

RESULTS
ANONYMOUS VOTER EXIT SURVEY
May 17, 2011

There were 1250 people who participated in the 2011 Voter Exit Survey.

There were 755 people who participated in the 2010 Voter Exit Survey.

There were 800 people who participated in the 2009 Voter Exit Survey.

There were 391 people who participated in the 2008 Voter Exit Survey.

There were 671 people who participated in the 2007 Voter Exit Survey.

1. How did you vote and why?

575 (46.0%) I voted **YES** because:

(2010) 548 (72.6%) I voted **YES** because:
 (2009) 538 (67.3%) I voted **YES** because:
 (2008) 243 (62.2%) I voted **YES** because:
 (2007) 485 (72.3%) I voted **YES** because:

656 (52.5%) I voted **NO** because:

174 (23.0%) I voted **NO** because:
 233 (29.1%) I voted **NO** because:
 107 (27.4%) I voted **NO** because:
 166 (24.7%) I voted **NO** because:

244 (19.5%) The projected tax increase is reasonable
 (42.4%) of yes surveys checked reasonable tax increase

(2010) 284 (37.6%) The projected tax increase is reasonable
 (2009) 246 (30.8%) The projected tax increase is reasonable
 (2008) 109 (27.9%) The projected tax increase is reasonable
 (2007) 215 (34.0%) The projected tax increase is reasonable

160 (12.8%) The projected tax increase is unreasonable.
 (24.4%) of no surveys checked unreasonable tax increase.

70 (9.3%) The projected tax increase is unreasonable.
 128 (16.0%) The projected tax increase is unreasonable.
 52 (13.3%) The projected tax increase is unreasonable.
 88 (13.1%) The projected tax increase is unreasonable.

418 (33.4%) To maintain the academic programs.
 (63.7%) of yes surveys checked maintain academic program

(2010) 345 (45.7%) It will improve the quality of ed. at ICC.
 (2009) 394 (49.3%) It will improve the quality of ed. at ICC.
 (2008) 184 (47.1%) It will improve the quality of ed. at ICC.
 (2007) 357 (53.2%) It will improve the quality of ed. at ICC.

123 (9.8%) I want to support it, but I cannot afford it.
 (24.4%) of no surveys checked support it, but I cannot afford it.

77 (10.2%) I want to support it, but I cannot afford it.
 94 (11.8%) I want to support it, but I cannot afford it.
 49 (12.5%) I want to support it, but I cannot afford it.
 65 (9.7%) I want to support it, but I cannot afford it.

99 (7.9%) Other _____

(2010) 42 (5.3%) Other _____
 (2009) 42 (5.3%) Other _____
 (2008) 24 (6.1%) Other _____
 (2007) 58 (8.6%) Other _____

403 (32.2%) Other _____

33 (4.1%) Other _____
 33 (4.1%) Other _____
 24 (6.1%) Other _____
 37 (5.5%) Other _____

Interesting Facts:

Of the 1250 surveys, 409 (32.7%) had a *negative* football comment on them.

Breakdown:

47 out of 575 (8.2%) of yes vote surveys had a *negative* football comment on them.

362 out of 656 (55.2%) of no vote surveys had a *negative* football comment on them.

2. New York State's financial crisis has caused schools to prioritize programs/services. Please rank the following in order of importance with 1 being the highest priority:

Small class size	2.95	(3011/1022)
Core curriculum	1.64	(1676/1021)
Full day kindergarten	3.66	(3555/970)
Fine and Performing Arts	4.11	(3984/969)
Student Athletic Programs	4.64	(4431/955)
AP & College Credit as HS Electives	3.50	(3507/1002)
Other	3.07**	(141/46)**

Ranking:

#1.	Core curriculum	1.64
#2.	Small class size	2.95
#3.	AP & College Credit as HS Electives	3.50
#4	Full day kindergarten	3.66
#5	Fine and Performing Arts	4.11
#6	Student Athletic Programs	4.64

3. Check all that apply:

318 (25.4%)	No children
442 (35.4%)	Child attending ICC
140 (11.2%)	Grandchild attending ICC
93 (7.4%)	Child younger than school age
41 (3.3%)	Grandchild younger than school age
36 (2.9%)	Child attending Parochial/Private School
11 (0.9%)	Grandchild attending Parochial/Private School
299 (23.9%)	Child age 19+
27 (2.2%)	Grandchild age 19+

Prior years results:

(2010)	215 (28.5%)	No children	34 (4.5%)	Child(ren) younger than school age	275 (36.4%)	Child(ren) attending ICC
(2009)	219 (27.4%)	No children	50 (6.3%)	Child(ren) younger than school age	278 (34.8%)	Child(ren) attending ICC
(2008)	104 (26.6%)	No children	23 (5.9%)	Child(ren) younger than school age	167 (42.7%)	Child(ren) attending ICC
(2007)	164 (24.4%)	No children	58 (8.7%)	Preschool age child(ren)	304 (45.3%)	Child(ren) attending ICC
(2010)	243 (32.2%)	Child(ren) age 19+		13 (1.7%)	Child(ren) attend Parochial/private School	
(2009)	286 (35.8%)	Child(ren) age 19+		11 (1.4%)	Child(ren) attend Parochial/private School	
(2008)	119 (30.4%)	Child(ren) age 19+		10 (2.6%)	Child(ren) attend Parochial/private School	
(2007)	204 (30.4%)	Child(ren) age 19+		14 (2.1%)	Child(ren) attend Parochial/private School	

Voted yes:

- Voted yes, but do not like how the football was added in at the last minute. Not against football, but would have liked a heads up first
- If this is voted down, please restructure the football program – perception hurt, but the kids deserve a chance to participate
- Football issue not explained well enough to general public. Most people voting no because of this. Need better communication – not last minute.
- The proposed merger with Schodack should be guided by what is best for the students in both districts. \$ should not be the driving factor.
- We need full day kindergarten
- I attended ICC myself and am very pleased w/ the education my children have received/receiving. My children are well rounded due to the academics, sports and arts as well as other electives.
- Full day kindergarten & smaller classes (esp in grade school) are extremely important. We need to give our children a good start in in order to have a strong foundation to build on.
- I feel there should be a decrease in pay for a new Superintendent – our enrollment is less and fewer buildings- I think it was good to close the 2 buildings due to enrollment
- I am very saddened that our community as a whole is willing to sacrifice the well being of our children for the sake of a political statement
- Very disappointed that football was even included in budget
- Cut from the top not the kids
- Fine job done by administration reducing cost. More can & needs to be done – not by cuts, by foresite & courage.
- Taxes are still too high & it needs to be addressed
- I was disappointed to see football become the critics' punching bag. You all are doing the best you can with limited resources
- Keep all avenues open. Revenue/Expenses
- I almost voted NO due to failure of NYS to support education.
- Full time kindergarten is a priority for me, but for the children in school & to enter school, many of the other items are even more important, mainly the arts and class sizes.
- Great job!! Thank you for all your hard work!
- I attended many of the budget meetings and was so pleased with the cooperation of the board and community. It seemed like everyone knew they couldn't have it all and were willing to compromise for the good of the kids. I thought we finally had a board without personal agendas unfortunately the addition of football at the last minute proved otherwise. I would not vote against the budget because of that but it was a very poor decision on the boards part.
- Please retain full day kindergarten and academic programs in case of a revote.
- A tough budget but fair. I hope the anti-football zealots do not ruin things for everyone.
- I feel the board did not give us a choice on the football program. We would be forced to vote the budget down in order to voice our opinion on football – shoved it down our throats.
- Son attended ICC & will soon graduate from CGCC w/ 3.0+ GPA and then St. Rose all thanks to the fine education & sports at ICC, thanks

