

**MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING IN LIEU OF
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013**

The Budget Hearing in lieu of the Annual School District Meeting was held in the high school auditorium, Holland Patent, New York on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Stanley Harris, Permanent Chairperson, at 6:08 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Evans, Vice President
Traci Boris
Richard Allen

Anne McGahey, President, arrived at 6:15 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Everett Stalker

Others Present: Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools, Nancy Nowicki, Assistant Superintendent; Cheryl Venettozzi, Assistant Superintendent; Russell Stevener, Athletic Director/High School Assistant Principal; Charles Pratt, Middle School Principal; James DeAngelo, Holland Patent Elementary Principal; Kristin Casab, GWF Elementary Principal; Mary Beth Piejko, PPS Director/CSE Chairperson; Chris Roberts, Supervisor of Transportation and Dennis Geer, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds.

Mr. Harris asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Notice of Budget Hearing in Lieu of the Annual Meeting/Annual Election and Budget Vote and Clerk's Proof of Publication, indicating they were available for anyone wishing to see them.

Debbie Finn made the motion, seconded Ron Haier, and unanimously carried, to dispense with the reading of the Notice of Budget Hearing in Lieu of the Annual Meeting/Annual Election and Budget Vote and Clerk's Proof of Publication.

Mr. Harris asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Budget Hearing held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, indicating they were available for anyone wishing to see them.

Ron Haier made the motion, seconded by Debbie Finn, and unanimously carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Budget Hearing held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

Mr. Harris noted that Karen Evans is running unopposed for the position of Board of Education member.

Karen Evans introduced members of the Board of Education and dispensed with introducing staff members who were present.

Mrs. Evans turned the meeting over to Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Davis provided a short overview of the budget. Mrs. Davis noted the tax levy is at 2% which is below the maximum tax cap. Our budget has increased by 2.4%. The total budget is \$28,513,226. All programs are in place for children. We also have a bus proposition on the ballot. We have a long range replacement plan and these are in line with the plan. We are replacing 1-71 passenger, 1-65 passenger and 1-18 passenger bus at a maximum cost of \$ \$267,411.21, less trade-in value. These are 90% state aided.

Mrs. Davis opened up for a question and answer period.

Mrs. Finn asked if staff retirements are being replaced or eliminated?

Mrs. Davis responded that we are replacing staff members who are retiring as well as adding a technology trainer and technology teacher. This will free time up for the music staff to move into the retirement position. We are also adding a .5 guidance position devoted to juniors.

Mrs. Finn also asked what are the 1.5 tech positions?

Mrs. Davis explained that the positions will help put more technology back at the elementary level to work with students on keyboarding skills and software use. The trainer will work with staff and administration in training on new software packages. We will need the assistance since the PARCC assessments will be in place. We will be looking to move the extra curricular music offerings back to after school as scheduled in the past. These positions are stipends and outside of the school day.

Mrs. Davis turned the meeting back over to Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris asked if there was any new business to bring before the board.

Since there were no further questions or new business to be discussed, Mr. Harris asked for a motion to recess the meeting. Ron Haier made a motion to recess the meeting, seconded by Debbie Finn and unanimously carried.

Mr. Harris announced that the Budget Vote would take place at the High School Gymnasium on May 21, 2013 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. The budget, 1 proposition and election of one board member are on the ballot.

Meeting was recessed at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Marie E. Perry
District Clerk