

Board of Education Minutes
February 11, 2009

A budget workshop was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Music Room. Present were Dr. Robert, Mr. McCord, Mr. Testa (7:10 p.m.), Mr. Briscoe, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Banker, Mr. Keane (7:18 p.m.), and Mr. Secchiaroli. Also present were Dr. Pukas, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. Costa, Mr. Susi, and Mr. Sandford. The workshop began at 7:08 p.m.

1. Overview of Proposed 2009-2010 Education Budget – Dr. Pukas said there is a major change in the budget format; the middle and high school were combined wherever possible. She offered a suggestion for the budget presentation format. She had comment. Dr. Pukas explained they were going to present two budgets—a status quo budget and then a budget with additional requests. She explained the budget formation process. She said a status quo budget would be a 3.86% increase. She explained the makeup of that amount. She reviewed the percentage for the possible additions. Dr. Pukas pointed out that there were far more minuses than pluses. Dr. Robert reviewed the order of presentations.

Mrs. Wilkison said they tried to keep their increase close to 0% where they could. She explained the amount the classroom teachers had to spend. There were questions asked and answered. The review continued. Mrs. Wilkison explained that Title I funding was becoming less and less. She elaborated. There was discussion of the stimulus funds for Title I. There were questions asked and answered.

The workshop ended at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Board of Education