

**ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL
ADIRONDACK HIGH SCHOOL
BOONVILLE, NY 13309**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET – May 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
John Abdo, President Richard Gallo, Vice President Sandra Beasock Mark Emery Michael Kramer Doug Muha	Edward Niznik, Superintendent Sharon Cihocki, School Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Heidi Smith, HS Principal; Dan Roberts, Asst. HS Principal; Jill Schafer, WL Principal; Wendy Foye, FPT Principal/Director of CSE; Wendy Keehfus-Jones, BE Principal; Jill Will, MS Principal; Cynthia Lauzon, Athletic Director; Cameron Teachout, Director of Facilities III; Brian Maneen, Transportation Supervisor; Marie Yager, Steven Banko, Roy Johnson, Marianne Johnson, Bruce Brach, Mary Healt, Joseph Healt
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED</u> Almanda Sturtevant	

At 6:00 p.m. Board President, John Abdo called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded; carried 6-0; to go into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel. Mr. Niznik was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.

Board members returned from executive session at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Kramer seconded, carried 6-0; to go to regular session.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Michelle Freeman, District Clerk/Chairperson of the School Budget Vote.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Freeman read the Notice of the District Annual Budget Hearing/Vote and the Qualifications of Voters.

Budget Presentation:

Mr. Niznik gave an overview of the proposed 2019-20 Budget that will be voted on May 21, 2019. His power point included information on educational initiatives, budget considerations, enrollment trend and projected enrollment for the 2019-20 school year, budget reductions, revenue, proposed budget and tax levy history.

Mr. Niznik also went over the Three-Part Budget which includes program, capital and administrative. The total budget is \$28,931,250 which is an increase of \$580,297 from last year's budget.

There are three board seats up for election and there are four candidates, Mr. Emery, Mr. Muha, Mrs. Beasock and Mr. Bruce Brach. Each seat is for a 3-year term and will commence at the July Re-Organizational meeting.

Questions/Comments:

Mr. Brach – asked on the administrative portion of the budget regarding legal services. Mrs. Cihocki explained the cost is split between Administrative and Program. Mr. Brach asked about expanding college courses, how are they determined? Mr. Niznik stated courses are based on student interest, MVCC reaches out and teachers try to bring courses students show interest in. Mr. Brach suggested polling recent graduates on what they wished they were offered when they were in high school. On Pre-K and kindergarten Mr. Brach asked what data is looked at. Mrs. Cihocki explained through School Tools census, Live Birth Data trends and the Department of Health. Mr. Brach asked what would happen if budget was voted down and went to austerity budget? Mrs. Cihocki replied the district would go without new buses, equipment and the capital outlay project.

Mr. Johnson – asked if staff that is being cut are all from Forestport? Mr. Niznik replied no, cuts are based on seniority. Two elementary teachers are from West Leyden Elementary, part-time PE teacher and cleaner are from Forestport Elementary, the part-time secretary is from Boonville Elementary and part-time food service helper is from the high school. Mr. Johnson also asked about appraisals for Forestport building. Mrs. Cihocki stated two appraisals are being done. The Board would then probably contact a realtor.

Mr. Healt – asked about the portion of the budget regarding the library, materials and supplies for Forestport; and additional money allocated to Boonville because of the Forestport students.

On motion by Marie Yager, seconded by Mr. Kramer; the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to the Regular meeting immediately following.

Michelle Freeman, District Clerk