

MINUTES  
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: Alan Meyers, William Bloss, Linda Sanacora and Ted Zuse.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF: Thomas Forcella, Andrew Potochney and Linda Trudeau

Dr. Meyers called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Dr. Meyers stated that the purpose of the meeting was to receive input from the public regarding the 2010-2011 Budget.

Kim Beckett stated the PTA would like Dr. Forcella and Dr. Keene to honor teachers by supporting their needs for materials and supplies. Ms. Beckett also stated that there will be a large number of special needs students coming into the High School from Adams for the 2010-2011 school year. She added that Pupil Services is looking at the needs and the number of students that will move into the High School. Ms. Beckett commented on the increase in legal expense for the District and stated that this should be reviewed by the Board.

Marty Kellaher from Guilford Basketball spoke regarding access to the schools for groups like basketball. Mr. Kellaher stated that he did not want to see access to the schools be limited due to budget constraints. The fees paid by Guilford Basketball and the schedule for building use were discussed.

John Ireland discussed the need for long term planning. Dr. Forcella stated that there currently is a five-year plan for Capital and Staffing. Mr. Ireland questioned what was being done to reduce energy costs. Mr. Bloss stated that both oil and electricity are bid to obtain lower prices and that energy savings measures will be implemented in the GHS and Adams projects

Chris Moore questioned what the increase will be for salaries and if there is a set percentage increase for the total 2010-2011 Budget. Dr. Forcella stated that the increase for salaries will be between 3 and 3.2%. Dr. Forcella stated that an increase amount has not been set for the budget.

Dr. Forcella reviewed the timeline for the budget process.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bloss and seconded by Mr. Zuse the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau