

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOUVERNEUR NEW YORK 13642
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE

MAY 07, 2018
MAY 15, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING of the qualified voters of the Gouverneur Central School District was called to order by Superintendent Lauren F. French, acting on behalf of Chairman Gale Ferguson who was unable to attend, at 6:30 PM, EDT, at the High School Auditorium, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present: James Delity, Lisa Dunkelberg, David Fenlong, Karen Geer, Lisa McGregor, Nickolas Ormasen, Roland Roderick.

Trustees Absent: Dr. William Cartwright, Ed Siebels

Also Present: Lauren French, Superintendent of Schools; Donna Runner, Assistant Superintendent; Carol LaSala, Business Manager; Steven Coffin, Middle School Principal; Victoria Day, Elementary Principal; Charity Zawatski, Elementary Principal; Robyn Knowlton, CSE/CPSE Chairperson; Harold Simmons, Director of Facilities; Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk.

News Media: Jessyca Cardinell, Gouverneur Tribune Press.

II. DESIGNATION OF INSPECTORS AND OFFICERS OF ELECTION

The following Inspectors and Officers were appointed by the Board of Education at their meeting on April 16, 2018: Chief Inspector Diane Kelley, and Inspector of Election Susan Wangerin. The Assistant Clerk of the Annual District Budget Vote and Election is Tammy J. Kimok.

III. PRESENTATION OF THE 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

Superintendent Lauren F. French shared a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the budget proposal of \$36,676,839.00, an increase over the prior year of just over \$1,749,239, or 5.01% in expenditures, broken down by administrative (\$36,900), program (\$806,400), and capital (\$905,939) components. The proposed tax levy for 2018-19 is \$6,221,928, an increase of \$316,232 or 5.35% over 2017-18. That increase is in compliance in keeping us at or below the tax cap. The funding will be used for the addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO), a second Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSE), a high school special education classroom teacher and aide we are required to have, an LPN, clerical worker, 2 cleaner positions, funding adapted physical education (APE) services through BOCES, replacing all of the retirees, reducing a library aide from 1.0 to 0.5FTE, and transferring \$43,300 to the Capital Fund. Mrs. French shared data compiled on the historic full value tax rates, total general fund expenditures per student spent, and instructional salary and benefits cost per student, Mrs. French then discussed the district's efforts to be cost effective, including energy efficiencies, staff scheduling, the renovation project, transportation routing, a review of software and elimination of duplicate services, a planned replacement cycle for technology, and health insurance plan cost savings in some units. She stated that efforts in long-range planning have contributed to this budget proposal that is fiscally responsible, educationally sound, will support mental health needs, and addresses physical safety needs.

IV. CANDIDATES FOR OPEN BOARD SEATS

Board members whose terms are expiring on June 30, 2018 are Ed Siebels, Lisa Dunkelberg, and Nickolas Ormasen. Petitions have been filed by incumbent Nickolas Ormasen, as well as William Hay, Laura Spicer, Laurie M. Roberts, and John Scordo.

V. COMMENT PERIOD

Superintendent French asked if there were any questions. No questions or comments were offered. She reminded those present that the polls will be open Tuesday, May 15, from 12 PM to 8 PM.

VI. RECESS UNTIL POLLS OPEN ON MAY 15, 2018

There being no further business or discussion, Superintendent Lauren F. French recessed the meeting at 6:41 PM, EDT until the polls open on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Auditorium beginning at 12:00 PM, EDT.

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

VII. OPENING OF THE POLLS

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 12:00 PM, EDT, Chief Election Inspector Diane Kelley, acting on behalf of Chairman Gale Ferguson who was unable to attend, declared the polls open for voting on the Budget, and Election of Trustees. The following were also present: Susan Wangerin, Election Inspector; Tatia Z. Kennedy, Clerk; and Tammy J. Kimok, Assistant Clerk.

VIII. CLOSING OF THE POLLS

After Chief Election Inspector Diane Kelley had ascertained that all who were in the polling place at 8:00 PM, EDT who wanted to vote had done so, she declared the polls closed.

IX. VOTING AND ELECTION RESULTS

After the votes were tallied, Chief Election Inspector Diane Kelley announced the Voting Results as follows:

A. BUDGET PROPOSITION: Authorize the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District to expend for General Fund Appropriations a sum of \$36,676,839.00 and to levy the necessary taxes thereof.

PASSED. YES - 392 NO - 203

B. Election of Board Members:

For three (3) vacancies with terms of three (3) years (7/1/2018 – 6/30/2021) to succeed Ed Siebels, Lisa Dunkelberg, and Nickolas Ormasen, respectively, the three (3) highest vote getters will be elected to the three (3) 3-year terms (top 3 vote getters indicated*):

William Hay	-	<u>255</u>
Laura Spicer	-	<u>375</u>
Nickolas Ormasen	-	<u>377</u>
Laurie M. Roberts	-	<u>451</u>
John Scordo	-	<u>203</u>
Write-in	-	<u>0</u>

Successful candidates: LAURA SPICER, NICKOLAS ORMASEN, LAURIE M. ROBERTS.

C. Voters:

Number of Voters Registered	-	<u>605</u>
Number of Voters Voted	-	<u>605</u>
Number of Blank or Void Votes	-	<u>000</u>

Attachments:

Sample Ballot

Oath of Inspectors

Certificate of Inspectors of Election

Voting Tally

Machine Tapes: open poll; ballots cast; absentee ballots cast/close poll

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, District Clerk Tatia Z. Kennedy declared the Annual Budget Vote and Election of the Residents of the Gouverneur Central School District to be adjourned at 8:25 PM, EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk