

Board of Education Minutes
Budget Workshop
February 28, 2012

A budget workshop was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Dr. Robert, Mr. McCord, Mr. Testa, Mr. Hundt, Mr. Mathwich, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Dr. Pukas, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Pont, and Mr. Boucher. The workshop began at 7:07 p.m.

1. Review of Proposed Technology Budget for 2012-13 – Mr. Pont, Network Administrator, handed out some highlights of the technology budget. He explained some of the changes and shifts in the budget due to software decreases. Dr. Pukas asked questions regarding the impact that the labs have. Mr. Pont explained how the equipment from the labs plays a big part in the classrooms because the lab computers get handed down to the classrooms. The newest go into the lab and the computers from the lab go to the classrooms. He had further explanation. There were questions asked and answered. There was discussion. Mr. Pont reviewed his budget requests further. Questions were asked and answered. There was further comment from Board members.
2. Review of Proposed Maintenance Budget for 2012-13 – Mr. Boucher, Maintenance Supervisor, reviewed the different portions of his budget and the new line item, cleaning contractors, that he added to this budget and he explained. He reviewed items that have increased in the budget and gave explanation. Questions were asked and answered about asbestos and PCB's. Mr. McCarthy had further comment on the PCB question. Further questions were asked and answered.
3. Review of Proposed Grounds Budget for 2012-13 – Mr. McCarthy reviewed the proposed grounds budget. He explained some of the changes such as field paint being moved to the grounds budget. He explained the green product mandate and the increased costs associated with that and the need to add money for some help for the groundskeeper. He told the Board that the Town will not be mowing the lawn by Route 2. Mr. McCarthy was asked to send a letter to the First Selectmen asking if they would continue to mow those areas of lawn as they had done in the past. Dr. Robert had comment on the cost of the budget. Questions were asked and answered.
4. Review of Proposed Central Office Budget for 2012-13 – Mr. McCarthy gave some general comments about the budget. He had explanation about the “changes” pages. Dr. Pukas had comment and explanation on other items on the list. Mr. McCarthy gave review of the Central Office budget and pointed out certain line items that had changed. Dr. Pukas had explanation on some items. Mr. McCarthy continued the explanation. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. McCarthy continued with the review. Further questions were asked and answered.

The workshop ended at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education