

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

ANNUAL ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE
2024-2025 Budget
May 21, 2024

MINUTES

The election of members of the Board of Education and the vote upon appropriating the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures and the vote upon all propositions involving the expenditures of money, or authorizing the levy of taxes, took place at the Ichabod Crane High School Gymnasium, Valatie, NY between the hours of 8AM and 9PM.

The Annual Budget Hearing took place on May 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Registered voters in the district were deciding on the following:

Candidates for the Board of Education

Four vacancies:

Three three-year terms as the terms of Jennifer Allard, Anne Schaefer, and Jared Widjeskog are expiring on June 30, 2024; and

One two-year term as Megan Pelizza resigned May 6, 2024.

Three candidates will fill seats beginning July 1, 2024 until expiring on June 30, 2027. One candidate will begin immediately with the term ending June 30, 2026.

The District Clerk received petitions from the following for nomination to the Board of Education:

- Valerie Spensieri
- Cal Waits
- Anne Schaefer

With four seats open and three candidates, a write-in candidate will also be elected to a seat on the Board.

PROPOSITION #1 – BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District be authorized to expend the total amount of \$50,187,013 during the school year 2024-2025 and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

PROPOSITION #2 – BUS PURCHASE

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire five (5) school buses, at a cost not to exceed \$665,654 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law taking into account state aid and trade-in value; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes and/or installment purchase contracts

of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$655,654, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #3 – STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Shall the board of education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District allow a high school student to serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board subject to the requirements of the Education Law?

Chairman Mindy Potts checked the roll of election officials and found the following inspectors present:

Nataly Jones, Bernadette Torre, MaryAnn Carr-Perez, Theresa Lux, Ann Engel, Lisa Schmitt and Dell Potts

The Election Inspectors and the Chairman inspected the voting machines and determined the machine currently had a zero count. The Election inspectors and the Chairman inspected and accounted for the ballots available for the public. The District Clerk issued the oath of office to the election inspectors.

The polls were declared open by the Chairman at 8AM.

At 9PM the doors to the gymnasium were closed; however, those who were still in line were allowed to vote. After determining that all present in the room had recorded their votes, the Chairman declared the polls closed.

The Inspectors of Election and the Chairman canvassed the vote and reported the following results:

TOTAL NUMBER OF MACHINE VOTES RECORDED: 841

TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED BY MACHINE: 72

TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS REQUIRING HAND COUNTING: 5

Total Votes Cast: 918

NOMINEES FOR FOUR (4) BOARD POSITIONS:

	Total Votes
Valerie Spensieri	630
Cal Waits	536
Anne Schaefer	616

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TOTALS

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>
Max DiOrio	112
Kim Funk	75
Jim Antalek	60
Melissa Miller	56
Tom Driscoll	14
John Chandler	10

Patsy Leader	7
Jessica Coutson	6
Joyce Zbras	6
Jessica Altomer	4
JenniferAllard	4
Jessica Berner	4
Megan Brown	3
John Antalek	3
Bernadette Torre	3
Tim Wells	2
Jim DiGioia	2
Carol Vandenburg	2
Anthony Welcome	2
Pete Mullins	2
Paul Strobel	2
Geoffrey Benton	2

The following received 1 vote each: Meg Duso, Kim Palmer, John Wagner, Kelly Williams, Pearl Williams, Jonathan Brennan, Wendy Bopp, Elsworth Pascoe, Marie Lingat, Matthew Nelson, Rich Phillips, Amy Fiscal Couser, Annie Wood, Gary Stevens, Joe Pelizza, Jonathan Brennan, Sarah More, Jen Dunn, Diane Argyle, Stephen Mathe, Linda Welcome, Paul Rinehart, Elizabeth Mar, Joyce La Rowe, Karen Vecellio, Chris Fitch, Ronald Regan, Nina Kahn, Yoon Chung, Brendon Lockmer, Dale Berlin, Jack Chandler, Mary Lou Stagno, Paul Slusar, Jerome Callahan, Jason Natske, William Bill Schneider, Connie Smith, Steve Everett, Larry Pulver, Evan Jahn, Mike DiOrio, Jodee Cosnick, Tim Funk, Donald Bailey, John White, Martin Van Buren, Jen Ose MacDonald, and Anne Krizar

Proposition #1 : Budget for the 2024-2025 School Year (\$50,187,013) PASSED

Yes: 609

No: 307

Proposition #2 : Bus Purchases (5 school buses at a cost of \$665,654) PASSED

Yes: 601

No: 315

Proposition #3 : Student Board Member PASSED

Yes: 772

No: 141

Valerie Spensieri begins a three-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027)

Cal Waits begins a three-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027)

Anne Schaefer begins a three-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027)

Max DiOrio begins a two-year term (May 21, 2024 - June 30, 2026)

Eight current Board members were present at the end of the vote:

Jennifer Allard
Matthew Nelson
Anne Schaefer

Kelly Firmbach
Elizabeth Phillips
Christopher Scoville

Meghan Lafferty-Brown
Jared Widjeskog

MOTION FIRMBACH

2ND WIDJESKOG

To accept the results of the vote as presented by the Chairman
Carried, 8-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk

The following documents were available with the district clerk for public inspection

- Listing of voters receiving absentee ballots
- Legal Notice
- 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Document
 - Includes:
 - Appropriations Budget
 - Revenue Budget
 - Complete Budget Summary
 - Three Component Budget (Admin/Program/Capital)
 - Property Tax Report Card
 - Salary Disclosure Information For Administration
 - School District Report Card
 - Tax Exemption Impact Report
- 2022-2023 Audit Report