The Annual Budget Hearing of the Valley Central School District was convened at 6:05 p.m. in the Administration Building by President Sheila Schwartz.

PRESENT: Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Messing, Mr. Bond, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Conklin (exited at 6:20 p.m.), Ms. Lewis (entered at 5:35 p.m.) and Mr. Wesenberg

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Mr. Xanthis, Mrs. Raymond, Mr. Bellarosa

Also Absent: Media (WVT/THR)

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mrs. Schwartz welcomed the Board to the required Annual Budget Hearing and made the regular announcements regarding emergency egress, no smoking, public participation, and audiotaping of meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Schwartz asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations under the Taylor Law as well as particular personnel.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to move into Executive Session.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [6:0]

Mr. Byrne moved, Ms. Lewis seconded to exit Executive Session.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

Mrs. Schwartz introduced the Board members present this evening. She then introduced administrators: Mr. John Xanthis, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Lisa Raymond, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and Mr. Mike Bellarosa, Assistant Superintendent. Mrs. Schwartz then turned it over to Mrs. Raymond.

Mrs. Raymond referenced and reviewed the three components of the Proposed Budget 2018-2019 and noted the budget represents a 4.09% tax levy increase, which does not exceed the tax cap. She also noted this year’s budget in the amount of $104,203,711.00 is actually a 2.92% increase over last year’s budget.

Mrs. Raymond offered a brief review of the three-part proposed budget adopted April 19, 2018: administrative, program and capital components. Revenues were then reviewed.

Mrs. Raymond reviewed the next Agenda item, Compliance Information, for the Board and members of the public. She noted that the Budget Newsletter, which includes the Six-Day Budget Notice, will be mailed to all District taxpayers following this evening’s Annual Budget Hearing and will be posted on the District website. All of the required additional compliance information is available to the public per State requirement in the document entitled, “Valley Central School District Proposed Budget 2018-2019” (copy attached). This information is available at the Administration Building, all District schools and the Alternative Learning Center. There were no questions from the Board or those in the audience.

Mrs. Raymond then referenced the Board Election Procedure (copy attached) contained in the Proposed Budget and offered a brief review. There are two Board vacancies due to the expiration of terms of Mel Wesenberg and Ms. Lewis. The two Board candidates in ballot order are: Mr. Wesenberg and Ms. Lewis.
Mrs. Raymond offered a reminder of important upcoming dates. Voter registration will take place tomorrow, May 8th in the Administration Offices. Voting will be held on May 17th in the High School Gymnasium.

Mrs. Raymond then reviewed Voter Qualifications & Information (copy attached).

Mrs. Raymond reviewed the process for Absentee Ballots. This information is also available on the District website.

Mrs. Raymond asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Byrne seconded that the Annual Budget Hearing be adjourned. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Mrs. Schwartz adjourned the Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board

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