; one (1) pick-up truck with plow at a cost not to exceed \$42,000.00; for a total aggregate maximum cost of \$544,730.43; with such aggregate cost to be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefore, and, in anticipation of such tax, by the issuance of debt obligations of the District as may be necessary, not to exceed such maximum aggregate cost.

Lake Shore Budget Facts:

- ◆ The current 2015-16 budget is \$55,676,614. The proposed 2016-17 budget is \$56,507,761, representing an increase \$831,147 or 1.49% over the 2015-16 budget.
- ◆ The District has received the highest designation possible from the New York State Education Department. Lake Shore is designated as a "District in Good Standing." This ranking is based on academic performance and established criteria in the New York State Report Card.
- ◆ The proposed budget reduces the fund balance allocation by \$750,000 to \$1,750,000 (\$2,500,00 in current budget).
- ◆ Our tax cap is 0.38% representing in a property tax increase of \$65,278.
- ◆ Proposition 2 will authorize the purchase of five buses and a pick-up truck with a plow with no impact to the 2016-17 budget.
- ◆ The proposed 2016-17 budget is balanced through:
 - Increased State Aid - elimination of GEA
 - New Federal Impact Aid award
 - Reduced NYS pension assessments - TRS/ERS
 - Health Insurance costs stabilized
 - Utility conservation - electric, gas, water
 - Transportation fuel savings
 - Salaries stabilized - contract settlements
 - Resignations, retirements, etc.

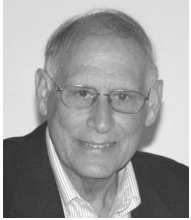
“MEET THE CANDIDATES & BUDGET HEARING NIGHT”--Tuesday, May 10

Meet the Candidates & Budget Hearing Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively in the Lake Shore Senior High School Media Center. There are three (3) Board of Education candidates seeking three seats on the Board of Education. At 6 p.m. each candidate will be introduced to the public. Each candidate will then present their platform for becoming a candidate for the Board. The floor will then be open to the public for questions to individual candidates. If there are no questions from the floor and/or if time remains, there will be a casual meet and greet with the candidates. At 7 p.m. the budget hearing will begin. The Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance and Superintendent of Schools will then present an overview of the District's proposed 2016-17 Budget, followed by a question and answer period.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES (Three seats, all for 3-Year Terms) *Biographical sketches are submitted by the candidates. The opinions expressed are those of the candidates. Background information, as stated in the profiles, has not been verified by the school district.*

GIFFORD SWYERS

(BALLOT POSITION #1)



After retiring from Lake Shore Central nearly 20 years ago, several individuals encouraged me to “go back to school”. Returning to school simply meant serving on the Board of Education. Throughout my life I have always been involved in education. After graduating from Alden High School, I attended SUNY Oswego and received both a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree. My education also included studies at SUNY Fredonia and Potsdam as well as courses at U.B. and Canisius College.

My career at Lake Shore included teaching seventh grade social studies and English. Later I became Assistant Principal and Principal of the Middle School-total of 33 years at Lake Shore. For the past 52 years I have resided in Evans. Many years ago, while working with the Evans Recreation program, I met my wife, Susan Lehning (class of '67). We are proud parents of two children and have four grandchildren. During my years in Evans I have been involved in many volunteer organizations including Salvation Army, Evans Historical Society, church activities, centennial celebrations, cemetery boards, meals on wheels and currently serve on the Erie County Dist. 2 Board of Managers. After retirement I also served as an Evans Councilman and consultant.

My experiences over the years certainly qualify me to serve on the Board of Education. The Lake Shore District has many fine characteristics. Our grandsons who attend J.T. Waugh have had an excellent education. It is my hope that while serving on the BOE we can promote the fine attributes of the school system.

BILL CONNORS, JR.

(BALLOT POSITION #2)



William J. Connors, Jr. (Bill) was first elected to the Board in 2013 and is seeking re-election to continue his prudent judgement in these still difficult financial times. Bill serves on the District Budget Committee as well as Erie County Board of School Boards Budget & Finance Team, and he is dedicated to keeping taxes low without cutting our children’s curriculum needs. He is a 1990 graduate of Lake Shore Central Schools, and a 1994 graduate of Saint Bonaventure University with a BA Majoring in Business.

Since school, Bill has made a career with business application software companies specializing in critical business functions, analytics, and reporting for manufacturing and distribution based companies. He is a Senior Executive for a U.S. based software company selling and developing solutions for the SAP software solution set. Bill is married to wife Karen, a Planning & Governance Leader at Rich Products Corp. in Buffalo, NY. The couple has two children who attend Lake Shore: Will who is 14, and Simon who is 11. The family lives in Evans, and if there’s any spare time, helps out at Connors Hot Dog Stand, their family business.

