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Budget Hearing Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome – to the budget hearing on the Board of Education’s Proposed Budget for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$16,288,556 being held in the Auditorium on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (Ms. Gill)

- a) Meeting called to order at _____ p.m. (Ms. Gill)
- b) **Pledge to the Flag** (Ms. Gill)
- c) **Introductions – introduce yourself and then the following:** (Ms. Gill)

Board Members

Mrs. Suzanne Hunter-President
Mr. Timothy Davidson – Vice President
Mrs. Emily Chase
Mr. Eric Heath
Mrs. Heather Lavarney
Ms. Christine Lingenfelter
Mr. Christopher Symenow

Superintendent

Mr. Christopher Clapper

School Business Administrator

Mrs. Brianne Durham

District Clerk

Ms. Renee Gill

- d) **Mrs. Suzanne Hunter, Board Member– read aloud the 2023 Budget Hearing Minutes**
(Mrs. Hunter)

May I have a motion to accept the 2023 minutes from the audience?

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Ask for a show of hands to accept.

- e) **Mrs. Suzanne Hunter – read aloud the Legal Notice (purpose) for 2024**

f) **Mrs. Suzanne Hunter** – Mr. Christopher Clapper & Mrs. Brianne Durham will review the proposed 2024-2025 school budget. There will be a question and answer period after the review.

g) **Tenure Appointment**

Motion on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to grant tenure to Robert Fountain III, Secondary Principal, in the area of School District Administrator, effective May 8, 2024.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ ____ yes ____ no

h) **Take Resolution from Table**

Motion to take from the table the resolution relating to the approval and ratification of the Alexandria Central Administrators' Association (ACAA) collective bargaining agreement, dated July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ ____ yes ____ no

i) **Approve and Ratify ACAA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Motion on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve and ratify the Alexandria Central Administrators' Association (ACAA) collective bargaining agreement, dated July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ ____ yes ____ no

j) **Meet the Candidates** – Mr. Timothy Davidson (BOE Incumbent)

k) **Question & Answer Period for Incoming Superintendent** – Mr. Robert Fountain III

l) **Appoint Superintendent**

The Board of Education hereby appoints Robert Fountain as the Superintendent of Schools effective July 2, 2024, and authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute an employment agreement between the District and Mr. Fountain upon the review and approval of the District's school attorney.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ ____ yes ____ no

m) **Adjournment** – May I have a motion from the audience?

Time: _____

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Ask for a show of hands to accept.

Reminder – Voting on the budget will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Room 260. Regular Board Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION
ALEXANDRIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual public hearing of the qualified voters of the Alexandria Central School District, Jefferson County, and Alexandria Bay, New York will be held in the Alexandria Central School Auditorium in said District on May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 7, 2024.

The annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Alexandria Central School, Jefferson County, New York will be held in Room 260 of the School Building located at 34 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria Bay, New York, on May 21, 2024 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballot upon the following items:

1. Shall the Board of Education of the Alexandria Central School District be authorized to adopt the annual budget of the Alexandria Central School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District?
2. Shall the Board of Education of the Alexandria Central School District be authorized to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time, in the principal amount **not to exceed \$300,000**, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and apply a grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of seven-hundred ten thousand dollars together with any other aid received by the District and the proceeds of such bonds, notes, to purchase two student transport vehicles and one passenger vehicle, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, at a cost not to exceed one-million ten-thousand dollars, which is the estimated maximum cost of such vehicles, and levy a tax upon the taxable property of the District to pay principal, in an amount not to exceed three-hundred thousand dollars as indicated above, and interest on such bonds and notes, to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law?
3. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for a term each of three (3) years commencing on July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the school district's budget for 2024-2025 school year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual meeting and election beginning May 7, 2024, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the District Offices, 34 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria Bay, New York. Also, a copy of the district budget may be found on the School District website at www.alexandriacentral.org.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at the District Office, 34 Bolton Avenue, not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

Two (2) Board seats for terms of 3-years (current incumbents are Timothy Davidson and Heather Lavarney) commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters, must state the name and residence of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated. The qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote on the budget and election to provide proof of residency pursuant to Education Law §2018-c. The District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name, and address.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 20, 2024 and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024 if the absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024 will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the 5 business days prior to the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-482-9971 or rgill@acsghosts.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

Renee Gill
School District Clerk

To be published in the Watertown Times and Thousand Islands Sun on: April 4, 2024, April 18, 2024, May 2, 2024, and May 16, 2024.

May 2, 2023

The Budget Hearing of the Alexandria Central School District, held in the auditorium, was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by District Clerk, Ms. Renee Gill.

Those Present: Betty Compeau, Timothy Davidson, Eric Heath, Suzanne Hunter, Heather Lavarney, Christine Lingenfelter.

Those Absent: James VanCour

Others Present: Brianne Kirchoff; School Business Administrator, and Christopher Clapper; Superintendent of Schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introductions

Ms. Renee Gill, District Clerk introduced Board of Education members present, Superintendent, and School Business Administrator.

Appoint Election Inspector

Motion by Compeau, seconded by Lingenfelter, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Teresa Lowe be appointed to serve as election inspector for the annual budget vote and election being held on May 16, 2023.

6 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Minutes of the 2022 Budget Hearing

Mrs. Suzanne Hunter, Board President, presented the minutes of the 2022 Budget Hearing which were provided to all audience members. Motion was given by Richard Campy, seconded by Darin Trickey to approve the minutes of the 2022 Budget Hearing. Motion passed by showing of hands.

Purpose of the 2023 Budget Hearing

The purpose (legal notice) of the 2023 Budget was provided to all audience members and presented by Board of Education President, Suzanne Hunter.

Proposed 2023-2024 Budget Review

Mr. Christopher Clapper, Superintendent, and Brianne Kirchoff, School Business Administrator, showcased improvements done throughout the School in 2022-2023, and reviewed the following sections of the 2023-2024 proposed budget: Administration, Program, Capital, Revenues. Mr. Delmar Lambert, Director of Transportation, as well as representatives from New York Bus Sales, reviewed the plans to purchase electric buses and install charging stations, and answered questions from the audience.

There was a **question and answer session** after the budget presentation.

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Question and Answer Session

Meet the Candidates

Mrs. Suzanne Hunter, Board of Education President, announced the five candidates who are running for the three open Board of Education seats. Candidates are Andrea Adsit, Emily Chase, Betty Compeau (Incumbent), Christine Lingenfelter (Incumbent), and Christopher Symenow. All candidates addressed the audience and introduced themselves.

Reminder – Voting on the budget will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, with polls closing at 8:00 p.m. in Room 260.

Adjournment

Motion by Richard Campany, seconded by Darin Trickey to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. Motion passed by a showing of hands.

District Clerk

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Adjournment