## SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING**

May 9, 2024 @ 7:00 PM Auditorium

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

Bruce Murdock Supt. Pemrick Matt Curren Mark LaPlainte Joan LaPlante Jared Whitley Susan Repko Nicole Curren Lynn Donaldson

Rick Gero Lee Silvernail Michael Welsh Jaff Bartkoski Justin Kirchberger Steve Gratto

BOARD CLERK Glen Repko

Lisa DeZalia

The meeting was called to order by the district clerk at 7:00 PM.

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

The district clerk read a copy of the annual notice.

Supt. Pemrick presented an overview of the 2024-2025 budget

She explained that the formula for the state tax cap came in at 2.38%. It will be necessary this year to exceed the cap which means we need a supermajority vote of 60% to pass this year's budget. The tax rate will still remain one of the lowest in the state.

Mr. Welsh questioned why a sixth grade teacher was necessary. He feels the needs should be addressed earlier. The use of fund balance was discussed, some felt more of the fund balance should be used toward the overall budget. It would also be a good idea to use fund balance to reduce debt.

Mrs. Pemrick showed the estimated tax impact with an average home of \$250,000 costing the taxpayer an estimated tax change of around \$100.

Mrs. Pemrick stated the candidates for the Board seat as Bruce Murdock and Codie Aiken.

Voting will take place in the auditorium hallway on May 21st between the hours of noon and 8PM

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Susan Repko to adjourn at 8:30 PM All Board members voted Yes –3 No-0 Motion Carried Lisa DeZalia