

Board of Education Minutes
Budget Workshop
March 6, 2012

A budget workshop was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Dr. Robert, Mr. McCord (7:10 p.m.), Mr. Hundt, Mr. Testa, and Mr. Mathwich. Also present were Dr. Pukas, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mr. Sandford, and Mr. Apicelli. The workshop began at 7:05 p.m.

1. Review of Proposed Elementary School Budget for 2012-13 – Mrs. Wilkison passed out a budget summary and reviewed the handout. She reviewed some of the changes and said they are coming in \$15,324 less than this year. She also reviewed some of the items she had asked for and gave explanation. Questions were asked and answered. She reviewed some of the changes in the equipment plan and elaborated. Further questions were asked and answered. She explained what instructional needs are not in this budget and elaborated. Questions were asked and answered. There was comment by Board members. Questions were asked and answered. There was discussion.
2. Review of Proposed Middle/High School Budget for 2012-13 – Mr. Sandford passed out a budget summary and reviewed the handout. He explained some of the highlights and changes. He spoke of some of the staffing shifts and elaborated. He reviewed the reasons for his increased budget. He reviewed the equipment plan adjustments. He reviewed the major changes in the budget. Questions were asked and answered. He reviewed other items in the budget. Mr. Sandford reviewed items that were not included in the budget and he explained. Questions were asked and answered. There was further explanation. There was comment. Further questions were asked and answered. Mr. Sandford said they found out today that Wheeler was chosen to pilot the new Algebra I program and he explained.
3. Review of Proposed Special Education Budget for 2012-13 – Mrs. Costa handed out a budget summary and she read some items to make educating the student with disabilities more effective. She gave some history of the special education budget. She explained how she was able to get to 0% for 2011-2012. She reviewed the budget changes. She went over some of the identification rates and elaborated. She reviewed the personnel changes. She reviewed other changes to the budget. Questions were asked and answered. There was comment and clarification. Mrs. Costa continued with her budget review. She reviewed the handout on preschool education and elaborated. Questions were asked and answered. There was discussion and further questions.

The workshop ended at 9:05 p.m.

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