

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTE

MAY 3 AND MAY 17, 2016

VICE-PRESIDENT LYNN A. MURRAY, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
TROY BUCKLEY
GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON
KEITH LEE
ROBERT F. STACKEL

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
INTERESTED RESIDENTS: Lewis Alexander, Patricia Jolliff, Holly
Evans, Brenda Shelmidine, Robb and Chris Breyette

Vice President Lynn Murray called the Annual Meeting of the Copenhagen Central School District to order at 6:30 p.m.

PART I

At this time, Mr. Murray welcomed the public to the meeting. Mr. Murray announced the following individuals have been appointed:

Meeting Chairperson – Mr. Lynn A. Murray
Inspectors of Election – Poll Workers certified by Lewis County Board of Elections for 2016, Patricia Eddy, Barbara Halko, Phyllis Gaines, Marlene Sheldon
District Clerk – Mary Jones

Vice-President Lynn Murray read the meeting notice and rules of order in public meetings. The Clerk read the qualifications of voters.

Vice-President Murray announced that the budget for the 2016 – 2017 school year has been duly adopted by the Board of Education, distributed to District voters in accordance with Education Law, and will be voted on from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

Vice-President Murray requested that Superintendent Scott Connell review the budget and respond to any questions.

Mr. Connell then presented the proposed 2016 – 2017 school budget via PowerPoint in detail. Mr. Connell announced the following positions to be filled on the Board of Education

- Five-year term to replace expired term of Robert F. Stackel, Term of Office July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021
- Five-year term to replace expired term of Lynn A. Murray, Term of Office July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021

Superintendent Connell recognized Holly Evans, a candidate for the Board of Education, and announced the following ballot items:

Shall the voters approve the 2016 – 2017 School District Budget as presented and printed by the Board of Education?

Proposition No. 1: Shall the District be authorized to provide transportation of Head Start Children from the Copenhagen Central School to the Lowville Head Start Center and return on an existing BOCES bus route? Shall the District be authorized to provide transportation of Head Start Children from the Copenhagen Central School to their homes in the afternoon on an existing bus route? This will demand no additional costs to the District.

Proposition No. 2: Should the Board of Education be authorized to permanently establish a General Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Education Law 3651 not to exceed \$1,000,000 to be funded by the District from existing appropriated funds on hand and to be expended only upon future voter approval(s), for the purpose of financing the District's share of either the full or partial costs of any capital addition, improvement, of district property or other object or purpose for which the District would otherwise be able to seek and issue bonds pursuant to the local finance law, and to replenish payments therefore for subsequent years by yearly levy upon the taxable real property of the district at a rate not to exceed \$200,000 per annum.

QUESTIONS:

Mr. Robb Breyette expressed his concern about a 17% tax increase. Superintendent Connell explained that the tax increase will be 2%, not 17%. Mr. Breyette also inquired as to why there are two principals and a Director of Student Services. Again, Superintendent Connell explained with mandates from the New York State Education Department with regard to teacher evaluations, two principals are needed to complete the required work. He also noted that he does a good share of the discipline as the principals are busy with staff evaluations.

A motion was made by Mary Jones, seconded by Patricia Jolliff to suspend the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. The motion was carried.

At 7:04 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, Vice President Murray adjourned the meeting to 11:55 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2016 for the purpose of voting on the 2016 – 2017 budget, for the election of two individuals to the Board of Education, and for the purpose of voting on the aforementioned two propositions.

Part II Agenda – Voting

Brenda Shelmidine reconvened the second portion of the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 11:55 a.m. with Mrs. Patricia Eddy, Mrs. Phyllis Gaines, Mrs. Barbara Halko, Mrs. Marlene Sheldon and District Clerk, Mrs. Mary Jones, present. Mrs. shelmidine read the qualifications of eligible voters. The polls were declared open at 12:00 noon. The balance of this meeting was held at 8:00 p.m.

District Clerk, Mary Jones, declared the polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

The election officials canvassed the votes and tabulated the number of ballots scanned to be 293 with eight (8) Absentee votes, and election official Halko delivered the following results:

BUDGET

Shall the voters approve the school district budget as printed by the Board of Education?

Yes - 240	(+ 7	Absentee Ballots)	=	247 - Yes
No - 44	(+ 1	Absentee Ballot)	=	45 - No

The 2016 - 2017 budget was declared passed by the voters.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the District be authorized to provide transportation of Head Start Children from the Copenhagen Central School to Lowville Head Start Center and return on an existing BOCES bus route? Shall the district be authorized to provide transportation of Head Start children from the

Copenhagen Central School to their homes in the afternoon on an existing p.m. bus route? This will demand no additional costs to the District.

Yes – 259 (+8 Absentee ballots) = 267 - Yes
No – 24 (+0 Absentee ballots) = 24 - No

Proposition #1 was declared passed by the voters.

PROPOSITION #2:

Should the Board of Education be authorized to permanently establish a General Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Education Law 3651 not to exceed \$1,000,000 to be funded by the District from existing appropriated funds on hand and to be expended only upon future voter approval(s), for the purpose of financing the District's share of either the full or partial costs of any capital addition, improvement, of district property or other object or purpose for which the District would otherwise be able to seek and issue bonds pursuant to the local finance law, and to replenish payments therefore for subsequent years by yearly levy upon the taxable real property of the district at a rate not to exceed \$200,000 per annum.

Yes – 232 (+7 Absentee ballots) = 239 - Yes
No – 49 (+1 Absentee ballots) = 50 - No

Proposition #2 was declared passed by the voters.

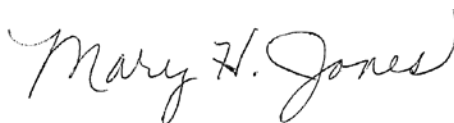
BOARD MEMBERS

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- Five-year term to replace expired term of Lynn A. Murray – Term of Office – July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021.

	<u>Scanned Votes</u>	<u>Absentee Votes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Robert F. Stackel	199 Votes	6 Votes	206 Votes
Lynn A. Murray	237 Votes	6 Votes	243 Votes
Holly S. Evans	118 Votes	0 Votes	118 Votes

Robert F. Stackel and Lynn A. Murray were declared the winners of the aforesaid five-year terms.

There being no further business at this time and on motion of Mary Jones, seconded by Phyllis Gaines the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



School District Clerk