

**Westport Central School District
Special Budget Board of Education Meeting**

Place: Library

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Time: 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

at: 6:05 PM

by: President LaRock

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

√ Alice LaRock

√ George Maffey

√ Jim Carroll (entered at 6:12 PM)

√ David Goldwasser

√ Kathleen carterMartinez (entered at 6:12 PM, exited at 8:35 PM)

C. Introduction of Attendees

Also Present: Karen B. Tromblee, Superintendent

Visitors: Daniel McCormick

Jana Atwell, District Clerk

Alvin Reiner

Sheila Borden, District Treasurer

2. Budget Discussion

District Treasurer, Sheila Borden distributed a budget comparison sheet detailing the 2006-2007 budget and the proposed 2007-2008 budget figures indicating whether the line item amount is an increase or decrease from the previous year's budget figures. The proposed 2007-2008 budget indicates a \$230,846 (approximate 5%) increase from the 2006-2007 budget.

Superintendent Tromblee listed goals/objectives/needs and wish list items that she would like to see considered in a budget. The items (not in any list of priority) include:

- K-5 core curriculum math textbooks (a \$23,000 expense able to be covered through grants)
- Starbase/Technology (\$5,000 additional increase to proposed budget)
 - broadband
 - Starbase
 - software
 - hardware

Note: this is a result of the current software program, WINSCHOOL, no longer being supported by NERIC or Questar III.

- K-12 curriculum alignment (3-5 year project covered through grants)
- Professional development (\$2,500 already in budget)
- Cafeteria (\$10,000 covered through grants and a CO-SER)
 - Software (POS – point of sale)
 - *cost = \$5,000 BOCES aidable
 - *initial grant to cover
 - * additional cost to contract with BOCES to maintain the system
- Inventory (\$2,200 additional increase to proposed budget)

Note: this is a result of the recent Comptroller's audit and policy update. Suggest spending money to update and maintain (inventory).
- Furniture (classroom) (\$4,000 total, \$2,000 currently in budget, additional \$2,000 increase). Suggest setting up an allotment for yearly replacement.
- Aide/Monitor/Supervision (\$8.75 per hour (full-time) additional increase to budget,

suggestion for future budget). Position could be used in covering study halls and/or monitoring cafeteria.

- Info Fund (financial management system) to update computer program from DOS to Windows. (\$2,000+ increase, suggest for future budget)
- Reading First Plan to sustain a full-time Reading Coach/Teacher as the grant expires in June 2008. (\$65,000, suggest for 2008-2009 budget)
- Pre-kindergarten - cost to be determined based upon enrollment (suggest for future budget)

For the next meeting the Board requested a budget worksheet indicating an approximate 5% percent increase, a list of negotiable items and a list of possible cuts to review.

Superintendent Tromblee suggested textbooks, cafeteria and technology be considered as critical items for next year.

3. Executive Session

The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

In: 8:37 PM Motion: David Goldwasser Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

Out: 11:00 PM Motion: David Goldwasser Seconded: George Maffey Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

No action taken.

4. Adjournment

Time: 11:01 PM Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: George Maffey

Next Meeting: Budget & Regular Meeting Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 5:30 PM in the Library

Minutes of the Clerk are not official until approved by the Board.

Date Approved by the BOE March 15, 2007

Jana Atwell, District Clerk