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- I voted yes because I could not do anything to hurt education or a child. However, I do not agree with the way football was handled.
- Please look at retiree health insurance. Its not mandated in labor agreements, less costly plans are available for retirees
- Schools provide for the children, you don't supply children for the school. Every child should be afforded every reasonable opportunity
- We need to reduce the # of raises Teachers get and have them pay more for the benefits they take into retirement.
- The cost of football is minimal looking at the over all budget. Football is good for the children that are involved. By keeping there grades up and being part of a team. When they might not play any other sport or do any other extra activities
- Why aren't school taxes funded by a sales tax or some other way instead of just land taxes
- Great job on crafting a budget to has equality for all levels of a well-rounded education
- Thanks for all of your efforts - I commend the Board. These are hard times
- My daughter (ICC) is moving here this Fall. 2nd and 3rd graders entering ICC. Hope they have as good education that they have received in old district (Rhinebeck)
- It was a great process – thanks for being so transparent
- While I feel that the Board tried to limit spending the inclusion at the last minute for football was deceptive and I felt conflicted. Academics must take priority over athletics. I am a former teacher, coach and athlete. Funding for school budgets should be based on income tax not property values.
- Get out of Colonial Conference
- Thank you for the opportunity to vote on football
- The cut if needed should be in football not basic education
- It's most important that the budget is communicated more transparently than it has been.
- Revisions to the budget need to be made! Athletics are clearly important but no more important than AP classes class size, arts or kindergarten. Keep pushing for as much equality within the budget as possible. The students need it.
- Not thrilled with the way the football was added but like to see sports for all kids.
- Kudos to Board, Lee Bordick & Administration
- The Board initial handled this difficult budget very well. Open meetings, listened to public, laid out all options. Its' disappointing that this effort was marred by the last minute decision to add football without every mentioning it (unreadable), or without offering (unreadable) (unreadable)/options and then voting.
- I voted yes for fear of losing more if the budget fails. Do not think that this is any way in support of the last minute effort to keep football in the budget when it should not have even been a discussion in this financial climate.
- Growing up in this community I was lucky and appreciated the programs that the budget helped provide. Looking back I can see the guidance and help they offered me and can only hope that for the future.
- It would be fair if football was, at least for a time, privately funded by team parents and ticket sale. As ICC (unreadable) its football program, academics suffer and teachers – too many – are laid off. Football should be treated like teachers. L.I.F.O.!

- The Board should be commended for a job well done! It is sad the media brought such negative publicity to the board and budget due to the inclusion of football. As an ICC Alum, it is necessary to have sports because it teaches our students life skills that are not taught in a classroom environment.
- Keep up the good work
- Can football!!-It's an expensive sort. More interested in maintaining music and arts.
- Thank you for trying to maintain program in the district!
- Sorry teachers could not have been more helpful and have not taking wage increase in 2011-2-12. They should have agreed to pay freeze.
- I think the way football was added was wrong but the overall budget came out much better than expected thanks to Lee Bordick and his staff. I (we) appreciate all his hard work.
- Almost voted no due to football-being added based on board decision-only- not right!
- I attended all of the initial forum meetings. I was not pleased by the way funding for football was added at the last minute. It was announced that only bowling and JV tennis were being cut from the Athletic Programs-there was not mention that additional funding for football might also be added at the end of April. This should have been clearly announced so that the citizenry could have input into that decision-it was as if this funding was slid in behind the taxpayers backs and the taxpayers wouldn't notice-as if the taxpayers were fools-that is why the taxpayers had such an outcry. It should have been clearly stated beforehand in the Forum meeting that in addition to cutting the 2 aforementioned sports programs, additional funding for football was also being considered to be added to the budget.
- Football maybe a wonderful addition BUT the way adding football to the budget was WRONG. All people have had input and the Board should have considered their views.
- Good job organizing vote and getting the word out to vote YES!
- It is important to negotiate a contract with teachers that includes teachers paying towards health care and their retirement. Payroll/teachers are the largest expense take from them. NOT THE KIDS!
- Although, I voted yes the football decision was a difficult sell. I understand that it could allow opportunity to children who haven't had it, but why now. When the budget passes this will require explanation.
- Should not put football into budget when you are laying off people. Stupid
- You did a great job with the budget in a hard year
- Thank you
- Thank you
- Football issue was a concern but it didn't stop me from voting "yes". But please – Board – learn from this situation & don't do it again! (Personally, I don't support football)
- Keep the Arts!
- Board members should resign-most are not in it for the kids. The meetings showed how out of touch with the district the board members are.
- I hope our budget passes. We need positive change in NYS so we don't drive more citizens away from our State.

- This board should be ashamed of itself and its behavior. What it has done in dividing a community that has worked together for the better of our children is criminal. I wish I could vote them all out! In the end the students are more important.
- The teachers contracts existing laws are the obvious cause of high taxes. It's time for them to step up as everyone else, especially in private industry have done and share more of their expenses.
- The Board should have been more vocal with regard to why football was a last minute add-n. All we heard was the opposition. Come out to tell people why you did it & they are more likely to support it.
- I am appalled at the sturm & drang over the inclusion of football funding in the budget. The dollar amount is so infinitesimal and number of student athletes that would benefit is so great as to render the debate laughable – and petty. But of greater concern to me is the restructuring of the business office and the elimination of the school business administrator position. This is, in my opinion, a false economy that could have a devastating impact on the finances of the district and by extension, on the taxpayers. And most likely, by the time the damage is done and known, the people responsible for it will have moved on. Finally, I would like to see less “packets” and more actual teaching. Having students do packets as a method of learning is like having them teach themselves. There is an old saying, “he who is self-taught has a fool for a teacher.” Please ask all the instructors to earn their wages by teaching to the student, not to the test.
- I am concerned about the future of ICCS. More proactive planning. Computer use & prep for future work placement & work ethic necessary. I feel this school & way behind the times. You should consult with other district to promote & change. It's a shame that a higher # of students attend private schools, yet I can see why. Mediocrity acceptable at ICCS-must change status quo.
- Make sure met AP's and the core curriculum stay strong, or else kids won't be getting into college.
- Don't like the way football snuck through on April 12th.
- I strongly support the Ichabod Crane football Team. I hope to see it kept in the program.
- I think a good job was done considering all the financial parameters!
- It's in my prayers.
- I appreciate the school boards efforts and know your dedication and support for the best possible education based on our finances. Thank you!
- I am fully supportive of the school district and its programs (with or without football). My family moved to Kinderhook because of the school district.
- Consolidate administrator
- Full day kindergarten would have been #1 if I still had kids that age!
- No more layoffs!
- I feel full day kindergarten is essential.
- Remember that a well rounded student is one with academics & sports on a resume for college
- Please don't cancel before and after school care OK Kids!
- Andy Kramarchyk is doing a fine job in tough times.
- To: school board – Thanks for all of your hard work & time spent.

