

CLYMER CENTRAL SCHOOL

Budget Work Session

H. S. Library

Date: March 21, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM

Call To Order

Pledge to the Flag

Amendments to the Agenda

Superintendent Statement

Public Comment

New Business

Budget Work Session

Adjournment

At the Budget Work Session of the Clymer Central School Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in the High School Library.

Present: Mr. Norman Upperman-absent
Mrs. Amanda Stapels-
Mr. Mike Schenck
Mrs. Willowe Neckers
Mr. Edward Mulkearn

Staff: Mr. Edward Bailey
Ms. Kristin Irwin
Mrs. Louann Bahgat

Guests: Lant Lictus, Carole Siverling, Amy Woods, Jordan Patterson-Post Journal

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Call to Order

Mr. Schenck asked everyone to stand for the pledge to the flag.

Pledge

Mr. Schenck asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

Add/Delete

Interim
Superintendent
Statement

Welcome to the school budget work session, I would just like to start with explaining our agenda and how it is going to work. If you would like to make a comment you will be given two minutes to do so immediately following my explanation. If you would rather communicate to the BOE in writing regarding the budget there are some 3 X 5 index cards that you are welcome to use.

Tonight you will hear the school business official, BOE, and myself discuss a number of different line items in the 2018-19 school budget. Putting together a school budget is a process that started weeks ago and will continue right up to the budget hearing which will take place May 7th at 7:00 PM. The district is expecting to receive the final state aid numbers April 1st which will further clarify the revenue side of the budget.

You will hear discussion regarding items that could be cut or reduced as well as items that need to remain or be enhanced. Again nothing at this time is final, it's about being prepared to move either direction.

This is a budget work session therefore there will not be any dialogue or questions answered from the audience at this meeting. You are encouraged to bring your questions to the District Budget Hearing on May 7th where an explanation can be expected. Thank you for your interest in our school budget and for respecting the process of putting a budget together that keeps our students interest in mind as well as our taxpayers.

Public Comment

Mrs. Carole Siverling asked what the date is when the board has to approve the budget by.

Mr. Bailey stated we are expected to get our final revenue information soon.

Mr. Schenck stated it is after the state aid projection budgets which is April 1st.

Mr. Lant Lictus stated that his concern as a business person in the community as all of you are concerned, is that with his two business in the community he employs 45-50 people. Mr. Lictus stated we like to have employees that want to live in our District, and his hope that we keep in mind. Mr. Lant Lictus stated that his concern is over the things have gone on the past few months that have really created some integrity issues in the community repor. Mr. Lant Lictus stated he believes this needs to be addressed and he really hopes that we can continue to have a good strong education system here in Clymer. Mr. Lant Lictus stated he has several kids who have spoken about coming back here but there concern about where the taxes are going and where the programs are. Mr. Lictus asked if we are going to be able to give our kids opportunities and to be able to do things to prepare the kids. Mr. Lant Lictus stated an example about worrying more about “Big Johnny” in 9th grade then a “ Little Johnny”, making sure “Big Johnny” is getting challenged. Mr. Lictus stated someone we could use in the industry and we all require employee who are trained and this is where it starts. Mr. Lictus stated not every kid is college bound but they can certainly bring away an handful of education from their high school if given the opportunity and that is his concern. Mr. Lant Lictus stated the tax is one thing, if it has to go up, it has to go up. Mr. Lictus stated we are certainly willing to pay our share of taxes but he hopes we are able to move our school forward educationally.

Mr. Schenck asked what Mr. Lant Lictus feels that we aren't moving forward.

Mr. Lant Lictus stated of what he knows of the situation, and he stated he wasn't sure he wants to bring up the past situation of the merger study. Mr. Lictus stated because the study is over. Mr. Lictus stated he doesn't want to be finically cramped.

Mr. Schenck stated how he was unsure about Mr. Lictus commented about Clymer not moving forward. Mr. Schenck asked how we wouldn't be moving forward. Mr. Schenck stated an example how a guest's daughter graduated with several college credits and was able to go onto school and move a year ahead.

Mr. Lant Lictus stated yes, she is gone.

Mr. Schenck asked what are we not doing.

Mr. Lant Lictus asked so financially we are going to be able to pass everything that is over the finical cap. Mr. Lictus stated he doesn't know that and neither does the board.

Mr. Schenck stated he is confused as why Mr. Lictus would feel that we are cutting courses or feel what we would be doing to go backwards.

Mr. Lant Lictus stated that his concern with his public comment is are we finically going to able to give our kids opportunities they need when they graduate. Mr. Lictus stated he is not saying anything about the past. Mr. Lictus stated that the past is the past and we were able to do that. Mr. Lictus stated that with going forward we are going to have to do some things, from what he understands by going to board meetings, study meetings etc., financially, that he is making a public statement that as an employer, a person who lives in this community, he hopes that this is something we are able to do going forward financially.

Mr. Bailey stated you are right, we are going to put forth a budget that will do that. Mr. Bailey stated we do all have that concern and it's going to take the public to get behind it and support it. Mr. Bailey stated we are going to present the budget and explain why and then we are going to hope the public is going to support it. Mr. Bailey stated that if we get in the position where the budget goes down then we are going to have to go back and make some cuts and dig a little deeper. Mr. Bailey stated that we all want a school budget that is going to support growth and moving forward academically.

Mr. Lant Lictus stated that he appreciates the comment and he hopes the same. Mr. Lictus stated to Mr. Bailey that his concern is that given the current financial situation that we are in, supposedly. Mr. Lictus stated he reads the paper but is here to understand the process. Mr. Lictus stated that he has not heard any rebuttal to anything he has read in the paper. Mr. Lictus stated he is waiting for someone on the board to make a statement about what was in the paper. Mr. Lictus stated they called three of our board members out by name. Mr. Lictus stated that is not why he is here but he would like to hear an answer about that. Mr. Lictus stated he is all for our board, your board, our school, our small town school but he can't at the expense of the people who live in our community understand why you think what Dr. O'Rourke did was wrong.

Mr. Schenck stated this is not a part of the agenda. Mr. Schenck stated that Dr. O'Rourke was wrong.

Mr. Bailey stated to move on with the agenda. Mr. Bailey stated that you will learn more with our work session.

Mr. Schenck stated that we will defend our integrity later. Mr. Schenck stated it's almost like he needs to resign.

Mr. Lictus asked if that was public comment.

Mr. Bailey stated this is not what we are here for.

Mr. Schenck stated sure it is public comment and if he wants him to resign, he will resign right now.

Mr. Lictus stated that he doesn't think anyone wants Mr. Schenck to resign.

Mrs. Stapels stated that they want what's best for everyone; tax payers and students, and we need to have the community get behind us and trust us and work with us on it. Mrs. Stapels stated again we just want what is best and that is why we are here tonight.

Mr. Bailey stated he believes when we are all done we will put together a good budget for people to look at and vote on.

Mrs. Bahgat, Mr. Bailey and the Board of Education went over the proposed budget.

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and a second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 4-0 to Adjourn
Adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Kristin Irwin, District Clerk