

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

ANNUAL ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE  
2022-2023 Budget  
May 17, 2022

MINUTES

The election of members of the Board of Education and the vote upon appropriating the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures and the vote upon all propositions involving the expenditures of money, or authorizing the levy of taxes, took place at the Ichabod Crane High School Gymnasium, Valatie, NY between the hours of 8AM and 9PM.

The Annual Budget Hearing took place on May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library prior to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Registered voters in the district were deciding on the following:

Candidates for the Board of Education:

Three vacancies: As the terms of Matthew Nelson, Elizabeth Phillips and Jeffrey Ouellette are expiring on June 30, 2022, candidates will fill seats beginning July 1, 2022 until expiring on June 30, 2025. The District Clerk received petitions from the following for nomination to the Board of Education:

- William Schneider
- Pat Shuler
- Matthew Nelson
- Jim Antalek
- Meghan Lafferty-Brown
- Elizabeth Phillips
- Thomas Driscoll

PROPOSITION #1 – BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District be authorized to expend the total amount of \$46,676,359 during the school year 2022-2023 and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

PROPOSITION #2 – BUS PURCHASE

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District be authorized to: (a) acquire three (3) 72-passenger school buses and one (1) 29-passenger school bus, at a cost not to exceed \$456,173 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (b) expend such sum for such purpose; (c) 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, trade-in value and rebates; and (d) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes and/or installment purchase contracts of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$443,926, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #3 - STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Shall the board of education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District allow a high school student to serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board subject to the requirements of the Education Law?

Chairman Mindy Potts checked the roll of election officials supplied by the Columbia County Board of Elections and found the following present:

Primary Inspectors:

Lewis Hotaling, Bernadette Torre, Laura Griffin and Larry Waite

Clerical Inspectors:

Pat DiGrigoli, Susan Hotaling, Linda Vinchiarello, Theresa Lux, Nina Kahn, Ann Engel

The Primary Election Inspectors and the Chairman inspected the voting machines and determined the machines currently had a zero count. The Clerical Election inspectors and the Chairman inspected and accounted for the ballots available for the public. The District Clerk issued the oath of office to the election inspectors.

The polls were declared open by the Chairman at 8AM.

At 9PM the doors to the gymnasium were closed; however, those who were still in line were allowed to vote. After determining that all present in the room had recorded their votes, the Chairman declared the polls closed.

The Inspectors of Election and the Chairman canvassed the vote and reported the following results:

TOTAL NUMBER OF MACHINE VOTES RECORDED: 1656  
TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED BY MACHINE: 92  
TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS REQUIRING HAND COUNTING: 32

Total Votes Cast: 1780

NOMINEES FOR THREE (3) BOARD POSITIONS:

	Total Votes
William Schneider	611
Pat Shuler	564
Matthew Nelson	935
Jim Antalek	377
Meghan Lafferty-Brown	698
Elizabeth Phillips	899
Thomas Driscoll	581

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TOTALS

Candidate  
William Graziano

Number of votes  
1

Pete Mullins	1
Patsy Leader	2
Jeffrey Ouellette	1
Kevin Knapp	1
Remi Gaylord	1
Jerome Callahan	1
Gabe Kelly	1
Bill Schneider	1
Tim Balon	2
Pat Schuler	1
Elizabeth Phillips	1
Willy Nelson	1
Penny Ungewitter	1
Lynda Araoz	1
Carlos Araoz	1
Andrew Scharoun	1
Michelle Kopec	1
Paxton Ouellette	1
Quinn Murphy	1

Proposition #1 : Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year ( \$46,693,075) PASSED

Yes: 1155

No: 597

Proposition #2 : Bus Purchases ( school buses at a cost of \$443,926 ) PASSED

Yes: 1182

No: 560

Proposition #3: Student Board Member (non-voting) PASSED

YES: 1416

NO: 330

Matthew Nelson begins a three-year term (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025)

Elizabeth Phillips begins a three-year term (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025)

Meghan Lafferty-Brown begins a three-year term (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025)

All nine current Board members were present at the end of the vote:

Jennifer Allard  
Kelly Firmbach  
Elizabeth Phillips

Elaine Berlin  
Matthew Nelson  
Anne Schaefer

John Chandler  
Jeffrey Ouellette  
Jared Widjeskog

MOTION FIRMBACH

2<sup>ND</sup> NELSON

To accept the results of the vote as presented by the Chairman

Jennifer Allard - yes  
Kelly Firmbach - yes  
Elizabeth Phillips - yes  
Carried, 9-0

Elaine Berlin - yes  
Matthew Nelson - yes  
Anne Schaefer - yes

John Chandler - yes  
Jeffrey Ouellette - yes  
Jared Widjeskog - yes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk

The following documents were available with the district clerk for public inspection

- Listing of voters receiving absentee ballots
- Legal Notice
- 2022-2023 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 Administration
    - School District Report Card
    - Tax Exemption Impact Report
- 2020-2021 Audit Report