

Why did you vote for the budget? " Other" comments

1	In appreciation for the time spent on preparing the budget for hopefully our approval	
2	Did not want a contingency budget	1
3	Would like to see less cuts in academics	
4	Dr. Wiles works very efficiently	
5	Board has done a good job in controlling the budget	2
6	What would our gain be by voting no? The contingency budget is almost the same.	3 4
7	Do not want to go to contingency.	5
8	Bring back the bridge program	
9	Pay now, or pay later fixing lack of education is difficult.	
10	Please no more cuts!	6
11	Future is important for leadership	7
12	No increase in taxes	8
13	I have confidence that Marie Wiles is getting the finances straightened out.	9 10
14	don't want to see programs, classes eliminated.	11
15	Continue integrity of CCS & community	
16	Kids are an investment in the future of our community.	
17	Time to get new members to the school board that are interested in providing a good education at Clinton that is not primarily base on \$.	12 13
18	I would have like to see a small increase	14
19	The school is the primary draw for out town;as it thrives our town thrives	15
20	We would prefer fewer cuts, actually.	16
21	I think more children should walk to school.	17
22	I did not want an austerity budget. I would have voted for an increase.	18
23	Hire teachers with coaching experience.	19
24	School needs to examine management structure, # admin.	20
25	Our children and I graduated from Clinton.	21
26	I will always vote yes for a school budget.	
27	No tax increase was reasonable.	
28	The programs & teachers are important for the students.	22
29	Education is important and I value the teachers that provide the education.	23
30	Son wanted cake and to see art work	24
31	Should have a higher budget	
32	I believe Marie Wiles is doing a good job as Superintendent	25
33	Reputation is bigger than reality.	
34	Giving one more year to get it together	
35	Quality of education is decreasing & don't want contingency budget.	26
36	Contingent budget is so inane	
37	Don't know what the state will do.	
38	Teachers deserve benefits-pay scales do not equal industry and years of college	
39	Daughter a teacher	
40	NY state should be compelled to underwrite more of the budget	27

41	Good schools are an asset to Clinton	28
42	Finally appreciate the effort to keep spending in check after years of ridiculous tax increases.	29
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43	2 years of private school for each of 2 children	
44	Grandchildren go to Clinton	31
45	Spending level unreasonable in comparison to schools of same size.	32
46	Budget should be higher	33
47	Spending level unreasonable	34
	it is important to maintain a variety of programs to adhere a	35
48	good education	36
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49	To improve Clinton Schools	38
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50	Folks without kids in school supported the school system when my children were in school. Now it's my turn.	41
51	Wanted budget to pass	
52	athletics is why I voted for the budget.	42
53	School board works hard, deserves support and thanks	43
54	Would seem foolish to vote against although it is not a budget I am happy with.	44
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55	There was no alternative for a budget at a higher level	46
56	Education is always worth the price.	47
57	I would always vote in support of the budget given intelligent or reasonable budget process	48
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58	Trust Superintendant and Board	50
59	Poor discussions on expenditures	
60	The budget is fair	51
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61	Money serves the mission not the other way around.	53
62	Nothing would happen if I voted no	54
63	Grand children likely to attend CCS	55
64	School board and superintendent worked hard too make the budget fair and keep it at zero growth.	
65	Contingency budget is a worse option no matter what the budget is.	
66	It time to get cost under control	
67	To reject the budget, as things currently stand, would be to deny important programs & personnel.	
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69	I know what happens on a contingency budget.	
70	Not enough information to respond.	
71	Contract try Boces	
72	Still feels teachers need to compromise	

73 We can't afford not to pass it at this point
74 Grandchildren
75 No need for more than 3 Principals
76 Need to control spending, can't increase taxes much more
77 School needs to be better
78 There is no better investment than in our youth.
79 Keep music, art and sports too!
80 It is only money, better than T.V.
81 Voting against it did not seem to accomplishment
82 I still care about what happens in this school even though
I don't go here.

Why did you vote against the budget? "Other" comments

(List includes miscellaneous comments)

Question 19 thru 31 I don't feel I can give thoughtful answers to these questions on such short notice. Especially since I'm aware of "desired" answers.

Dick Hunt is Excellent

Too much spent on Administration

For education not athletics

Balance sports & number of coaches

Integral in college acceptance for competitive schools. They need leadership training

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I think they should lease buses,

Advance placement courses should have a minimum enrollment 8 or nine students not enough. We are top heavy in administration

Keep Marie Wiles

Spend less on 24-28 if cuts have to be made

It time to make hard decisions on the budget.

Consider different courses AP Bio, Calculus AB

Stop using buses for 1/2 days or less!

There has been bad behavior by school board

Clinton school administration has been excellent since Marie Wiles took over.

I question school boards power.

Poor examples of civility too ideological embarrassing to district

Personal behavior of school board needs to improve. Need to be more responsive to public.

Very concerned re: financial administration/decision

School boards set policy not get involved in daily activity.

High school princ awesome.

School board poor because they don't answer the public or comment when the public asks or makes a comment or think about it.

School board is very poor and disappointing the way it is run. Voting is based on a persons agenda with all his lackeys behind him. The Pres. Needs to check with him before speaking at times. They do not value teachers or education. They don't respect the community either which is evident by the way they run the meetings and treat the public that oppose their views.

Work with Kirkland Town Library more

Special programs for all students need for writing/reading/research center

School board too negative toward teacher and leaking information to the courier. Terrible what they did to Marty Cross.

We need more people like Ferris Betrus.

Eliminate 4:00 bus run. We need more electives. Keep school nurse. Some board members not team players.

Need more industry

With the decline in the number of students and the economic situation we have to do with less. Please cut back.

Male or Female question is a poor question.

The teachers do not need a 50% retirement incentive.

Ferris Betrus and his allies seem to hate the school. I do not know how the Superintendent puts up with the Board.

Offer AP Bio.Partner with other schools to offer more AP. Less on football & hockey

Plus international baccalaureate. Local economy is affected by the Town of Kirkland's referral to engage in economic development to broaden & deepen tax base w/commercial & industrial enterprises.

Walking more would be good. I'd like to see more sports that can be done individually such as hiking.

School board performance depends on the day. Business Manager poor Superintendant Good.

Business Manager who left caused most of your problems. Glad he is gone!

Not sure armed officers are the answer.

We don't need an armed cop or any cop on the school grounds

Bus run half full, too small a school to offer extras, You have no choice but to offer special programs for struggling students

Reduce number of sports too small for extras.Less young families they can't afford taxes!

Too many sports and thus too many coaching etc. positions plus transportation. Push for more volunteer involvement

We need to cut spending, even if it is extremely painful, a few years to this district back on a sound financial footing, rather than "limping along year after year and raising taxes every year

Glad you are doing this.

Score would be higher w/greater collegiality for school board.

Should spend more on language instruction, more concerned about taxes than education.

Marie Wiles is a treasure.

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