



## Canandaigua City School District Board of Education Budget Workshop

Minutes for March 21, 2013  
Canandaigua City School District  
Middle School Auditorium, 215 Granger Street

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The Budget Workshop of the Canandaigua City School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Canandaigua City School District Middle School, President Grimm presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanie Grimm, Joe Delforte, Jeannie Kesel, Bill Patrowicz, Michelle Pedzich, John Polimeni, Michelle Raeman, Tom Reho, Beth Thomas

LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: Lynne Erdle, Mark Lavner, Carleen Pierce, Julie Winston

ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS PRESENT: John Arthur, Patrick Case, Anne Ceddia, Eric Jordan, John LaFave, Jim McGory, Kevin McNamara, Brian Nolan, Karen Salvia-Mottler, Jim Simmons, Vernon Tenney, Andy Thomas, Ralph Undercoffler

BOARD DISTRICT CLERK: Deborah Sundlov

OTHERS PRESENT: A group of teachers and community members; listing on file with the District Clerk

### ***Meeting Called to Order***

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School by President Grimm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ***President's Comments***

President Grimm began with this opening comment: *"Good evening, welcome and thank you for being here tonight at the budget presentation, another step in this year round budget process that we – the Board and the Superintendent – were fiercely committed to making different by making it transparent.*

*We went into this knowing that, in order to achieve success for each and every student, in order to provide together – as the adult members of a beloved school district and community – the education our children need and deserve, we had to work in a collaborative and civil manner, with everyone invited into the process, with each voice encouraged, heard and respected. We seek a balance that is firmly in the best interest of our children, which we do with both reverence and gratitude for all of the members of our school family and of our community.*

*I believe this process is better, I believe there is still room for improvement and I know that we are open to suggestion.*

*Please continue the conversation by calling us, talking with us and by using the Talktotheboard email address. Again, thank you for being part of this with us."*

### ***Superintendent's Overview***

#### **Executive Review of Preliminary Budget**

Superintendent Erdle began by explaining the evening would be in two parts; the preliminary budget presentation and then breakout sessions to receive comments and questions regarding the budget. The feedback from the evening will be reviewed and presented in the recommendations for the final budget.

The Board is firmly committed to the District Mission Statement and the budget guidelines that were approved in January 3, 2013. The Board has also received feedback from two recent breakout work sessions that included to make cuts "stuff" and not people, don't cut programs completely, look at new opportunities for students and look at shared services were appropriate. Over the last four years employees of the District have given concessions in excess of \$1.5 million. The District continues to look for efficiencies and savings in shared services, health insurance consortium, commodities bidding, energy conservation program and staffing changes.

She reiterated that Canandaigua has the 11<sup>th</sup> lowest tax rate in the greater Rochester region. The current proposal would be an increase of .61 cents per thousand of assess value, an increase of 4.47% local tax levy limit.

***Academic success for every child we serve and the development of good character in all students***



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If the Board wishes to go out at a lower rate the below areas may need to be reduced (given the information we have today regarding state aid):

- Increase in class size K – 6: \$268,000
- Eliminate one teacher per elective area: \$173,399
- Eliminate kindergarten: \$643,354
- Reduce kindergarten to half-day: \$315,928
- Eliminate assistant coaches: \$52,000
- Eliminate modified sports: \$115,605
- Eliminate IB program: \$70,273

The Board will review possible adjustments based on the evenings' Public Forum. The final presentation of the budget proposal will be submitted at the April 11 Board meeting, with the Board of Education voting on this proposal on April 25. Both of these meetings will be held at the Middle School. Many community presentations are scheduled throughout the month of May and the public will vote on May 21, 2013.

The Board discussed the proposal.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Kesel, seconded by Mrs. Raeman, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the adjournment of the Budget Workshop at 7:26 p.m. to breakout meetings for those in attendance to provide comments on the budget presentation. The next Regular meeting will be on March 28, 2013 at the Operations Center at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVED:**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sundlov  
District Clerk

### **Upcoming Events**

- March 25 - Policy Committee Meeting
- March 29 - Superintendent Conference Day
- April 1-5 - Spring Break
- April 10 - District Orchestra Concert
- April 11 - **Regular Board Meeting ~ Middle School**
- April 16 - Academy Choral Concert
- April 17 - Audit Committee Meeting
- April 22 - Policy Committee Meeting
- April 23 - Elementary Principal Final Interviews
- April 24 - **Special Board Meeting ~ District Office**
- April 25 - **Regular Board Meeting ~ Middle School**
- May 1 - Last Day to Submit Petitions