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- Just moved here and I'm impressed with the set up of this school and hopefully the standards of this school rate the set-up - we need good education for the future – NOW!!
- I think sports are very necessary to round out a student.
- Education at Ichabod Carne has always been excellent. I feel the funding for schools should be re-evaluated so that students aren't left in the cross fire. Education should be the priority in our society. Extracurricular programs are essential additional educational opportunities.
- Well thought out budget
- Please do not allow a charter school to lease/buy the Martin buildings!!!
- X teacher – small class size is by far the most important in maintaining quality in education.
- Very disappointed in regard to the Board's handling of the Football issue.
- Good Luck!
- If this budget does not pass, please put up the same budget without football.
- Thank you for the hard work, hard decisions (right or wrong), in hard times.
- The way football was put in was not right (legal but not moral). I felt that when people vote no they (the board) will cut other programs as well as football.
- The cuts to education funding must stop!
- I believe that the board and Superintendent Bordick have presented on excellent budget that will hopefully will help ICC transcend the economic down turn.
- It would be better if you got rid of old grouchy teachers before young energetic ones. Get rid of the Dead Wood!
- Agrees with adding a football program to 50+ students. What an opportunity for them to have.
- I hope the board drafts an addendum to prohibit the behavior exhibited before submitting the budget for an election. I feel the board member who proposed football added to budget resign immediately.
- Maintain AP Programs & Sports
- Disliked the process of including football
- I am in full support of the ICC School Board & the decisions they made concerning this years budget. Try & do all you can to keep the Budget as is if voted down.
- I'm not in favor of football but voted for the budget anyway if the budget fails football is the reason.
- I voted yes but I do not like the way the football budget was included. It should have been separated and it will probably cause the budget to fall. The board acted very very stupid on this one concerning football.
- A no vote would only hurt the children.
- I feel that this budget is responsive to the opinion presented by the community.
- We need to maintain a balanced program including academics, arts, music & sports. The governor balanced his budget by forcing tax increases at the local level.
- Keep up the good work of keeping expenses down.
- When cuts come they should be applied as equally as possible across the board.
- The district did an excellent job of maintaining programs without sacrificing fiscal responsibility.
- Yes to Football in the budget.

- Well run public information sessions – Really disappointing to see \$ money for football added so late in the process. The District simply can not afford this sport now. – Great job pushing through closing of Elementary Schools. Sports and music/art are essential to a well rounded learning experience.
- This school district is falling behind the times – without sports, our arts, and a good core program ICC will fall off the map. These kids are the future-lets invest.
- I am extremely disappointed as to how the current Board handled the addition of the football after the community forums were held. Had that group come forward sooner like during the evening when all other sports groups spoke and made their concerns hear, then maybe the board would have heard and seen what the community wants. I voted for this budget because I believe it's what's best for our children and their education. I fear a no vote – would do more damage.
- In these hard times I find it to be a very poor decision to include football. With people in the district losing jobs, this is irresponsible. If I thought football would have been 1st cut, I would have noted No.
- Hope you all know what you are doing? Voted yes, but I am apprehensive.
- I work diligently to have a very commendable and model open process – rather than vote down a budget for the sake of that item - \$15,000-\$30,000-my vote was against the Board member who engaged in that conduct.
- I am very disappointed in the handling of the football program. We were left with no choice but to support a poor budget and the inclusion of football or risk more, larger major cuts. Teacher positions should have been saved before football was even a consideration. Shameful!
- Taxes to high for senior citizens
- I would have approved a higher tax increase
- The BOE meeting that added football to the budget changed my opinion on certain members of the board (the ones that voted to add football to the budget). Education should come first. Teachers and teachers' aids are part of education. I think after seeing how the BOE process works (especially the meeting where football was added) it is time for some new members. Education comes first!!!
- I appreciate all of the open dialogue that led to this budget. I feel the addition of football should not have torn this community apart. It was used as an excuse.
- I cannot vote no on this budget, but I am very disheartened by the addition of football to the budget presented to the board. What a dis-service to the superintendent and community.
- Need to look at consolidation of programs/merger with other school on some?
- I think the Board has done a great job. Personally, I support the football activity as part of the school athletic program in general. I only comment about that as it seems to be divisive. I have never seen it other than as part of the general school athletic program in any other area.
- Public forums great! Not enough into about what would happen if budget defeated.
- Didn't like football "added" in the end. Not done well – but voted yes anyway. Thank you for the community forums.
- Academics should have priority over sports!!!
- Taxes are still too high & it needs to be addressed

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- Thanks for all your hard work putting this budget together.
- I went to Ichabod and my brother is here now and I hate opportunities I had not have for him.
- Thank you to all who work on the budget!!
- I feel the controversy over the football issue has been blown out of proportion. Yes, it could have been handled better but I believe this board does have the best interest of our students at heart and has worked very hard to maintain all possible programs during a very difficult fiscal year. Thank you.
- Good luck!
- If people voted no strictly based on football, they should be ashamed of themselves for being ignorant and uneducated about the budget and the budget process.
- Go ICC
- Hope it passes.
- Keep the football important!
- I have never considered so strongly before voting down a budget. I am disappointed.
- I voted yes, but I don't agree with the process the football program was included.
- There were not write-in instructions. The board did not act appropriately by adding football. Need to recruit more board candidates.
- I felt there was excellent commun(?) during public meetings with community but the way football was introduced into budget undermined all the hard work that was done previously. If the budget is voted down I feel it is a direct result of having football included in budget.
- Very disappointed in the fact that football was thrown into school budget in these times of fiscal priorities.
- I was very unhappy with football being added to the budget of the last minute.
- Stop crying about football! World has more problems.
- Football should not have been added to budget!
- Should have voted no because of how board was so sneaky and low by adding football at end. Very sly and sneaky – not the way to support students – we need more teacher support rather than sports.
- Not pleased with the secretive decisions being made on the school board.
- I am opposed to football, but voted yes because education is too important. I think it's disgraceful however that students will be crammed into Primary and Middle School. They need more space for special area teachers and extra services.
- Voted yes but unhappy about football program being added in economic climate.
- It is a disgrace that football is in this budget. It is a terrible betrayal to all who value learning. Shame on you!!
- I hope the public will see the bigger picture. My children had an excellent well rounded education here at ICC. I don't want to see that compromised. The forums were an excellent opportunity to voice public opinions and passions. The budget was fair. The addition of football compromised all the other decisions to be honest and act fairly.
- I always support the ICC board and it's budget because I believe they work hard to balance all of the issues. However, the football write in at the last minute was VERY DISAPPOINTING!! Any money is better spent towards academics and this was a very sneaky last minute move despite all of the community forums. I supported the budget

because I thought that the alternative would be worse. This in no way endorses the board's bad judgement. If the budget is voted down, it will be a sad and tough reminder to the board.

- I voted yes but the way the board added football is a shame and I attended EVERY forum night and was assured it was not part of the budget. Mr. Bordick stated, "Without our integrity, we have nothing". Well board you split a district and a community. Thank you. I am not against football in the least, it is good for the students and community spirit. This fiscal state that many districts are facing has forced many cuts but additions? This was not the right time.
- Shame on the board for throwing things into the budget at the last minute and blind siding the superintendent as well as the public. The forums were a great thing and created an honest and open opinion for all and that is how it should have been done for everything. Programs can be lost due to the way things were done. Jobs needed to be saved and teachers needed to be considered. Students are our upmost consideration and our board lost sight of that.
- I think what the board approved at the last minute is just what the voters are against in America. The untrustworthiness of public officials! The Board should be ashamed and humbled by the public outcry at the elitist attitude by passing an athletic program that benefits few students and cost the taxpayers in the future. The current Board President has displayed gross lack of leadership, insensitivity to the taxpayers, along with the others who supported football in the budget. I voted for the budget NOT because of football but because contingency budgets are often far worse.
- I feel the board and superintendent did a wonderful job with the budget overall. I attended all budget meetings except for two and when it was disclosed that football had been added into the budget. I felt that it should have been discussed with the public is everything else was to gather info about the public opinion. The fact that it was not, especially in light of how "open and transparent" all other items appeared to be gives the impression of a hidden agenda. I am personally opposed to the football program mainly due to the potential impact on the health of the athletes (that of repeated concussions). First and foremost, the school has a responsibility to protect the health and well being of it's students. Thanks for providing the opportunity to provide feedback.
- I feel the football is not a necessary item at this time with the economic issues at hand. I was close to voting no and made my final decision in the booth.
- The board worked very hard- Thank you. Poor judgement to add last minute line item. Fiscal times really doesn't afford us adding programs to our budget, no less in the manner that football was added.
- I am displeased with the inclusion of the football program into the budget but voted "yes" to the budget. Would have liked the opportunity to vote on football program separately.
- I would have voted for a much higher increase to save jobs. Teachers should have taken pay cut to save jobs!
- After attending the community forums, I was very disappointed that football was added at the final meeting. I do not agree with that decision but the children should not suffer for the mistake.
- I don't like the idea of football being added at the last minute. You would have gotten more yes votes if football wasn't in the budget.
- Thank you for asking. Thank for maintaining such an excellent program.

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- Keep up the good work.
- As a former teacher I know the importance of a yes on the budget. However, I do know that many administrative costs can be cut more.
- Keep Academics #1!
- Process with forums was great but the 11th hour add of football was bad process. My votes for candidates reflected my feelings.
- \$ should be put in challenging academic programs not football.
- I believe the tax levy should have been put up a bit higher the first time (perhaps 4.5%) and this would give room to move if it went down. This district rarely votes a budget down twice!! Strategy**
- All listed above are important.
- Even though my own children graduated in the 1970s, I always support the budget. As gov't spending goes, school budgets are relatively efficient.

Voted no:

- Lower my school taxes and stop paying teachers such high salary's and benefits!!!
- Transportation for extracurricular and the (unreadable) of the activities should be incurred by the parents of those who participate.
- Taxes are going up every year no matter what the economy looks like.
- The Interim Supt was subjected to way too much pressure at the budget hearing final mtg. No one S/B treated that way – we're lucky to have such a knowledgeable & experienced person in the operation. "Emphasize academics!!"
- The addition of money for a football team, & an inferior one at that, was a slap in the face to all taxpayers but especially to senior citizens on a fixed income. I did not vote for any board member who wanted the increase
- Football. Don't want to fund it. Not for or against it; however, feel there are "hidden costs" associated with the football program. Field maintenance, ambulance standby, security, etc. etc. Would have liked to have seen the real cost.
- Very poor attention to curriculum need to run a tighter administrative budget. Low standards in this system relative to the amount of \$ you spend.
- Oppose football. The tax increase is modest.
- We feel tricked by how football funding was done. It was NOT supposed to be funded by the district. ICC is too small a school for football.
- Teacher salaries need to be looked at. No football.
- I have voted in over 20 school budget votes. This is the first time I have ever voted no. I'm voting no because the process for arriving at a budget people could accept was abandoned at the last minute, when it was too late for people to have a say. If football is removed, I will vote yes.

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- Years ago it was promised that football would NEVER cost any money. This is just the beginning. You should be ashamed.
- I will not vote for any current board members on the ballot. Take out football – I will vote yes then.
- Shame on the Board for adding football into an otherwise OK budget. Chandler, Kramarchyk and Narramore should be “tarred and feathered.” They destroyed the trust that had been built up by the Board’s hard work. * Thank you Rose, Neufield and Welcome*
- Football should not be in the budget! Get an honest board who listens to the people. You should not be closing both elementary school, and then put football in the budget.
- Academics must be our priority in tough financial times. Reading First!
- The current Board is corrupt & crooked the football issue was obviously something Board members who personally benefited from wanted. I have no trust or faith in the board & feel if this issue was so badly handled & showed the corrupt nature of the board Pres. & Chandler who is a lying puppet what else is the public being lied to about? Beyond football the increase is above the average in NY & above Chatham so obviously you people think the taxpayers are rich. Screw ICC & the board.
- Thank you for your hard work & dedication but voted no on football
- Re-submit budget after public apology and I will vote to approve.
- Concern over honesty and openness within this schoolboard
- No football
- Funds for education of our students not extracurricular
- No football No lights!
- I have never before voted “no” on any school budget. I do so now because I do not wish this district to be burdened with football at the expense of academics
- 1 child in 4th grade 1 child in 10th
- Not that sports is not good but I feel that as public school the job is to give a good general education and let college play it’s roll in their faculty, and start running the district as we all have to run our households.
- Education should come first not a sports program funded by an already over taxed and over burdened community
- Don’t ask for everyone’s opinion and then do whatever you want anyway.
- Without football, I would vote yes
- I am against the football program! I feel after attending the budget workshops that by putting it in after the fact was bad and it needs to be removed! School yes – football no!
- Football was sneaky! I am completely disheartened by the ICC school board 5!
- Flex teacher head count to declining enrollment, reopen teacher contracts, taxes are forcing people from NY
- Cut expense we can not afford extras
- The board was very very dishonest at the 11th hour how do you trust the people who play us for fools you don’t add more after cut so much! How dare you treat us this way! What a sad sad situation after all the meetings and transparence to pull this 11th hour stuff!!
- The school board was not forthcoming with its intentions to include \$31,000 in the budget for football without open discussion on the matter when it is looking elsewhere to cute programs etc

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- Please resubmit budget excluding football everything else ok
- Community outreach by board was good but football vote was unconsidered and out-of-balance with the times and overall conservative approach. NO FOOTBALL!!!!!!!
- Arts and music are beneficial to all other subjects, especially math + science
- Learning is more important (than football)
- The last minute inclusion of football changed my vote to no. What else is added at last minute & taxpayers are not told. The last survey clearly showed the taxpayer sentiment – no taxpayer funded football. As times are getting worse-next yr. all extra curricular should be pay to play. Seems these parents can find the money for AAU, travel leagues, etc. they can pay for child to participate in school extras. This board is out of touch with real world.
- With the exception of a couple of your “sensible” members, your school board is an absolute embarrassment to the taxpayers of this district. To SNEAK A football rider into a budget without it being discussed in a public forum reeks of an un-democratic process. With the exception of Landra Haber and Susan Ramos, the rest of this board owes the community & the teachers it represents a big apology. Kramerczyk is an absolute joke and should be voted OUT!
- Budget went well until football. Why not just spit in the face of the people losing jobs & saying football is such a little cost why do you poll us at each vote, no is voted & you put it in anyway?!
- I am really angry about the Football! Arts & Music should be equal to sports! An both my daughters in ICC are athletes!
- School taxes are killing us
- I believe this budget was very reactionary and placed a higher priority on athletics than academics. I think the district needs to develop a comprehensive long-range plan including all components of the education system, and prioritize its goals, which should be used in the budget development process.
- US Education needs to maintain itself as the best in the world. Illogical budget proposals & program cuts are suffocating the aforementioned ability.
- ICC wastes too much tax dollars.- I see it! Busing should be privatized . Teachers should be graded on quality of students produced.
- Get rid of some athletics before music and arts get cut! Move back to Patron Council so we don't have to use gas \$ to drive athletes further
- The school lied about putting football in the budget. Self-supporting?? My child attended private Christian school
- I had a child say to me that you will pay for football but they don't get field trips anymore. That came from a middle school student.
- Outing teachers and adding extra-curricular programs just does not make sense. People can not afford their taxes now - & no matter however small the increase is/may.be is already too much. IF the taxes keep increasing I will not be able to afford my (unreadable) payment – very sad!
- My niece and nephew attend ICC, and both are very athletically inclined. However the primary purpose of a school is to educate, and I feel that priority has gotten lost in the discussion for football. When schools close and positions are cut I don't feel squeezing even a small amount of money into a budget for a new program is sound judgment.

- We thank you for the tough decisions you make, please continue with the hard work and pass a responsible budget.
- Closing the two should have been done two years ago.
- Adding football when 3 years ago we were assured this cost would not be part of tax base is unacceptable.
- Taxes are forcing us to move to another state!
- Please put the same budget up for vote without football. I will vote yes.
- Original Budget, although higher than I would like was acceptable. To taxpayer burden for a football program is outrageous & I am ashamed for the Board members who knuckled under.
- We used to have a good school district. Jim Dexter destroyed it. Principals like Tim Farley should be replaced. Tenure for some teachers under Farley should never have gotten tenure.
- Moving from Patroon Conference to Colonial. Not necessary. New Conference is more expensive and travel is ridiculous. Part time AD needs to be removed.
- Put students first-not athletes-schools job to educate not to provide opportunity for sports scholarships!!
- Feel its not the time to fund football. I'm on 55 and haven't had a raise in the past two years any increase is to much. The school should also have to do with less.
- Changing Athletic Conferences without taxpayer or student input. Keeping Theatric Arts in HS with teacher making 95K and begging students to sign up for course. Athletic Director cares about 2 things – making money in retirement – and spending every penny in budget. We need an AD who cares about athletes and community. MS Principal is a phony.
- Should replace the entire board of education. The board could of consolidated last year. In general the board should have term limits so that they represent the entire public and not skewed to the educators.
- I would vote yes if no football! Embarrassing for our community! Too many people losing jobs and we have football in budget. What a shame!!!
- We need to cut more. We should not do what we cannot afford.
- We do not need football at this time when money is so short.
- Re-do propose budget without football & I will vote yes.
- For the first time ever – I cast a vote against the school budget. To include funds for a new (unreadable) item like football – was completely irresponsible – especially in a time of austerity and this comes from someone who has been involved in Athletics for more than 30+ years.
- I feel the board caved to the sports parents. To even consider half day kindergarten and still have sports is shameful.
- Its time to reduce spending & clean out all the supply cabinets.
- I am disgusted with the BOE vote at last minute to include football. I did not vote for John Chandler for his part in this. I will vote yes for budget only if football is removed.
- If budget voted down-be sure to let community know about next vote (no football) before an austerity budget is proposed.

- In general I approve of the education at ICC. My 2 sons graduated from ICC many years ago. This is the first time I have ever voted NO for a budget but I felt I had to this time.
- Wish there was alternative to funding schools than property taxes.
- Athletic programs need to be looked at-3 hours up and back. Think you need to think over what we need not what kids want. We are the parent. Take back being a parent-raise your kids and teach them. Do not expect teachers or other people to do this from day 1.
- No tax increase
- House for sale-due to taxes in NY Pension can't take tax increases
- 5 children: each attended 4 yr Boarding Schools and graduated Harvard/Cornell Universities
- It grieves me as a retired educator to vote for the first time in my life against a school budget. I am furious over the inclusion of a sports program over teacher positions and other parts of the budget that support core curriculum.
- How about eliminating waste, one super for the county.
- The manipulation of the budget-eliminating programs while adding football – was reprehensible. We are not fools and will not tolerate being treated as such. This must never happen again.
- To much (unreadable) for 2 many principals
- This is a great district and community. The board had done exceptional work up until the football add-on. What happened? We did not like it.
- I don't mind the general budget. The process was open and clean until the one meeting when football came in and was added. I am greatly disappointed in the BACK ROOM DEALING.
- I feel the tax increase is reasonable. However to close schools, layoff teachers, increase class size and yet pay for football is unbelievable to me. Academics come first!!
- I think it is unreasonable to provide large amounts of \$\$ for the football program when some of our schools are closing!
- Wage & benefits increases annually are not sustainable. Increase, double the GDP growth rate. Football program an outrage given the dire financial situation for the school & to taxpayers.
- All school budgets are to inflated and you need to cut the waste.
- No need for football!
- Should not have changed budget after community was in favor of original budget. 3.89% Changed to 3.98% flipping numbers???
- Pre K program should not be eliminated. Football should not be in projected budget.
- Offer an extensive Career and Technical Education Program
- Other schools managed to have a 0% increase or less. Cuts made are reasonable, but you shouldn't have put extra items in the budget after the hearings, no matter how small. My children attended Ichabod without all the frills and they are very successful.
- I think sports are great like anything else that is if they are affordable – I voted not because were are supposed to be living in tough times and “if so” many people should not be able to afford anything but the basics “Reading, Writing, Math, ect. I went to this school in the 1970's and we had no where's near what kids seem to have today.

- I am upset that the school board, after much openness and public participation, voted to place the school budget vote in the position of being a referendum on football. Thank you, Mr. Bordick, and the board minority for doing a wonderful job in extremely difficult times.
- Go to 1 bus run one way!
- You need to learn to deal with 0% increase – many of us have had 0% raise in salary over the past couple of years and have had to survive. Sports can be cut – football is totally unreasonable. Save the teachers.
- I feel this is not the time to add football to the program.
- Taxes been raised for the last 7 yrs and it just is out of control
- I would have noted yes if football hadn't been included.
- Football games played by board – BAD move
- Mediocre education at best No Pre-K Staff reductions no field trips that is terrible sharing school nurse administration K-5 discourages parent participation & attendance in the schools Teachers don't stay after on the K-5 level paltry and never changing school menu football is not a priority the BOE was irresponsible in adding football last minute
- This school district is out of control – we need to focus on the basic core curriculum.
- Cost of living is to high now, and the schools want to tax even more. Let, the kids who want these special programs earn it I did car washes, candy sale.
- No one knows the truth behind the figures & the people in charge
- No more taxes !!!! You are driving people out of the state!
- School tax too high – teacher benefits-too high – admin costs – benefits & salaries are too high
- You suck
- Let the parents raise money again if they want football. And save some teachers even if it is one teacher from losing his/her job!
- Think about the kids & not your self's. Give a damn about them and there education
- You took a very transparent budget process and ruined it at the very end!
- Sneaking in the football athletic program legal? Yes - moral – no!! Shame on you!!
- The school board's budget drafting process was very open and good this year, until it was severely marred by the way the football issue has handled. With other programmatic cuts being incorporated this year, the football program should not have been added in at the last minute the way it was. I would support the budget if football was removed. It could be reconsidered next year. This is a difficult decision for me to make, (to vote against the budget), because I do support extra curricular activities and don't feel they should generally have to rely on the students, parents, etc. to fund them, but the process this year for including football was faulty and one I cannot support.
- I would like to transparency when it comes to our special groups budgets, revenue, expenditures (booster, tempo, etc.). Better info on the website. Why can't the athletic director position be a teaching one as well. Save some money.
- Focus on the three R's – not multiculturalism or feelings or sports
- All this \$ and such morans come out? Stop school bus B.S. Single bell system. End inter-school sports

