

Board of Education crafts 2006-07 budget priorities

Community considers plan May 16; taxes would rise less than 3%

Members of the Board of Education, working closely with principals and administrators, spent six weeks setting priorities for the 2006-07 budget.

The board on April 10 unanimously approved a \$42.01 million budget that increases spending by 4.87% over this year's \$40.06 million budget.

Taxes are expected to rise by less than 3 percent. The tax rate, because of Glenville's townwide reassessment, will decline. The extent of that decline will not be known until the Board of Education sets tax rates in August. Typical tax bills would depend on each homeowner's new assessment.

On Tuesday, May 16, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., the community will consider three items during voting at the high school:

- ▶ **2006-07 budget.** A hearing on the budget is set for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 at the Middle School followed by the Meet the Board of Education Candidates' Night.
- ▶ **\$274,847 proposal to purchase five buses**, including three vehicles for wheelchair-bound students;
- ▶ **Candidates for two, three-year seats on the Board of Education.** Incumbents Karen Bradley and John Carpenter decided against seeking fifth terms this year.

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Reassessment shows that area property values have risen 62%

Everyone has noticed the ever-rising sales prices and higher values of homes in the village and town.

That has been confirmed by the townwide reassessment: the value of all property in Scotia and Glenville climbed by \$785 million – from \$1.26 billion to \$2.045 billion – between 1996 and 2006.

That 62.3 percent increase in property values reflects the

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S-G sports team had a winning season

Scotia-Glenville interscholastic athletic teams had a successful winter season in sports.

Here is an overview of the season:

▶ **Dan Stevens** went to state-level competition in nordic skiing and ended in the top half.

▶ The S-G bowling team took second in the league with **Ron Giesin** leading the way and making First Team All League.

▶ The varsity wrestling team placed second at the state-level. **Mark Burchhardt** and **Dan Riggi** represented Scotia-Glenville and Section Two.

▶ The combined Burnt Hills-Scotia-Glenville varsity ice hockey team competed at the state-level. These players represented Scotia-Glenville: **Steve Culver**, **Tom Gaunay**, **Zach Popp**, **Matt Relyea** and **Nick Wilson**.

▶ The girls basketball had a very competitive season with **Caitlin Powers** and **Inneke Carmola** showing strong performances.

▶ The boys basketball team finished in the top three and made it to the Quarter Finals in the Sectionals. Making first team all league honors was **Mike Stopera** with **Brett Evensen** and **Greg Fuchs** on the second team.

▶ The indoor track team won several meets and had a few standouts: **Pete Rowell** went to the state-level 600 meter; **Caroline King** finished third in the 1000 meter; and **Jillian King** finished third in the 3000 meter.

▶ The Times Union All-Area Team included three S-G athletes: **Ron Giesin** (bowling), **Caroline King** (indoor track), and **Mark Burchhardt** (wrestling). 🏆

153 S-G students participate in PTA Reflections; 37 go to the regionals

The PTA Reflections contest to recognize achievement in visual arts, literature and photography attracted 153 Scotia-Glenville students this year. Last year, 62 S-G students participated.

The students listed below participated in the regional competition through the New York State PTA. The names are listed in first, second and third place order.

Glendaal

Literature:

Shelby Bryson, grade 3
Parker Wright, grade 5
Mitchell Forshey, grade 5

Visual Arts:

Jason O'Connor, grade 3
Matthew Kalasinski, grade 1
Elainah Connolly, grade 5

Glen-Worden

Literature:

Michael Caccavale, grade 5

Visual Arts:

Ashlyn Aragosa, grade 5
Meegan Sleeper, grade 4
Dylan Vititow, grade 3

Photography:

Kelsey Bleser-Martin, grade 2

Lincoln

Literature:

Connor Yerman, grade 5
Emma Lydon, grade 3
Ian Hunter, grade 5

Visual Arts:

Bryce Austin, grade 2
Stratton Yerman, grade 1
Madeline Johnson, grade 3

Sacandaga

Literature:

Corinne Shaffer, grade 3
Chris LaCoss, grade 5
Olivia Delos, grade 5

Visual Arts:

Eva Wu Butler, grade 5
Kelsey Shaffer, grade 2
Shaelei Butler, grade 5

Photography:

Sean O'Connor, grade 3 (two entries: first and second place)

Middle School

Literature:

Kevin Arndt, grade 6
Emily Costopoulos, grade 7
Brianne Fuller, grade 7

Visual Arts:

Cheree Allen, grade 8
Makala Gatta, grade 8
Jennifer Glenn, grade 8

Photography:

Gabby Mason, grade 8
Jess Hohenstein, grade 8 (two entries: second and third place)

High School

Literature:

Laura Ducharme, grade 10

Photography:

Meaghan Blais, grade 10
Lindsey Matthews, grade 12
Kayla Jackson, grade 11

Scotia-Glenville students find success outside of the classroom.



