

Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

301 E Main St. Wauzeka, WI 53826

Special Edition

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER!

Greetings:

I am writing to remind Wauzeka-Steuben School District residents that there is an operating referendum on the November 8, 2022 election ballot. Operating expenses are used for goods, services, and staffing used for normal operations. The district referendum from two years ago expires at the end of this school year. Consequently, the attached document shows the necessity of this referendum to keep the district operating at least three years into the future at which time the financial status will be re-evaluated.

Concurrently, there are four capital/maintenance projects that are being planned: Only one will be financed by the referendum -- a replacement boiler and controls (boiler is 30+ years old). 2022-2023

The other projects include:

- New windows - funded out of ESSER (pandemic funds). 2023
- Roof repair/replacement - funded out of Fund 46 established 4 years ago 2024.
- Siding that will weather protect the deteriorating building exterior - Also funded out of Fund 46. 2024

I encourage you to attend one of the information sessions that is included on the attachment.

Sincerely,

Gary L Albrecht
Interim District Administrator

Interim District Administrator-Dr. Gary Albrecht
Nikki Asleson-President

Jessie Bird-Vice President

Board of Education
Tom Martin-Clerk

District Principal-Mrs. Tiffany Dums
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Wauzeka-Steuben Public Schools Referendum November 8th, 2022

**October 17th, 2022 - Regular School Board Meeting
6:30 PM - School Library**

**Monday, October 24th, 2022 - Wauzeka-Steuben School
District Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting
Hornet's Nest (school gym) 6:30 PM.
Referendum information will be on the agenda.**

**Tuesday, November 1st, 2022. Dr. Gary Albrecht will be available in the school
library from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM for information and questions regarding the
November 8th, 2022 referendum.**

**For further information contact Dr. Albrecht at albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us or
608-875-5311 ext. 214.**



Wauzeka-Steuben Public Schools Referendum

Nov. 8th, 2022

NO REFERENDUM				
	Budget Year	Forecast		
	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
Sept Membership (FTE)	239	231	224	221
Per Pupil Increase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Per-Pupil Categorical Aid \$	\$742	\$742	\$742	\$742
TIF Out Equalized Valuation Growth	15.65%	1.00%	2.50%	2.50%
Fund 10 Revenues	\$4,536,317	\$3,933,262	\$3,937,879	\$3,803,035
Fund 10 Expenditures	\$4,817,130	\$4,723,775	\$4,713,560	\$4,861,710
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$280,813)	(\$790,513)	(\$775,681)	(\$1,058,675)
Fund Balance	\$797,478	\$6,965	(\$768,716)	(\$1,827,391)
Fund Balance as % of Expenditures	16.56%	0.15%	-16.31%	-37.59%
Non-Recurring Referendum \$	\$398,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recurring Referendum \$	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Referendum Debt Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Energy Efficiency Exemption	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total School-Based Tax Levy	\$1,068,306	\$468,061	\$602,362	\$576,500
Mill Rate (per \$1,000 EQ Value)	\$8.98	\$3.90	\$4.89	\$4.57

WITH REFERENDUM				
Label Scenario Here	Budget Year	Forecast		
	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
Sept Membership (FTE)	239	231	224	221
Per Pupil Increase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Per-Pupil Categorical Aid \$	\$742	\$742	\$742	\$742
TIF Out Equalized Valuation Growth	15.65%	1.00%	2.50%	2.50%
Fund 10 Revenues	\$4,888,317	\$4,883,262	\$4,887,879	\$4,903,035
Fund 10 Expenditures	\$4,817,130	\$4,723,775	\$4,713,560	\$4,861,710
Surplus (Deficit)	\$71,187	\$159,487	\$174,319	\$41,325
Fund Balance	\$1,149,478	\$1,308,965	\$1,483,284	\$1,524,609
Fund Balance as % of Expenditures	23.86%	27.71%	31.47%	31.36%
Non-Recurring Referendum \$	\$750,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,100,000
Recurring Referendum \$	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Referendum Debt Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Energy Efficiency Exemption	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total School-Based Tax Levy	\$1,420,306	\$1,418,061	\$1,552,362	\$1,676,500
Mill Rate (per \$1,000 EQ Value)	\$11.94	\$11.80	\$12.60	\$13.28

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE REGARDING THE REFERENDUM

- 2022-2023 open enrollment numbers into the district have increased this year and exceed the number of students enrolling out.
- Small class sizes with student opportunities in academics, athletics, and organizations.
- Current projections show an average tax rate (mill) of \$12.41 over the 4 years. (Previous 3 year targeted a \$12.71 tax rate.)
- Maintain the building so it is dry, warm, and conducive to learning.
- This 3 year referendum is necessary to maintain current school operations.

OPERATING AND PROJECTS COSTS/FUNDING

Operational costs: The referendum will allow the district enough funding for regular school operations (e.g., supplies, staffing, utilities) to operate through the 2025-26 school year. The referendum funding expires after the 2025-26 school year.

New Windows: \$450,000 The new windows (Summer of 2023) will be paid for by *one-time* Federal ESSER (pandemic) money that cannot be applied to operating funds.

Exterior Siding: This project is scheduled to be completed in 2024 and will be paid for via the Fund 46 (Capital projects fund - *not* able to be used for operating costs). The siding is needed for the exterior masonry which is deteriorating and requires protection soon.

Roof Repairs: Remaining roof repairs (2024) will also be paid out of the Fund 46 project account that cannot be used for operating costs.

Boilers and controls: There is one 30+ year-old boiler that needs to be replaced along with digital controls (2022-23). Cost is \$350,000 and will be covered by the operating referendum.

District News & Information

301 E Main St Wauzeka, WI 53826

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School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and other Federal and State regulations, hereby declares that it is committed to the principle of equal education and employment opportunity and, accordingly, does not discriminate as to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability. Any inquiries or complaints alleging non-compliance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 or other Federal and State civil rights or nondiscrimination regulations shall be referred to District Administrator Dr. Gary Albrecht at the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, 301 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826, (e-mail) albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us (call) 608-875-5311 ext. 214 and/or Jamie Nutter, Title IX Coordinator of the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, at Cooperative Educational Service Agency #3, 1300 Industrial Drive, Fennimore, WI 53809, (call) 1-608-822-2148 (e-mail) jnutter@cesa3.org.

Note: All career and technical education opportunities will be offered on a nondiscriminatory basis (without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, etc.) All students in qualifying grades are eligible for enrollment. For further information please contact District Principal Tiffany Dums (608)875-5311 ext. 211 or dumstiff@wauzeka.k12.wi.us.

Wauzeka Angels Fitness Center

Monthly Rates

\$10 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus \$10 for key fob

Annual Membership Rate

\$100 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus \$10 for key fob

*Rates are to cover maintenance and supervision expenses.



Substitutes Needed

State law has recently changed allowing more flexibility on the requirements people need to be a substitute teacher or support staff. If you are interested in being a substitute please contact District Administrator Dr. Gary Albrecht via email: albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us or by phone (608)875-5311 ext. 214.

Substitutes needed:

- Food Service
- Bus Drivers
- Para professionals



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Send community events that you would like to be included in the newspaper to:

Alissa Mullikin at mulliali@wauzeka.k12.wi.us
Or drop off any information in the district office.
Next Submission Date: **October 17th**

Steuben, WI 54657

The Wauzeka-Steuben School District is utilizing a community-wide Resource Officer. Officer Liz Volten of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department will be available to the District during regular District hours. Officer Volten will also be available to the community and homeschooled families of the District on Wednesdays at the BP gas station from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Officer Volten can be reached via email at evolten@crowfordcountywi.org or via phone at 608-412-5184. In case of an emergency, please call 911.



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