- This budget process started out so well-but for a few members of the board listening to a small vocal group they have de-railed the whole process. Very frustrated and no recourse but to vote no. They have put me in a terrible position of voting down many worthwhile programs. I would write more but pass actions indicate my opinion and the majority opinion means little.
- I wish you would have been open & honest about football. Having it thrown at me at the last minute, after finding out my 5th grader is going to the middle school and my middle schooler will have more kids in his class! I'm very disappointed in the school board.
- Financial crisis is due to mandatory pension/step increases in payment due to unions. That is what's wrong.
- I think the board & administration worked hard to develop a budget that included the public, with opportunity for input. I objected to the manner that football was added, not football itself.
- Reduce bussing – have pickup points – reduce interscholastic sports – have intramural instead – keep MHG and/or MVB open – academics more important than football
- Stop the waste. Cut back on administration. Take back the school, this school is run by the children and some parents.
- I hate to turn the budget into only one issue, but felt that the relatively last minute addition of football created one issue. People who oppose are made to feel guilty since other programs may also be lost. But, if one group can slide a last minute addition through, then in the future other groups will also feel that they can do it also. Until then, I felt process was fair, even with many compromises.
- The school budget should be for education & to prepare children to be contributing adults to society. If parents/children want activities beyond basic education, that is their choice but also their expense not mine.
- Including football as an “included” item, especially during this down economy, is irresponsible. Let the voting taxpayer have it as a separate item to approve or disapprove.
- I think Lee did a good job, to bad football was put into the mix, it could have saved another job for an employee. Times are hard. We don't need this. I would have voted yes but no football.
- Please educate all our children. Football only takes care of a handful of children and promotes bad bullying behavior in those students. No football – Education Jobs First!
- The school board did a dis-service trying to pull an end around with the football program. Bring the budget up again without football & I'll vote yes.
- The board did an excellent job of involving the community & crafted a difficult, but viable budget. They blew it all by including football at the last moment.
- Placing football on budget was a strategy to appease football proponents, get a not vote & end with a contingency budget = the prevented budget-very sly
- I cannot believe the way voter surveys and due process were ignored. Hidden agendas by Chandler, Antaleck and Kramarchyk are inexcusable! They should be forced to resign and be placed by people who will be honest and listen to public sentiment
- If students need “activities” they should be offered positive opportunities for volunteer service. No Football!

- In the past 20 years you have consistently cut funding for languages, arts, music and humanities and teaching staff. Enough! Football is the most expensive & injury sport and THAT! gets put into the budget at the last minute! No Thank you.
- Someone should start thinking about our childrens education!!! \$50,000 to a football program you must be joking.
- School should take notice of 2% cap that is probably coming and act accordingly now
- Football should not be on the budget when people are being let go.
- Cut 10%
- Since your closing 2 schools make them into apartments to make money back, it will cost to something but the return will help our budget (unreadable). Think about it. Its money for our kids-there school
- I believe that the increase in taxes under the circumstances are at a fair rate, but the ideas of letting football become a priority over 33 working families losing their positions outweighs football, the money for the football program is not a priority (unreadable)money (unreadable) save staff positions. Thank you.
- Losing programs which affect our academic program is so unfortunate. Football is a luxury.
- Closing 2 schools – taxes should go down
- A wonderful school district & great staff – Lines of communication need to remain open-good luck to all of you!
- I feel the addition of the football program at the last minute is irresponsible. The 5 board members who voted yes have torn this community apart. Shame on you!
- If football had not been stuck on to railroad us in my opinion. I would have voted YES for the budget.
- I think Superintendent Bordick and the School Board did a great job with the budget. I think the actions of Chandler, Kramarchyk, Narramore and Phillips reprehensible. Good riddance.
- Football should never been put in when it first was 3 or 4 years ago.
- In kindergarten this year my 5 year old learned to qualify items as needs vs wants. I can't justify adding a want, football to the budget at the expense of needs. Remove football from the budget and I will gladly vote "yes" – and donate to football outside of my taxes.
- No football
- I still feel the problem with the Budget is teachers make too much money & the benefits are too good. If that money was cut which makes up for 60%+ of the budget we wouldn't have these problems.
- Drop football will vote yes. Either use money for academics or eliminate \$31,000.
- Want to see, our tax dollars, used more effectively.
- Looked like decent budget but had to vote NO based on principal.
- How dare they throw the football \$ funding into the budget. LAST MINUTE as if we are morans. Football can raise their own funds!
- 2 children graduated from IC – current teacher in another district – community felt "blind sided" by the football being "slipped" into the budget at the "9th hour".
- Without football I would vote yes

- Our graduates are less and less able to write clearly; think critically and perform at (traditional) college standards. Raise standards; cut frills such as extracurricular activities.
- Was unhappy with football – learning is more important – school board is fake.
- Why was football added at the last minute by the school board president?
- Excellent public budget process hat's off.
- Athletic programs should be paid for by the parents who want it!
- No football
- Never voted no before
- Teacher – report cards
- Disappointed in board's waiting for fiscal crisis to address concerns of taxpayers and community basis for support. I would dig DEEP in my pocket to support "voluntary" fiscal program for sports & non-core educational programs of interest to community. But why did you not let US decide which program this should be?
- BOE needs new blood!
- Academics first, sports second.
- NO FOOTBALL! The Board & Mr. Bordick worked hard and were undermined by 5 board members who thought the public was not going to see thru their underhanded unethical workings by adding football.
- Survey should be considered when establishing programs
- I wish I could have voted for the football program. I would have voted against it. I would like more emphasis on the students. The unions should realize we can't keep increasing 4% every year.
- Class sizes/cuts need to happen equally across the district. Academics must be a priority. As a teacher, the last thing I want to do is take away any positive activities for kids, but how do we rationalize adding football after all this time. Drama self-supports, so should football.
- Self fund sports by parents
- Football issue was not well handled
- This survey is deficiently worded. The five members of Board that deceived the public by adding football at last minute only (unreadable) their own interests.
- Unless paper – candidates & board members did not use information from last survey.
- I am very disappointed at the inclusion of football into the budget!! The Booster Club should be funding it and getting \$ help from people who want to contribute. The Board added it in a very underhanded way. That \$ should be used to re-instate the part-time music teacher at the Primary!!
- Think education, before sports!
- I was a teacher & am retired and can't believe the price of education!!!
- Curriculum is sorely lacking. To much emphasis on standard tests.
- I disapprove of the way football was added to the budget after all of the community forums. I support the Booster Club but not football in the budget when we are firing teachers.
- I will vote yes for budget without football
- Lee Bordick did an excellent job communicating status of district and gathering input from community on programs. Every program was well attended & felt they were heard.

After cuts to programs, staff, etc – to add football in and the way it accrued was wrong & showed some board members were really out of touch. Hurts me to vote no-but you need to really hear from people in only way possible. Many thanks to Lee for being here and taking us through this difficult process. I am a huge supporter of sports & arts and all they offer kids-but you can't add in football while cutting teachers, programs and other sports.

- Having football is ridiculous on a tight budget environment-think they read and write and add!
- I don't mind paying more. Must get priorities right. Football comes last.
- The school is not as it once was. It seem's that all we care about is how much people make \$. Were forgetting about what is good for the children.
- I think parents, students, and teachers show band together, protest, and let elected officials know how harmful cuts to education are.
- Get it together/clean up your act
- No football when people are losing jobs, courses cut etc
- I feel football should not receive that much \$ from the school budget
- The Budget Review process with the exception of inserting football at the last minute was conducted in a professional manner.
- Cannot believe lack of boards common sense allowing a sport to included in the budget that HAD NEVER been included before and at the same time lays off employees
- High taxes are draining residents living here for a long time to have to relocate.
- Cut teachers and add football no good
- You need to make the necessary reduction-in your individual incomes/salaries that you expect us (taxpayer) to accept and still maintain the number of teachers, athletics and other extracurricular activities.
- Take football out and you have my vote. Did not like the politics that put it in. Should have been discussed in the rest. Am a community supporter.
- It is outrageous that school board added in the football program at the last minute. The administration should relieve these people of their duties. If the general public ever knew about the waste & mismanagement in this school there would be quite a few people looking for new jobs!
- The write-in process is not well-explained at all, discouraging write-in votes. I think this biased the election unfairly.
- Kudos to Lee Bordick. Very disappointed, that Board succumbed to football request.
- Cut football & lower our taxes!
- This is a great district but we need to prioritize what we need for our children.
- Football should NOT be included in budget.
- Turn off the track lights – save \$\$\$'s have games during the day like before! No football!
- I was very impressed with how open the board & district was in the beginning of this process. I felt like all of a sudden they were very sneaky about football. We cut education & other sports but we can find the \$ for football! How many kids suffer for 50 kids a football team.
- If you take football out of the budget, I will vote YES!
- I really would have like to vote yes.

- I would have easily supported this budget knowing how hard the administration and school board worked on it. However the addition of the football rider when 50 people lost their jobs and pre-K had been cut is inexcusable. Members of the board who proposed and approved it should be ashamed of themselves. They failed us.
- If you take football out of the budget, I will vote yes.
- Instead of firing teachers and then worry about taxpayers monies for food ball field etc. etc.
- No football
- All of my children attended here last of 7 graduated in 2009.
- Keep the arts!
- When my salary keeps up with the cost of living then I will be more supportive of extra activities at the school.
- A breakdown of where every penny is going would be nice, rather than bleeding – heart generalizations about how our kids are losing out. Where is the money going if they are using textbooks 10+ years old? Why can we afford busses and new athletic fields, when we can't expand science and math courses? Can we please focus on teaching the kids?
- Lower costs. Less Administration
- A school board needs to listen to the community.
- I have to cut back because we have lost wages, so should the school board!
- Increase employee contribution – for benefits
- Reduce retirement expenditures – new employees to have a new retirement program (401K program)
- Reduce medical expenditures have employees contribute more to their medical.
- Taxes need not raise. Houses are worth less. We are making less with no raises, increased medical, food, gas. The school (unreadable) concentrate on recommendation #1 (core curriculum)
- The school wastes money. The level of instruction is currently poor.
- Salaries too high.
- Back to basics. Respect for teachers and learning – not sports.
- I'm not sure the board can be trust to Act openly – what is hidden? What deals have been made?
- Have to stop the spending.
- I would be happy to support the budget if the Board had not added football during the budget adoption meeting.
- PS:Last year's survey was very clear and the results were also clear. The board did not listen to the public.
- The last vote was clear re: football. Appreciate boards handwork with a fair budget but feel the addition of the \$31,000 was uncalled for! Use if for academics! Esp. Pre K!
- Administration Budget cut of 10%; far less than program cut of 14%. I guess administration is more important. Football, which benefits only a few students does not deserve money that could be used for academics. What is more important? Tom Saccone – if you want more comments 758-2781
- Pre-k should NOT have been cut. Many parents can't afford an outside Pre-k. The children should not be hindered because of financial reasons. Kindergarten is crucial as children's mind soak up the most info at these young ages. Cutting kindergarten should

not even be an option...ever!!! I can't believe the state workers and private sector workers face pay freezes and benefit cuts yet the ICC admin and teachers offered no concessions. Clearly those employed by ICC don't care about the children or the families.

- BTW- the football team will never be a threat as we don't have proper training facilities or trainers.
- I bought a house in this district in Jan of 2011. I bought a house here because of the education I knew my child would receive at Ichabod. It was heart breaking for me to hear about the financial issues affecting the district and the reality of the education my children may not receive at Ichabod. I think that education is extremely important in any child's life. It is important that we keep excellent teachers and keep classroom numbers down. I have a degree in elementary education. I student taught at Ichabod. I was also an asst. director at nursery school. I just pray there is a way to continue to provide an "Ichabod" education for generations to come!
- I have always voted yes because I think we have a terrific district with people who work really hard. I was offended by the last vote of the board before the budget was adopted. I would have supported adding football if it was discussed in the open. Take it out and discuss it with the community as part of the whole budget and I would vote for it. But I couldn't given the back door process that occurred.
- I think the football idea should have been on a separate proposition. Eliminating a teacher for football is not logical in these austere times.
- At this time, football should not be included in the budget but put on a separate voting proposition. This is the first time I ever voted down a budget.
- No faith. Board of Education over football.
- Not supporting the football.
- The teacher contracts must be controlled, and reduced. The children should come first.
- I appreciate the time and efforts of all involved in this budget process. I realize some expenses are mandated and cannot be changed. However, I could not vote for this budget after the football program was included. I believe it was an unnecessary addition, especially when academic programs are being cut and reduced. Since the Booster Club/donations/concessions can no longer support the football program entirely I believe the expense to the taxpayer will only increase each year. There are other sports, music, and arts programs in which students can participate in order to be a "well-rounded" student. Thank you for your dedication to our school and it's students.
- As a retired educator, I have never voted against a school budget, until today. Why do you bother with exit polls if you ignore the results? Last year's 62% spoke loudly and clearly that football should not be included in the budget, especially in today's economic climate, with positions being eliminated, etc. etc, etc, - you've heard it all before and don't listen.
- I voted against the budget – for the first time in my voting life- because football was added to the budget while deep cuts were being made to the academic program. The mendacity of those officials whose responsibility is to be fair to everyone is intolerable when every family is being asked to make due with less. Adding a non-academic program to the budget at such an economic time is the height of irresponsibility and the very reason why any rational person must vote no. I am deeply concerned for the future of a public institution that caves in so easily and so completely to go narrow a special

interest in a time of scarcity. Shame on the Superintendent and the members of the board who voted to add sports to this (unreadable?) budget. How politically short sighted can you be alienating the core of voters most likely to vote yet?

- I have never voted a school budget down. But I cannot support the addition of football to the athletic schedule in light of cuts in programs, personnel and the elimination of other sports. Another time perhaps, but not the year to add a sport to the school with the Booster Club supporting the players. It appears, from what I read, that they have done their three year commitment – how everyone else can pay. Well if you want to pay for it attending another school.
- I am sorry the board, after fostering so much good will and harmony, voted to include an “end run” expenditure for a sports program that had/has community support but has NEVER been part of our school budget! Mr. Kramarchyk’s comments about “extracting a pound of flesh” on May 17th may prove to be prophetic but was not in good taste. I also read in the Register Star that Mr. Antalek felt that if a second budget vote was necessary, the first thing that would go would be football – if the board thought football would bring down the budget, why include it in the first place? How much is a second vote going to cost? I hope these surveys are read and the voters opinions count for more than lip service on the part of the board. How sad this whole process turned out to be. This is the first time I’ve ever voted no on a budget. I hope the board realizes my vote is not a no vote on football but rather a no vote on what I view as an obnoxious policy violation.
- With such an open process the way Football was added shows a lack of concern for the residents of the community. Obviously, the board did not want to discuss this. Mr. Bordick brought the community together in a fair process and the board threw away all that good will. I am embarrassed that the board did not approve the superintendents budget as presented.
- I am amazed that the Booster Club would be so insensitive to the real needs of children.
- Any new programs which are being added in and will result in increased costs, should be approved specifically by the taxpayers. Football was not and was included at the expense of other existing programs.
- Administrative costs too high. Spend more on teachers and less on administrators.
- I am concerned with the apparent disregard by this board of the tax burden they place upon the homeowner. Administrative costs and salaries are unreasonably high. The imposition of a football program without a vote by the taxpayer and the tactics of “fear” employed by this administration borders on being criminal
- Our school district doesn’t rank in the top for the state yet our increases are more than the best districts. Why? Are we too top heavy in administrative and not enough academics.
- The school budgets should be more explanative and less generalaties. So the community can see where the monies go. We need to stay within budgets like community household.
- Most of budget is okay, cut down on sports, music, extra curricular should be cut.
- Football should not be figured into the budget especially when state funding is being cut and cutbacks in the district are being implemented. How about making a deal with Chatham that interested ICC students could play on their team?
- I DON’T LIKE THE WAY YOU ADDED another sport when we are shutting schools, laying off personnel and upping class size and didn’t listen to anyone by the Booster Club.
- Stick with academics

- I voted no for ICC budget after you included football and laying off teachers and closing two schools.
- I did not feel the district flyers were very specific this year. Previous years they have been great. First time I ever voted NO!
- The thought of including the football teams in the budget after all that has been done...MVB and MHG schools closing; significant staff firings etc. is just ridiculous. ICC has survived a long time w/o football program. I think there are more important needs that should be paid more attention to. Let the Booster Club worry about funding the football program.
- More cuts teachers and adm (too many) can and should pay a portion of retirement and med ins. I've done it for years.
- Keep small classes – the 1-on-1 interaction between teacher and child make important for personal help that causes confidence to make it easier for students to see where their strengths and/or the areas where a large amount of help is needed. Helps their future be a more confident one.
- We can't afford more taxes. School needs to become efficient.
- The district needs to continue with its willingness to listen to the public's concerns as well as exploring more creative budgeting. Please look at eliminating expensive programs that service very few students such as New Visions.
- Remove football so I can vote Yes.
- The process of holding special public meetings on specific topics was a great approach. Too bad the football issue ruined it.
- Teach children to read and write.
- Please concentrate on academics over sports. Shame to cut program.
- Any increase I'm oppose to. Years ago there were 35 – 40 students in a classroom. No aides handling out cupcakes and roll call. Too many people collecting a check off tax payers backs!!!!
- The last minute underhanded way of adding football to the budget was inexcusable. Football may make a few # of students “well-rounded” , but what of all the other students? Does not the “arts” programs make students well-rounded and this benefits more than a few students!!
- School is still about learning as apposed to afterschool programs (sports, etc) teachers jobs should be kept.
- I would have voted yes if the football was included in the budget at the beginning and there could have been discussions at all forums.
- Mr. Bordick – Great job!
- The articulating leader that was voted down not because we didn't want Maint. Dept. to have it, because they didn't need it. We rent it instead at an unreasonable rate. You have other leaders use them and now football. PS. This is probably futile you didn't listen last year
- Sports go to pay to play like many states or do club Re: Northern Columbia Little League
- As a parent that attended every community forum it was disheartening to see the addition of football added at the last hour. I think it's a shame that the superintendents heard work

at balancing this budget may be down the drain because of paying for a program like football. Focus on class sizes!!!

- Use the \$33,000 approved for football for the betterment of all students.
- What a shame about the football issue and with the school closing and teachers being laid off!!
- Football program should raise there own fund like they said they were going to. One bell system – Yes
- ICC has been a good school for the arts. It is a shame that they are being cut in favor of funding football, a decision that was vote in at the last minute. My last child graduates this year, but I am very worried about the younger children that will not have the opportunities that my children had.
- I think filling this out is next to useless since the board seems to ignore the results based on last year's survey.
- For too long schools have run the taxpayers. The worm has turned you. You will have to economize as do all households hereabouts
- Will vote for this budget with football. It sounds like Washington Politics to me!!!!
- Kudos to Mr. Brodrick for listening to the Public. Shame on the Board for Not listening. Why was the Time of the Public when your minds were made up.
- I agree with budget but disagree with the way football was included.
- Didn't appreciate the board including football at the last minute. The issue isn't football itself, it's the principle of it. We're losing 32 jobs, and closed schools but bet we have money for a new program? Doesn't make sense and I've lost faith in the BOE.
- Object to cramming budget changes down public throat after budget approved and in favor of item disapproved by 60+% of public.
- This is the first time I have every voted "No" on a school budget. Thanks to the "Five Yes Men of Ichabod Crane!"
- Education is priority – not addition of new sports program
- General well rounded education is of primary importance.

There was a year when I filled out the exit poll after the budget vote, and said I'd voted "Yes" because I felt the board had made a number of wise decisions, and I trusted your judgement.

Not any more.

This is not about hating football. My family has been a supporter of the Booster Club, and done our bit to fund the football team.

That said, when you are going to tell 32 people they no longer have a job, it is the wrong time to ADD football. When you are shutting 2 buildings, but with no definite plan for what will become of them, it is the wrong time to ADD football.

If the team will be receiving zero dollars through the school budget, then you've hurt their chances of raising it through the Booster Club, because the perception is that we are paying for them with tax dollars.

If the team is receiving money, then the lapse of judgement is simply incomprehensible. We had all managed to work together and support the team through tougher times. Why now? Did I mention that 32 people no longer have jobs? Are you really that hard hearted?

I had been an advocate of the school board as we went through the budget process. The series of meetings, allowing the public to voice their concerns and their fears were wonderful. And I was actually under the impression the public had been heard, and their voice meant something.

What I see now is that, to some degree, the public was heard, but I get the impression there was a pet project, and it got shoehorned in. That makes me think all I have to do is have a cozy relationship with a board member, and I can get whatever I want, public opinion and common sense be damned.

Is that what happened? Does it matter? It's the perception.

Did I vote "Yes" this year? No, I did not. And I made my school board votes reflect my reason why. If your profile in The Columbia Paper outlined coaching as pretty much your only connection to school administration, then you did not get my vote.

I can only hope this budget gets voted down. And I say that as someone with a child in the system. I want the football team out of the budget. Make that one, single change, and I will support a budget that, in all other respects, seems well thought out, even though it contains some difficult changes..

And every time you try to tell yourselves this is about people hating football, remind yourself that a voter said, "No, that is not it. Again, we supported the team." It is about choosing to add it the same year we are facing possibly the hardest decisions of the district's history, and firing 32 people. It may or may not be a money mistake, but it is absolutely a political mistake. It is not the year to add anything.

Right up to the end (nearly) this budget process was something that our district could be very proud of. Thanks to the guidance and intelligence of Mr. Bordick, the public was able to provide their input – feeling that what they wanted and needed for their children’s education was heard. This actually started last year with the exit poll at the last budget vote – football was not something that should be in the budget. Through the process of this year’s budget formation, we (the public) felt our voiced opinion that this was not the time to introduce football into an already extremely tight budget was being addressed. I was proud to have attended some of the forums and be part of that process, as was everyone who participated.

Imagine our surprise when at the very last moment certain board members (and you know who you are) decided to vote to sneak football in the budget. And you know what – it could have been anything that was being added in this extremely sleazy manner – and the public would still be outraged. You deliberately acted in a underhanded manner - please don’t insult our intelligence and say that it was not carefully orchestrated by a few members of the public and a particular few members of the board. Were you that unsure of the inclusion of football in the budget that you couldn’t bring it up at the forums?

By doing what you did and how you did it Mr. Kramarchyk, Mr. Chandler and those others of you on the board who went along with this, you undermined everything that so many worked so hard to achieve. A budget, that despite the fact it may not have been absolutely perfect, was something that our community could go along with – something that was acceptable in these difficult financial times.

If this budget is defeated today and more is lost to our school district by way of other cuts when the revised budget comes along– YOU have only yourselves to blame. SHAME ON YOU!

To those members of the board who stood up for the process and the community and voted NO – thank you! I appreciate your integrity.