**Scotia-Glenville:
A Tradition of Excellence for more than
50 Years**

S-G PTA Council recognizes 16 community members

The Scotia-Glenville PTA Council recognized 16 community members at its 66th annual Founder's Day dinner.

Each of these honorees (*shown below*) has received a lifetime PTA membership:

Glendaal: **Darrell Doak**, teacher, and **Marty Gilgore**, parent;

Glen-Worden: **Julie Ashcroft**, parent; **Judy Burbank**, parent; and **Joanne Reynolds**, school nurse;

Lincoln: **Kathy Powers**, teacher; **Denise Rudolph**, parent; and **Moira Tashjian**, parent;

Sacandaga: **Mary Pat Burke**, parent, and **Linda Plemenik**, parent;

Middle School: **Jeff Denny**, teacher, and **Diana Myers**, teaching assistant;

High School: **Jill Busman**, secretary, and **Kirk Lewis**, parent; and

PTA Council: **Lyndon Gregory**, teacher, and **Joseph Kavanaugh**, director of curriculum and instruction. 🍷



Fifteen students participate in annual district Spelling Bee

Fifteen elementary and middle school students from the four elementary schools and middle school faced each other in the Scotia-Glenville District Spelling Bee.

They spelled dozens of words from "ornate" to "critical" and everything in between during the hour-long bee. These students participated in the District Spelling Bee:

Glendaal School: **Christopher Pai**, grade 5; **Abby Pietrow**, grade 5; and **Nathan Phillips**, grade 5;

Glen-Worden School: **Jane Ogagan**, grade 4; **Rebecca Kraines**, grade 5; and **Cody Soule**, grade 5;

Lincoln School: **Rebecca Hotte**, grade 4; **Ian Hunter**, grade 5; and **Adin Kovacic**, grade 5;

Sacandaga School: **Tiffany Shave**, grade 4; **Sophia Constantino**, grade 5; and **Shannon Corcoran**, grade 5; and

Middle School: **Michael Bancroft**, grade 7; **Grant Slingerland**, Grade 7; and **Kyle Coombs**, grade 8.

Abby Peitrow and **Kyle Coombs** represented S-G at the Regional Spelling Bee in Albany. 🍷



Helping Hands Senior Citizens' Health and Safety Expo

Friday, April 28 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Glenville Senior Center

Visit displays relating to home safety, nutrition, fitness and much more that were created by S-G High School students. Enjoy free refreshments and a chance to win many great free raffle prizes.

Sponsored by Scotia-Glenville High School GIVE program through the State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Initiative. Questions? Call Bruce Kohout at S-G HS 386-4357

Thanks go to dozens who contribute to purchase piano for Middle School

Dozens of community members and businesses contributed to a fundraiser by the Friends of Music to buy a piano for the Middle School auditorium. The 1981 Kawai piano (*at right*) cost under \$10,000 and is in new condition.

The piano was first used during the grade 6 choral concert in late January. These names were included in concert programs this winter and spring:

Lid Contributors \$500-\$999

1st National Bank of Scotia
S-G Drama Club in Memory of Frank Ciniglia 🍷

Pedal Contributors \$250-\$499

Danny and Herb Penske
David and Anne Sterman
Scott and Coleen Stevens 🍷

Hammer Contributors \$100-\$249

The Acropolis
Anonymous donation in memory of Carl Steubing
Baptist Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Jim and Sandra Buhrmaster
Buhrmaster Energy Group
Dr. David Civale
Darryl and Rita Drew
Gordon and Susan Fitting
James and Flora Lovell
Rotary Club of Scotia
John and Diane VanDenburgh 🍷

