

Type of Meeting: Budget Hearing

Date: May 11, 2010

Place: High School Dining Room

Members Present: President Lucinda Sutton, Trustees William Peoples, Jr., Michelle Terwilliger, Brian Herrington, Amanda Stuart, and Michael Knapp

Members Excused: Brian Crane

Others: Superintendent Betsy Stiker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Joe DioGuardi, Board Clerk Mary Berkan, High School Principal William Howe, Middle School Principal Tanya Loomis, Business Administrator Steve Perry.

Guests: Heidi Holter, Roy Lewis, Tim Wesley, Rebecca Carr, Arron Burton, Scott Eisele, Joshua Sprague, Chris Smith, Joe Eisele, Rasmus Kristiansen, Cody Arnold, Elizabeth Carr, Barbara Clark, Zach Dean, Erica Rafferty

President Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of allegiance after the emergency procedure was reviewed and everyone welcomed to the meeting.

To Order

President Sutton asked the District Clerk to read the Notice of Meeting and Proposition.

Reading of Legal Notice

At this time, Superintendent Stiker presented the 2010-2011 budget for those in attendance.

Proposed Budget Review/Questions

She first noted some success information for the District, i.e. is in good standing with Assessment Accountability, the graduation rate is 92% which is 2nd in GST BOCES and 18% higher than state graduation rate for which we should definitely be proud. Also 100% of students with disabilities passed the NYS Alternative Assessment, and we have 95% consistent attendance rate.

Mrs. Stiker then explained that the State's Foundation Aid freeze has cut our portion of aid by \$2,717,377 this year and therefore several unfortunate reductions have had to take place to make up this difference. One very large saving was the overwhelming vote by all staff to voluntarily change health insurance for next year which was a saving of \$856,394 which saved programs plus 16+ jobs in the district.

The final proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year is \$24,579,461; proposed tax levy increase of \$112,942 and the projected tax rate of \$ 20.09. Mrs. Stiker also stated that the tax levy increase is 2% but after 3 consecutive years at "0".

There being no questions, and no report from the Library, President Sutton read the list of Election Inspectors and then adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary L. Berkan, Clerk

