

At the Budget Work Session of the Clymer Central School Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 in the High School Library.

Present: Mr. David Maleski
Mrs. Amanda Stapels
Mr. Mike Schenck
Mrs. Willowe Neckers
Mr. Edward Mulkearn-arrived at 5:05PM

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

Guests: Heather Goree, Tyler Sard, Erica Harvey, Andrew Travis, Dale Willink, Paul Fellingner, Dave Calvert, Jen Beal, Jenna Johnson, Amy Woods, Bethany White-Collins, Carole Siverling, Erin Passinger-Corry 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 one.

Add/Delete

- 1) To Authorize Mr. Bailey to sign a 48 month lease for \$421.24 a month for two copiers.

On motion by Mrs. Stapels and second by Mr. Maleski, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve to Authorize Mr. Bailey to sign a 48 month lease for \$421.24 a month for two copiers.

Copiers

Public Comment

Dale Willink stated the following:

To the CCS voters:

The defining moment in CCS History will be May 14, 2018 when only 238 voted yes to the budget out of the 654 people who voted no to Merger in 2017. That vote proved the community support to pay for CCS is gone. This year even after much better communication only 580 of the 654 no votes came out to vote yes for the budget.

By voting down the budget this year you are negatively effecting the current Students at CCS. No teenager should come to school crying because the classes they choose are being eliminated along with sports, field trips, etc. especially when we have one of the lowest tax rates in the County.

To the VIBE Group

Helping to convince 459 people to vote No to the budget is the most irresponsible and hurtful thing I have ever seen done to students anywhere.

Out of almost 700 school Districts State wide Clymer is one of six Districts who crapped on the Students. Where were you in November 2017 when only 186 people voted for the merger? The merger would have lowered taxes and given our students more educational opportunities. Where were you? The merger study stated taxes would go up by double digits if we did not merge. Where were you?

Some of the comments made at the Town Hall meeting in Findley Lake confirm you are so unhappy with the current School Board you are willing to punish the students to "get back" at the Board. After the meeting several people apologized to me for your statements.

I attend almost as many Panama School events as Clymer events. I can tell you Panama is not amused by our lack of caring for students. Their taxes are 25% higher than ours and their budget passed with only 16 no votes. They support their students. They do not want to merge with people who will vote down their budgets!!

The voters in our district are the laughing stock of the County.

There is a right way and a wrong way to end the life span of CCS. Let's do it the right way without hurting the students. By working together we can improve the educational opportunities for our students instead of hurting our current students by trying to financially force the School out of business.

I propose at the June 18 budget vote that all voters vote yes to the budget for the sake of our students. At the same time we can sign a petition requesting to have the school board send a letter to both Panama and Sherman requesting a merger feasibility study. A petition with hundreds of signatures will show all (3) Boards the people in our district are serious about merging.

The CSP students in many sports programs have proven they can work together. It's the adults who are the problem.

I personally think a CSP merger is the best long term option for all (3) school districts. I also think we need to hire a marketing firm to explain merger to all the voters before any merger vote. The last merger process was doomed to fail by the way it was not communicated to the voters.

In my opinion The VIBE Group should spend your time and money convincing all (3) Boards (especially Sherman) to approve a CSP merger study. The amount of tax reductions for all (3) districts will be double digits.

Thank You
Dale Willink

Amy Woods stated that she wanted to bring it home a little bit that she heard from her sophomore It is hard for students to understand money, the process but in her eyes, how will she get help to pay for college with scholarships, when she will have nothing to put on her scholarships because our high school is in shambles. The concern with no activities or extra things, is how do you apply for a scholarship and what do you put on a scholarship. Mrs. Woods just stated she just wanted to make it aware that this is a concern to the students.

Mr. Bailey stated that just for the record the school has not cut any extracurricular activities.

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mr. Maleski the Board voted 5-0 to Go into executive session at 5:07 PM discuss a personnel cuts.

Executive
Session

Regular Budget Work Session Resumed a 5:55PM

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

On a motion by Mr. Maleski and second by Mrs. Neckers the Board voted 5-0 to Approve a 9% tax increase (over the tax cap) in the 2019-2020 Budget.

2019-2020
Budget Re-Vote

On a motion by Mr. Maleski and a second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 5-0 to Adjourn at 7:05 PM.

Adjourn

Kristin Irwin, District Clerk