Strings Contributors \$25-\$99

Beaton family
Curt and Tracy Beck
Jim and Laura Bishop in honor of Rachael Bishop for the occasion of her graduation in 2008.
Peter and Kathleen Boyd
Dorcas and Wes Caswell
Susan Champlin
Andrey Chouffi
Chow family
Jane and David Coppola
Andrew and Nancy Crapo
The Crosby Family in memory of Shawna Davenport
Anne and David Dutelle, family
First New York Federal Credit Union
George and Marie Giokas
Germain-Nagle Family
Peter and Joanne Griffin
Clifford and Adrienne Hall
Richard and Kathy Hoskinson
Bill and Wendy Liebl
J. Briggs McAndrews
Mohawk Valley Carpets
Morin family
Terry Paulson in memory of Carl Steubing
The Brass and Woodwind Shop
The Fucillo family
Terry and Anne Phillips in honor of Heather Brown
Greg Phillips and Courtney Phillips for the occasion of their being Choralaires.
Jim and Susanne Phillips
The Preisinger family

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Riccobono
Maria Rotolo
Sam and Kathy Salamone
S-G HS National Honor Society in honor of all NHS members past and present
Scotia-Glenville Teachers' Association
The Shank Family in memory of Anthony Cioccke
Robert Smith family
John and Lorna Snapp
Diana and George Sogioian
State Farm Insurance – Chuck Palmer Agency
The Skibinski family
Jeff and Cindy Taft
Therrien family
Wentworth family
Winkler family 🍷

Keys Contributors/Other

Paul and Lorraine Bailey in memory of Mary Armstrong
Jackie and Larry Borne
Coderre family
Wanda Colyer
David Gallop
The Holub-McCann family in memory of June C. Godfrey
The Karr family
Tom and Gayle McLaughlin
Mrozinski family
The Rizzo family
The Roberts family
Darlene and Matthew Rodd
Chelsey Wentworth in honor of Karen Wentworth for the occasion of her birthday. 🍷



Memories of Scotia... 1,000s of miles from home



Above, Capt. **Patrick Flynn**, 29, of Stockbridge, Mass. noticed this Iraqi boy wearing a bright red Sacandaga School dragon shirt while he patrolled the streets of Mosul, about 250 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq. Flynn's family lived on Sanders Avenue, Scotia, from 1986-89. He attended grades 3 to 6 at Sacandaga. Flynn was a 2002 graduate of West Point (128th in his class) and is a platoon commander in the 172nd Stryker Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment.

Grants, donations bring programs and equipment to S-G

Scotia-Glenville has received several grants and donations in the past few months:

▶ **Inneke Carmola was named a Dunkin' Donuts Player of the Week and featured on NewsChannel 13.**

Dunkin Donuts will make a \$500 contribution to S-G's athletic fund.

▶ Through a grant, the GE Volunteers Sharing the Gold program **purchased a restored projector for the Middle School planetarium.** Hundreds of students will benefit from hands-on astronomy. Randy Jenkins, academic head for science; Dr. Julie Teetsov, formerly of GE Global Research; and Dr. Sameh Salem of GE Energy worked on the project.

▶ The New York State Department of Labor donated **117 Windows computers and 15 monitors** to the district. They are about four years old and will be used in teacher classrooms.

▶ Cornell Cooperative Extension has provided for the **Scotia-Glenville Family Room** at Lincoln Elementary in January. The room, typically open from 9-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, is a resource for pre-school parents. Kris Gregory from the Cornell Cooperative Extension staffs the program. She can be reached at 588-9653.

▶ The high school has received a **\$500 grant from the Sean Patrick French Memorial Fund** that will be used to defray supply costs of the annual HS Health Fair (\$50) and the PTSA's After Prom Party (\$450).

This is the third year teacher that Marilyn Johnson has received a grant from the fund. ♪



Achieving Fairness: Reassessment in Scotia and Glenville

The reassessment timetable

Reassessing property in a community is a lengthy process that actually began last summer:

▶ Around **May 1**, the town will mail *revised* notices to those who had informally "challenged" their assessment during the last two weeks of March.

▶ The Board of Assessment Review for the town will begin hearing formal grievances to assessments on **May 23**. Again, homeowners should be prepared to offer evidence as to why their assessment is unfair. The board will mail its decisions to homeowners in June.

