

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

ANNUAL ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE
2023-2024 Budget
May 16, 2023

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 2, 2023 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 Elaine Berlin, John Chandler and Kelly Firmbach are expiring on June 30, 2023, candidates will fill seats beginning July 1, 2023 until expiring on June 30, 2026. The District Clerk received petitions from the following for nomination to the Board of Education:

- Melissa Miller
- John Chandler
- Christopher Scoville
- Megan Pelizza
- Kelly Firmbach

PROPOSITION #1 – BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District be authorized to expend the total amount of \$48,587,624 during the school year 2023-2024 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: (1) acquire school buses, at a cost not to exceed \$545,729 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (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 in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law taking into account state aid and trade-in value; and (4) 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 \$545,729, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

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, MaryAnn Carr-Perez, and Garry Smith

Clerical Inspectors:

Susan Hotaling, Linda Vinchiarello, Theresa Lux, Ann Engel and Dell Potts

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: 1128

TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED BY MACHINE: 72

TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS REQUIRING HAND COUNTING: 4

Total Votes Cast: 1204

NOMINEES FOR THREE (3) BOARD POSITIONS:

	Total Votes
Melissa Miller	524
John Chandler	503
Christopher Scoville	537
Megan Pelizza	567
Kelly Firmbach	752

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TOTALS

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>
Richard Anderson	1
Marcia Anderson	1
Patsy Leader	2
Jeffrey Ouellette	3
Dave Valentine	1
Remi Gaylord	1
John Chandler	2
Melissa Miller	1
Kelly Firmbach	1

Proposition #1 : Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year (\$48,587,624) PASSED

Yes: 771

No: 424

Proposition #2 : Bus Purchases (school buses at a cost of \$545,729) PASSED

Yes: 780

No: 411

Christopher Scoville begins a three-year term (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026)

Megan Pelizza begins a three-year term (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026)

Kelly Firmbach begins a three-year term (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026)

Eight current Board members were present at the end of the vote:

Jennifer Allard

Elaine Berlin

John Chandler

Kelly Firmbach

Matthew Nelson

Elizabeth Phillips

Anne Schaefer

Jared Widjeskog

Megan Lafferty-Brown was absent/excused from the meeting.

MOTION NELSON

2ND ALLARD

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

Jennifer Allard - yes

Elaine Berlin - yes

John Chandler - yes

Kelly Firmbach - yes

Meghan Lafferty -Brown - absent

Matthew Nelson - yes

Elizabeth Phillips - yes

Anne Schaefer - yes

Jared Widjeskog - yes

Carried, 8-0

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

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
- 2023-2024 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
- 2021-2022 Audit Report