Bill is looking forward in continuing to serve the Lake Shore community to help enhance the college and career readiness of our students for a changing college and workforce environment around the world.

JENNIFER FARRELL

(BALLOT POSITION #3)



Jennifer S. Farrell is a lifelong resident of the Town of Evans and alumna of Lake Shore Central School District. She graduated from the All-College Honors Program at Canisius College with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Social Studies Education, and subsequently attended law school at the University at Buffalo where she earned her Juris Doctorate with a concentration in finance transactions.

Ms. Farrell was admitted to practice law in the State of New York in 2003 and is an attorney and partner in the firm of Farrell & Farrell, a general practice law firm in Hamburg. She is a member of the Erie County Bar Association, Erie County Assigned Counsel Program, New York State Defenders Association and New York State Bar Association.

Ms. Farrell has been a member of the Lake Shore Board of Education for the past three years, where she serves on numerous committees. She has also been a member of the Lake Shore High School Academy of Business and Finance Advisory Board for the past six years, where she serves as Vice Chair of the Advisory Board and Chair of the Nominating Committee, and has annually funded a scholarship to a graduating senior of the Academy.

In 2015, Ms. Farrell was named as one of Buffalo Business First’s 40 Under 40 Honorees. Previously, Ms Farrell has served as President of the Canisius College Alumni Association, Grand Master of the DiGamma Honor Society, a consultant member of the Canisius College Board of Trustees and Board of Regents, and coached varsity and junior varsity soccer teams at Most Precious Blood.



Exciting News...

- ◆ The Lake Shore Central School District has been named a recipient of the Utica National’s School Safety Excellence Award. Our District is one out of 145 across New York State that was recognized at the “Titanium with Honors” level. This program identifies school districts’ safety efforts as they help to keep students, staff and visitors safe.
- ◆ With a wide range of music classes to choose from at all levels across the District including band, orchestra and chorus, hundreds of Lake Shore students performed a wide variety of performances throughout the year. Many students also participated in local and state festivals as well as ensemble-rating festivals.
- ◆ Our elementary schools abound with programs designed to give back to the community through fundraisers including footraces, clothing donation drives, breakfasts and more. From the “Sockvember” Race at J.T. Waugh to Highland’s VFW Food Drive, to writing original books of poetry for Carly’s Club at A.J. Schmidt, our students are excelling in the classroom and also helping make our community better.
- ◆ Our Senior High art students exhibited their portfolios at the Albright-Knox Gallery during the month of February. Students in the Art Department also designed and created the props (including the dragon) for the school musical, “Shrek”. Both the Drama Club and the Art Department took a group of 46 students to New York City for a four-day tour of art museums, galleries, workshops, and a musical production.
- ◆ The New York State School Report Card information was recently released along with the Fiscal Accountability Supplement. We have once again earned a “District in Good Standing” and every building is a “School In Good Standing” which is the highest ranking given by the New York State Education Department.
- ◆ Students in the Middle School are active in a variety of clubs and activities including the launch of a new archery program. Pushing the limits of technology is the Google Computer Club where members are learning the art of video game design.
- ◆ Our District Wellness Committee continues to offer worthwhile educational programs for students and faculty with a different theme each month from better eating to stress relief.



Chiavetta’s Chicken Barbecue

Available Tuesday, May 17

Tickets will be available pre-sale from any High School Band Student or walk-up service while dinners last starting at 2:30 p.m.

Dinners are \$9.00 pre-sale/\$10.00 walk up

Pick-up is in the Senior High School student parking lot (until sold-out).

Proceeds will benefit the Senior High Music Department

Applications for Absentee

Ballots are available

The District Clerk will automatically mail an Absentee Ballot to each voter whose registration record on file with the Erie County Board of Elections is marked “permanently disabled”. All other voters must submit an application prior to obtaining an absentee ballot.

An Application for Absentee Ballot can be picked up from the District Clerk’s Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Application must be received by the District Clerk at least 7 days before (May 10, 2016) the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

Absentee Ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election (May 17, 2016).

Don’t Forget to Vote...



Annual Budget Vote, Vehicle Purchase Referendum and Board of Education Election

**Tuesday, May 17 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Senior High School Main Lobby**

Voters should bring a valid photo ID to all District elections as they will be asked to show proof of name and/or residency.

Voter Qualifications:

- A voter must be a citizen of the United States
- A voter must be eighteen (18) years of age or older
- A voter must be a legal resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the election at which he/she offers to vote
- A voter must not be otherwise prohibited from voting pursuant to Education Law Section 5-106

Native Americans residents of the Seneca Nation Territory are eligible to vote in this annual vote if the majority of their children attend the Lake Shore Central Schools. The above qualifications must also be satisfied.