

UNADILLA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING HELD ON
MAY 12, 2014 IN THE LIBRARY

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The Annual Budget Hearing was called to order by Superintendent Robert J. Mackey at 6:37 p.m. following the regular meeting business.

Call to
Order

MEMBERS PRESENT:

S. Cooper, J. Elliott, T. Emrich, J. Gray, V. Gregory, W. King, Sr., & K. Rumovicz

ALSO PRESENT:

R. Mackey, Superintendent, F. Johnson, Secondary Principal,
L. Supensky, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, M. Brown, Business
Official, and D. Taylor, District Clerk

VISITORS:

M. Neuland, K. Proskine, D. Dibbell, D. Taranto, L. Tuller, S. Slavicek,
L. Macumber, A. Macumber, R. Potter, H. Edwards, III, K. Murray,
M. Fairchild, L. Fairchild, P. Houghton

PRESENTATION BY SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT J. MACKEY

Superintendent Mackey started the presentation by giving the following basic budget facts:

- ▶ Enrollment is 54% higher for 2013-2014
- ▶ Proposed budget is \$21,073,359 or a 3.8% increase from the current year
- ▶ The property tax levy increase is 1.46%

The public viewed a video presentation of the proposed 2014-2015 budget.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- ▶ What's in it for our kids?
 - ... A Learning Community
 - ... Develop a Passion for Learning
 - ... Sports, Clubs & Extras
- ▶ Has the school been responsible with our money?
 - ... Working with unions and retirees, we have brought the cost of health insurance down for them and for our district.
 - ... Leasing buses will save tax dollars in interest paid and long term maintenance costs.
 - ... Reduce reserve use
 - ... Sharing services with other schools
 - ... Sharing more services with BOCES
 - ... Sharing SRO with the Town of New Berlin
 - ... Student enrollment up 5.4% from 13-14 projections to 14-15 projections.
 - ... Staffing up 4.3% due to mandated staffing requirements for some students.
 - ... Continue to implement CCSS and APPR without increased costs in our budget.
- ▶ CPI trend since 2009 (2.29% - 1.46%)
- ▶ UV tax increase trend since 2009 (our proposed tax increased is .83% under our tax cap this year).
- ▶ Recognized by the State Education Department for successful implementation of CCSS and APPR.
- ▶ Students can access over 90 credit hours of college courses within our classrooms.

Presentation of
2014-2015
Proposed Budget

- ▶ Students can earn or nearly earn a 2-year college degree for under \$3,000.
- ▶ Nearly 20% increase in graduation rate since 2006.
- ▶ Creating college and career ready graduates that can go out and conquer the world.

Presentation
of Proposed
2014-2015
Budget
Continued

Topics discussed following the presentation:

- ▶ D. Dibbell asked for clarification regarding last year's safety proposition and questioned whether the contract for the SRO was intended for one year or would continue. Superintendent Mackey stated that our school attorney wrote the proposition and contract with the understanding that the services of a SRO would continue. Further, since the proposition passed, the amount was added to the levy in 2013.
- ▶ Mr. Mackey noted that college credits for students have expanded which saves a lot of kids money and comes back to you as taxpayers.

NEW BERLIN LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Sue Slavicek, President of the New Berlin Library Board, spoke in behalf of the library's proposition. She provided the following information:

New Berlin
Library/
Mrs. Slavicek

- ▶ Presently there are six employees
- ▶ Library is open six days a week
- ▶ Patrons total 1,623 (126 new)
- ▶ Five computers are available for public use
- ▶ Offers wireless for mobile devices
- ▶ Hosts an enormous amount of groups (Yoga, 4-H, etc.)
- ▶ Member of the Four County Electronic Book Library
- ▶ Library runs on budget of \$89,000; asking for \$4,000 increase (we still do grant writing and fund raising)
- ▶ Library provides free summer entertainment

SOUTH NEW BERLIN FREE LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Lynn Macumber announced that she is the new President of the library and came to the meeting to answer questions. The library is asking for an increase of \$2,495. There were no further questions.

SNB Library/
Mrs. Macumber

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION INTRODUCED

Mr. Mackey introduced Mr. Richard Potter, Mr. Haywood Edwards, III, Mrs. Victoria Gregory and Ms. Kimberly Murray as candidates for the Board of Education. Each candidate gave a personal statement as to the reasons they were running for a seat on the Board of Education.

Board
Candidates
Introduced


ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Mackey thanked everyone for attending and closed the Annual Budget Hearing at 7:10 p.m. He reminded those in attendance that the Budget and Board of Education Vote was scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2014, from 12:00 Noon - 8:00 p.m. in the District Office Lobby.

Annual Budget
Hearing Closed

Respectfully submitted,

By:



Donna Taylor, District Clerk