UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Highland Central School District
Meeting Minutes
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Board of Education Meeting
4/12/2016 5:00:00 PM
High School Cafeteria

SPECIAL MEETING
5:00 pm Open Meeting

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Attendees - voting members
Alan Barone President
Tom Miller Vice President
Mike Bakatsias Board Member
Sue Gilmore Board Member
Ed Meisel Board Member
Debbie Pagano Board Member
Heather Welch Board Member

Attendees - other
Deborah Haab Superintendent
Lisa Cerniglia District Clerk
Sarah Dudley-Lemek Assistant Superintendent
Louise M Lynch Business Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Board President Alan Barone called meeting to Order at 5:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Attendance:
Dan S. Wetzel, Middle School Principal
Meghan Connors, Middle School Assistant Principal
Joel Freer, Elementary School Principal
Kathleen Sickles, Elementary School Assistant Principal
Carol Potash, Director of Technology
Patrick Boyd, Interim Director of Student Services
Kaitlyn Poluzzi, Student Representative

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
The floor was open for public comments.

- HTA (Highland Teacher's Association) member Steve Masson, Tom Truscello, Kelly Nelson, Heather Bragg, Chris Sgro, Jim Moriarty and Dana McGrath spoke on various educational electives and curricular programs
which have demonstrated a positive educational environment in the school. There were an approximate 61 HTA members that supported their statements and requested the Board of Education to seriously consider proposing a budget that would allow these programs to remain intact.

- Holly Brooker, parent, supported the Board in proposing a school budget to keep the current educational and elective programs in place, even if it would require a 60% majority vote.

III. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

i. Budget Discussion for the 2016-2017 School Year

Business Administrator Louise Lynch and Superintendent Deborah Haab presented three proposed budget scenarios for the 2016-2017 school year.

Scenario 1:
Total Budget: $41,522,885
Budget Increase Percentage: 2.50%
Levy Increase Percentage: 0.59%
True Tax Rate Annual Increase: $100K / $13
                                   $200K / $26
                                   $300K / $39

Scenario 2:
Total Budget: $41,656,096
Budget Increase Percentage: 2.83%
Levy Increase Percentage: 1.77%
True Tax Rate Annual Increase: $100K / $39
                                   $200K / $52
                                   $300K / $65

Scenario 3:
Total Budget: $41,656,096
Budget Increase Percentage: 2.83%
Levy Increase Percentage: 2.00%
True Tax Rate Annual Increase: $100K / $45
                                   $200K / $58
                                   $300K / $71

Further discussion on budget and various budget proposals took place.

Based on the April 22nd deadline for a proposed budget to be in place, Alan Barone requested the Board to share their thoughts on scenario 3 (levy increase of 2% - piercing the tax cap and requiring a majority vote of 60%).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves adopting the General Fund Budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of $41,719,868, as presented at the April 12, 2016 Board of Education Meeting. (Please note this budget amount was rescinded at the April 20th meeting. Budget amount should reflect $41,656,096.).
Roll Call

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Motion carried with a 6-1 vote (Sue Gilmore opposed).

In conclusion, Alan Barone thanked the community, Board members and administrators for their continued support on the budget planning.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The floor was open for public comments.

No comments were made.

V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Heather Welch at 6:25 pm to go into Executive Session; Seconded by Ed Meisel; Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Highland Central School District conduct an Executive Session to discuss the following topics:

* The medical, financial or credit, employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT (7:10 pm)**

Motion made at 7:10 pm by Tom Miller to exit Executive Session and adjourn meeting; Seconded by Ed Meisel. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

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District Clerk