

Type of Meeting: Budget Hearing
Date: May 8, 2012
Place: Middle-High School Cafeteria
Members Present: President Lucinda Sutton, Trustees Michelle Terwilliger, Brian Herrington, Amanda Stuart, and Michael Knapp.
Members Excused: Brian Crane and William Peoples, Jr.
Others: Superintendent Joe DioGuardi, Board Clerk Mary Berkan, Dir. of Curriculum & Instruction William Howe, Supervisor Special Education Tanya Loomis, Elementary principal Deborah Flint, High School Principal Jennifer Crane, Business Administrator Kenneth Forrester and Roger Parulski.
Guests: Joshua Keeney, Alex Price, William Stark, Durland Weale, Justin Coates, T. Fischer, Jake Machuga, B. Baker, Nick Dartt, Nathaniel Tanner, Dustin Mitchell

President Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of allegiance after the emergency procedure was reviewed and everyone welcomed to the meeting.

To Order

President Sutton asked the District Clerk to read the Notice of Meeting and Proposition.

Reading of Legal Notice

President Sutton then asked the representative from the Public Library, Mrs. Karen Parsons, to give her report on the activities, etc. of the library. She reported that they currently have received a grant and this is to be used in the computer area. They have 7 computers for community use and from time to time offer some training through the Southern Tier Library System. She said they are also have 2 handicap stations made available for use as well, They also have made some renovations to the building. The library is continually being used for story hours, summer reading programs, movie nights, etc. and offers computer wireless access available, meeting room available for public use, program STARCAT where people can order materials from any library in the Southern Tier Library System and pick them up at our library, to name a few examples of what the Public Library offers the community.

Public Library Report

At this time, Superintendent DioGuardi presented the 2012-2013 budget for those in attendance. He began by stating that this year the format was submitted a little differently. Due to the continued cut in State Aid many difficult decisions again had to be made. The budget was reviewed line by line and costs were closely examined as usual. However, there is limited or no control over 78 to 80% of the budget because it is made up of payroll, benefits, utilities, etc. Another example of an uncontrolled expense is the amount for the TRS & ERS contributions that are required by the State.

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In conclusion, Mr. DioGuardi said the proposed budget for 2012-13 is \$25,387,202 proposed increase in the property tax levy is 3.3%

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She then stated that the vote is May 15th, 2012 from noon to 8:00 p.m. and one Board member would be elected and the candidates are Michele Terwilliger and William Peoples, Jr. both incumbents

A question and answer period followed Mr. DioGuardi's presentation.

President Sutton thanked the Superintendent and Business Official for their thorough presentation.

At this time, President Sutton read the names of the Election Inspectors for the budget vote May 17, 2011 from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. in the high school gym. President Sutton then adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and asked for a 5 minute recess before going to the regular scheduled Work Session.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary L. Berkan