

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

Place: Library

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Time: 5:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

at: 5:38 PM

by: President LaRock

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

√ Alice LaRock

√ George Maffey

√ Jim Carroll

√ David Goldwasser

√ Kathleen carterMartinez (arrived 5:44 PM)

C. Introduction of Attendees

Also Present: Karen B. Tromblee, Superintendent

Jana Atwell, District Clerk

Sheila Borden, District Treasurer

Visitors: Daniel McCormick

Scott Gibbs

Paul Mudie

Michele Friedman

2. Behind the Wall Discussion – Scott Gibbs & Paul Mudie, Co-Advisors

The mission and goal for the reformatted publication *Behind the Wall* is defined by the statement of purpose: “The intended audience of *BTW* is Westport Central’s middle and high school. Our goal is to provide an informative and entertaining publication designed to create meaningful dialogue within our school community. Further, we will strive to create a feeling of student ownership by producing a topical, contemporary, and lively publication in which we extend an open invitation at all times for thoughtful student participation.” Mr. Gibbs explained that one of the most difficult obstacles the JGA (Journalism Graphic Arts) class faced was that the high school students were writing for a very large, diverse audience when the publication was distributed (to all Westport postal patrons). Therefore the target audience has been reduced to our middle and high school students with no intended outside distribution. The class must realize the publication may continue to reach another audience than what is intended so there still must be a responsibility of ownership to what is published. The class anticipates publishing an issue every six weeks. The members of the Board advised that they would like to receive issues of the new publication also.

3. Budget Adoption

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the adoption of the proposed budget in the amount of \$4,757,437 as the Westport Central School budget for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion: Jim Carroll

Seconded: George Maffey

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Accept

4. Adjournment

Time: 6:27 PM

Motion: George Maffey

Seconded: David Goldwasser

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 6:30 PM in the Library

Special Meeting (CVES election) Thursday, April 26, 2007 (time & place TBD)