

UNADILLA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING HELD ON  
MAY 11, 2015 IN THE LIBRARY

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

K. Rumovicz, M. Davis, V. Gregory, K. Murray, and R. Potter

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Emrich and J. Gray

ALSO PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

K. Proskine, M. Neuland, K. Meyers, C. Meade, E. Clum & D. Stensland

The Annual Budget Hearing was called to order by Superintendent Robert J. Mackey at 6:35 p.m. following the regular meeting business.

Call to  
Order

**PRESENTATION BY SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT J. MACKEY**

Budget  
Presentation

Highlights of the budget presentation included the following:

- ▶ The district made its last bond payment in 2014-15 on the capital project that included construction of the current school building.
- ▶ Referred to the Appropriations Summary on page two of the School Budget Newsletter. The bus lease is not a bond payment; it was moved from a bond to a lease based on recommendations from SED and auditors.
- ▶ TRS and ERS have decreased.
- ▶ The tax levy increase is at or below .81 which is half of what the state would have allowed.
- ▶ No positions or existing programs were cut.
- ▶ Contemplating looking at ways to bring special education students home.
- ▶ Last year's budget was based on the enrollment of 847 students. This year's budget is based on enrollment of 814 students.

Question and answer session - topics discussed:

Questions/  
Answers

- ▶ The number of students the current school was built for (1200).
- ▶ Looking at ways to house special education classes and offer services to other districts.
- ▶ Renovation plans discussed for the following: Ag/Tech wing; pool; salt storage/pole barn; & sidewalks.
- ▶ Ag and Tech students currently average 20-25 students and 5-7 engineering students.
- ▶ There are only eight approved Agriculture CTE courses in NYS, with UV offering one of them. We offer a unique program with a quality instructor. College credits are available through CTE and a variety of other courses we offer in our school.
- ▶ Capital Project
  - ... The Community Facilities Committee recommended smaller projects every few years so we can develop a long-term maintenance plan that minimizes impact on budgets and taxes. Committee members have been meeting for more than a year.
  - ... Inherited punch list from 2006.
  - ... Balance of project list - available to the public.
  - ... Renovation and maintenance projects will be contracted out once we have a positive vote and approval of our final plans from SED.
  - ... Plan B if project goes down.

**CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION INTRODUCED**

Mr. Mackey stated that Tammie Emrich, Mark Davis and Carrie Meade were running for a seat on the Board. Due to the absence of Mrs. Emrich, President Kristin Rumovicz read Mrs. Emrich's personal statement as to the reasons she is running for another term. Mr. Davis and Mrs. Meade each gave a personal statement as to the reasons they are running for a seat on the Board of Education.

Board  
Candidates  
Give  
Personal  
Statements

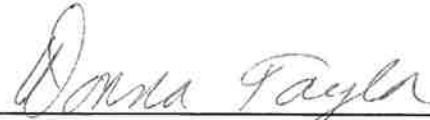
**ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING CLOSED**

Mr. Mackey thanked everyone for attending and closed the Annual Budget Hearing at 7:54 p.m. He reminded those in attendance that the Budget and Board of Education Vote was scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015, from 12:00 Noon - 8:00 p.m. in the District Office Lobby.

Annual Budget  
Hearing Closed

Respectfully submitted,

By:



Donna Taylor, District Clerk