

Town of Candia

Budget Committee

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025

Town Hall Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Lynn Chivers, followed by roll call of attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Board Members Present: Lynn Chivers, Katrina Niles, William Saffie, Ryan Young, Stephanie Helmig, Susan Gill, Susan Young, Steve Tremblay

Absent: Joshua Reap

Introductions: Lynn asked for a brief introduction from each board member for new members, Steve and Janet

Election of officers: Sue Y. made a motion to nominate Lynn for Chairman. Stephanie seconded. Motion passed. Susan Y. made a motion to nominate Susan G. for Vice-chairman. Stephanie seconded. Motion passed. Steve was nominated as secretary. Vote taken was unanimous.

Old Business: Approval of minutes from previous meetings- Bill made a motion to approve the Feb 1st minutes. Katrina seconded. Susan G. abstained. All in favor. Motion passed. Bill made a motion to approve the Feb 8th. Katrina seconded. Ryan abstained. All in favor. Motion passed. Bill made a motion to approve the Feb 12 minutes. Katrina seconded. Susan Y. abstained. All in favor. Motion passed.

New Business: Review of Town Budget report -Discussion about animal control line-item money being available. These funds are to be used for boarding an animal and various supplies that are required for an animal control officer to do the job. Review of Town Revenues report- Discussion regarding interest on investments and if there are restrictions on town investments. This will be investigated further. Review of School Expenditures report-Stephanie noted that the school year budget starts in July. It was also noted that the vote on the school budget went to default, with a -\$50,000. difference. Bill had a question about the bus contract and the number of buses being used. Only four buses are needed because there are as many as 60 people that drive their children to and from

school. The bus contract is a five- year contract. Moore School is in the second year of the contract and money left over can be moved around in the budget. The SAU negotiates the bus contract and then gives it to the school board to vote on. School Revenue report-Stephanie stated that the Federal funds have been guaranteed for the 2025-26 school year. Funds from catastrophic aid are funded through special education. Stephanie explained the process of how the State determines how much aid a town will receive. Because the funds remain there, the school does not have to raise and appropriate that amount. Discussion regarding private school tuition. Stephanie explained about the tuition payment for private schools (not religious) possibly becoming a higher amount given by the State in the future according to the household income. Enrollment- At the Moore School there will be 31 students leaving and there are 38 students enrolled for the fall. The kindergarten has 40 students enrolled for the school year.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee will be on the second Wednesday, May 14th.

Katrina made a motion to adjourn. Bill seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Lewis
Admin. Assist.