▶ The final assessment roll must be in place by **July 1, 2006**. School tax bills due in **September 2006** will be the first affected by the new assessments. ♪

Scotia and Glenville reassessment in the final stretch, from page 1

quick rise in home prices which began in 2001 in the Glenville area.

"Glenville has always been a residential community that is very attractive for people looking for homes," said Rosalie Fahey, Glenville town assessor. "Over the past decade, more and more people have discovered Scotia and Glenville are great places to live and raise a family."

Most of the town is zoned for homes. In fact, Fahey noted that there are 11,594 properties in Scotia and Glenville. Of those, 9,796 are residential (84%), 1,002 are vacant, 413 are commercial, 21 are farms and 20 are industrial. The rest would be non-taxable properties like churches and schools and property for utilities.

During the two-week informal assessment challenge period in March with Appraisal Consulting Inc. in Rochester, Fahey said about 2,300 propertyowners – 20 percent of the total – sought to discuss their proposed new assessments.

"Some people were upset but others just needed information," said Fahey. "They needed to better understand how the company and town arrived at the new assessment."

Those who requested an informal review of their assessments will receive notices around May 1 reflecting any assessment adjustments.

If homeowners are still dissatisfied, they can request a formal hearing before the town Board of Assessment Review beginning May 23. The board will consider appeals during May and June. To appeal before the board, homeowners need form RP-524 available at the New York State Office of Real Property Services website or the town assessor. Homeowners are *not required* to attend the meeting but the form must be filed with the town assessor by May 23.

The tax rolls must be finalized by July 1. The first tax bills that would be affected by the new assessments are for school taxes in September.

There will be more information about assessments and taxes in the Tartan Report budget newsletter to be mailed to the community in early May. ♪

S-G Recognitions

A small sampling of the many wonderful things happening among the students and staff in your school district.



These students were named to the second quarter Students of the Quarter at the high school for 2005-06:

| Subject | Name | Class Year |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| GOAL (Alternative Ed.) | Paul Mosier | 2009 |
| Art | Kaila Wieszchowski | 2007 |
| Business Education | Lindsay Samela | 2006 |
| English | Sam Wengrovius | 2006 |
| Family and Consumer Sciences | Briana Todd | 2006 |
| Foreign languages | Erinn Kehoe | 2007 |
| Health | Rachael Bishop | 2008 |
| Mathematics | Maggie Busman | 2006 |
| Music | Ryan Glynn | 2008 |
| Physical Education | Katie DeVantier | 2008 |
| Science | Anne Marsh | 2007 |
| Social Studies | Amanda Adams | 2007 |
| Technology | Dan Wawrzyniak | 2007 |
| Vocational Technology | Adam DeHart | 2006 |



Several Scotia-Glenville students were selected to perform in the Suburban Council High School Music Festival in February.

These students participated in the Suburban Council High School Music Festival at East Greenbush High School. Students from 13 school districts were chosen to perform.

High school choral students included: **Michael Camelo, Ryan Glynn, Stacie Marre, Sara Miltano, Lynn Mrozinski, Peter Muller, Anthony Riggi, Melanie Shank, Rebecca White** and **Christina Vanderwerken**.

High school orchestra students included: **Meghan Adams, Megan Comins, Nicole Houst, Annie Marsh, Elisabeth Preisinger** and **Kelly Trepess**.

High school band students included: **Rachel Bishop, Megan Coryer, Gregory DeJulio** and **Erinn Kehoe**.

The Middle School Jazz Band included: **Evan Long**.



High School social studies teacher **Louis Schiavone** has received the 2006 **Bertha Brimmer Medal** awarded from the **University at Albany Alumni Association**. He will be recognized June 2 at the Desmond Hotel in Colonie.

The award honors graduates for excellence in teaching K-12 and dedication to their profession. Schiavone is a 1975 and 1977 graduate of the University at Albany.

Dozens of students from Scotia-Glenville's four elementary schools will be published in *A Celebration of Young Poets*, an anthology of student work published by Creative Communications Inc. of Utah.

All are students in **Maria Maynard's** academic enrichment program. The students to be published are:

Glendaal School: Matt Ardell, grade 5; **Ty Burton**, grade 5; **Elainah Connelly**, grade 5; **Lizzy Gallagher**, grade 5; **Miranda Gilgore**, grade 5; **Mike Rice**, grade 5; and **Claire Schmitz**, grade 4.

Glen-Worden School: Adele Borbee, grade 5; **Maxine Culhane**, grade 5; **Kim Denny**, grade 4; **Anthony Mazzucco**, grade 5; **Meegan Sleeper**, grade 4; and **Katie Vandenburg**, grade 5.

Lincoln School: Jared Bovard, grade 4; **Rachel Hotte**, grade 4; **Ian Hunter**, grade 5; **Adin Kovacic**, grade 5; **Sabrina Lang**, grade 5; **Drake Rudolph**, grade 4; and **Connor Yerman**, grade 5.

Sacandaga School: Olivia Delos, grade 5; **Cecilia Hyland**, grade 5; **Chris LaCross**, grade 5; **Kathryn Martin**, grade 5; **Nick McCloskey**, grade 5; **Dan Ominiski**, grade 4; **Amy Smith**, grade 4; and **Ally Wheelock**, grade 5.



More than \$1,700 was raised for Scotia Relief during a charity basketball game March 24 between middle school and high school faculty and radio station WVCR, 88.3 FM radio, from Siena College. WVCR won by one point.

In addition, the Middle School Student Council added \$300 to the donation for a total of \$2,000.

Scotia Relief is a "neighbor helping neighbor" program that provides food vouchers at the holidays and offers emergency help for families living within the Scotia-Glenville School District boundaries.



Seniors **Inneke Carmola** and **Greg Fuchs** were recently honored with Leadership Awards by the Capital Zone of the NYS Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (APHERD).

AHPERD honored 60 high school seniors - one male and one female - from 30 area school districts at the 8th annual Secondary Leadership Awards. Students were recognized for their leadership, scholarship, athletic ability and community service. ❁

Board of Education crafts budget, from page 1

“We are very proud of this proposal because it will give students the tools they need to succeed in the classroom every day,” said Superintendent Susan Swartz.

On Feb. 27, Swartz presented a \$42.1 million budget to the Board of Education. Since that time, reductions were made and estimated costs for the coming year in health insurance, utilities and other areas were revised.

The budget includes these initiatives:

- ▶ **Full-time reading teacher** to be shared between Glendaal and Glen-Worden. Lincoln and Sacandaga have two reading teachers each; Glendaal and Glen-Worden have one teacher each. This position would be funded by a grant.
- ▶ **Extension of gifted and talented education** programs in grades 4-8;
- ▶ **A teaching assistant to support the four elementary library computer labs;**
- ▶ **Every-day foreign language instruction in grade 7.** Grade 7 students now take language classes every other day. Future plans would extend every day instruction to grade 8 the following year.
- ▶ **Reconfigure instruction for high school students in the alternative education GOAL program;**
- ▶ **Continued support for the replacement of older computers, monitors and printers;**
- ▶ **Extension of in-house special education programs for students in kindergarten, grade 8 and at the high school.** These programs allow Scotia-Glenville stu-

Scotia-Glenville's Calendar of Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Wednesday, May 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006-07 budget hearing, 7 p.m., Middle School • PTA Council's Meet the Board of Education Candidates' Night, 7:30 p.m., MS ▶ Monday, May 8 Board of Education meeting, Sacandaga School ▶ Friday, May 12 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL, grades 6-12 ▶ Tuesday, May 16 Voting from 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. at the Senior High School gym on the 2006-07 budget, \$274,847 bus purchase proposal and candidates for two Board of Education seats | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Monday, May 22 Board of Education meeting, Middle School ▶ Monday, May 29 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day holiday ▶ Wednesday, June 7 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL, Report Card preparation, grades K-5 ▶ Monday, June 12 Board of Education meeting, Senior High School ▶ Thursday, June 22 Last day of school, all students ▶ Saturday, June 24 - 9:30 a.m. Class of 2006 graduation, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady |
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All Board of Education meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held at the District Office unless otherwise noted. The District Office is located at the end of Lark Street in the village of Scotia. Please call 382-1215 if you have any questions about time or locations.

dents to remain in their home district instead of being sent to outside private or BOCES programs. The programs are also less expensive when offered at S-G.

- ▶ **Increase in spending for field trips, supplies, staff development and summer curriculum work.** These areas were cut a few years ago.

More details about the budget will be included in the Tartan Report district newsletter being mailed in early May. ☺

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