

**Horseheads Central School District
Public Hearing of the Board of Education
Multi-Media Center, High School(South Wing)
May 5, 2016**

- Present:** Boulas, Christiansen, Conklin, Jacobus, Johnson, Lynch, Sadler, Strollo
- Also Present:** Bracy, Buzzetti, Christiansen, Moyer, Patterson, Scaptura, Sotero, Williams
- Absent:** Dale
- Call to Order:** Board President Jim Jacobus called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

Board President's Remarks:

Board President Jim Jacobus welcomed everyone to tonight's Public Hearing of the Proposed 2016-2017 School Budget. Jim stated that School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti will present the Proposed 2016-2017 School Budget first, then there will be an opportunity for the Board to ask questions at the end of the presentation and then the floor will be open to the Public for comments/questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

Introduction of Board Candidates

Board President Jim Jacobus stated voters will elect three candidates to the Board of Education for three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2016. Jim stated there are four candidates running, including Karen Boulas and David Sadler who are running as incumbents and challengers Katina Howard and Daniel Christmas. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Thomas J. Douglas stated that Daniel and Katina were planning to attend; however, Daniel was unable to make it due to a work conflict.

Presentation of the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti presented the Board with the final Proposed 2016-2017 Budget which will go to the voters on Tuesday, May 17th. Katy noted the Budget includes a 0.13% Spending increase and a Tax Levy decrease of -0.05%, which complies with the State Tax Levy Law. It also includes \$830,000+ in Budget Restorations, \$730,000+ in Additions, and Savings in Breakage and Bus Bonding rather than purchasing buses outright. The Budget also reduces the District's reliance on the Fund Balance by nearly 50% and begins to use some of the District's Reserves and enhances the District's educational and operational program. Katy noted that with the Tax Levy decrease of -0.05% this is probably one of the best budgets that the District has been able to put forward in the past ten years, noting that a lot of the Budget Restorations are things that are being put back into the Budget(restoring to the Budget), they are not additions, and also includes additions to the Budget which are really strengthening the educational program that we already have.

Budget Questions/Comments

There were no Questions or Comments.

Adjournment

Moved by Strollo, seconded by Lynch.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education adjourned from its Public Hearing of the Board of Education at 6:07 PM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Boulas

Christiansen

Conklin

Dale

Jacobus

Johnson

Lynch

Sadler

Strollo

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted By:

Candy L. Maine,

Candy L. Maine, District Clerk