

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

MAY 13, 2014

MINUTES

The ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING of the Ichabod Crane Central School Board of Education was held on TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014, at the Ichabod Crane High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

All Board members present:

Kyle Aschenbrenner

John Chandler

Tricia Gerkman

Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth

Bruce Naramore

Jeffrey Ouellette

Susan Ramos

Cheryl Trefzger

Anthony Welcome

School Officials present:

Superintendent George Zini, Business Manager Michael Brennan, High School Principal and Chairman of the Vote William Schneider, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Welcome at 7:01 p.m.

Board President Anthony Welcome announced the fire exits and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Vice-President John Chandler read the District Mission Statement:

"The Ichabod Crane Central School District is dedicated to preparing students to become contributing members of society in an ever-changing world by valuing diversity; providing a safe environment; and promoting unique talents, a desire for life-long learning, a strong spirit of community, and Rider pride."

Meeting Open For Public Discussion On Budget Topics Only

No one wished to address the Board.

MOTION CHANDLER 2ND RAMOS

To dispense with the reading of the Annual Notice, which was available for inspection from the District Clerk

Carried, 6-0

Chairman Schneider announced the time and place for voting as follows: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 between the hours of 8 a.m. & 9 p.m. in the High School Auditorium, Valatie, New York

Chairman Schneider read the Qualification of Voters as follows:

1. A citizen of the United States
2. 18 years of age or older
3. A resident of the Ichabod Crane School District for at least thirty (30) days prior to the election
4. Voter registration is required for all residents of the district.

Chairman Schneider read the names of the Election Officials as follows:

Inspectors:

Shirley McThenia (Chief Inspector), Arlene Oldrich, Maureen Bonacker, Gail Foster, Bev Hamecher, Patricia McDermott, Lisa Schmitt, Nancy Connors, Michele Webb and Angelique Hebert

Alternate: Mindy Potts

Assistant Clerks:

Mary Geiger, Penny Gutto, Pat Catalina, Pamela Ward, Marilyn Ryan, Kara Udway, Rebecca Fingar, Mary Eckle, MaryKay Pawlows, Tami Myers, Mike Udway and Mary Sager

Alternates: Mena Mazure and Mindy Potts

Chairman Schneider announced that three (3) vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education. The vacancies are for three-year terms as the terms of Susan Ramos, Cheryl Trefzger, and John Chandler will expire June 30, 2014. The District Clerk has received petitions from the following for nomination to the Board of Education: Susan Ramos, Cheryl Trefzger, and John Chandler

Chairman Schneider presented the following Propositions:

PROPOSITION #1 – BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of \$35,782,506 during the school year 2014-2015 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

PROPOSITION #2 – BUS PURCHASE

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to (1) acquire five (5) SCHOOL BUSES, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$372,500; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy of the necessary tax therefore (and to pay interest thereon), to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issuance of bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$372,500?

PROPOSITION #3 – CAPITAL PROJECT

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) construct additions to and reconstruct various School District buildings, including site work, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used and pay incidental costs related thereto at a maximum cost of \$2,385,000; (2) expend \$900,000 of fund balance to pay a portion of the costs of such project; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and the amount expended from fund balance; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,485,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #4 – STUDENT MEMBER ON THE BOARD

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York have an ex-officio student member, who shall be a student attending Ichabod Crane High School, which student member shall be entitled to sit with Board members at and participate in all public Board meetings and hearings, but shall not be (1) allowed to vote or attend executive sessions of the Board, and (2) entitled to receive compensation in any form for participating at Board meetings?

PROPOSITION #5 – VOTER REGISTRAION

Shall the Kinderhook Central School District provide for the registration of voters from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on school days at the Office of the District Clerk in the Central Office of the School District?

Presentation of 2014-2015 School Budget Proposal

Brief Explanation – George Zini, Superintendent

Chairman Bill Schneider declared the hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

Documents available for public inspection:
(Please See District Clerk)

2014-2015 General Fund Budget Document

Includes:

- Appropriations Budget
- Revenue Budget
- Complete Budget Summary
- Three Component Budget (Admin/Program/Capital)
- Property Tax Report Card
- Salary Disclosure Information For Superintendent
- School District Report Card
- Tax Exemption Impact Report

2012-2013 AUDIT REPORT

Executive Session

MOTION NARAMORE 2ND ASCHENBRENNER

To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law immediately following the conclusion of the "Meet the Candidates Night," which was scheduled to begin immediately.

Carried, 9-0

Board President Anthony Welcome volunteered to serve as Clerk Pro Tem. There was no dissention from the rest of the Board.

The "Meet the Candidates Night" was held and concluded at 8:15.

The Board adjourned to executive session.

The District Clerk left the meeting.

Others present in Executive Session: Superintendent George Zini and Business Manager Michael Brennan

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION CHANDLER 2ND TREFZGER

To adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Carried, 9-0

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Anthony Welcome
Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts
District Clerk