

**Minutes of School Committee Budget Workshop 02/05/09**

The Barrington School Committee held a Budget Workshop on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at the Administration Office. Mr. Hasenfus called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Mr. Hasenfus, Dr. Flanagan, Mrs. Oberg, Dr. Shea, Dr. McIntyre and Mr. Tarro.

Mr. Geoffrey Grove from the Barrington Committee on Appropriations led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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Mr. Hasenfus briefly summarized the budget process for the benefit of the audience and noted that Dr. McIntyre and Mr. Tarro had presented the Committee with a level-services budget at the previous meeting. Mr. Hasenfus opened discussion of the budget to the School Committee.

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to adopt the budget as presented and to authorize the administration to transmit it to the Committee on Appropriations. The motion passed 5-0.**

Mr. Hasenfus opened the floor to public discussion. Mr. Grove asked about the size of the increase being requested in this budget. Dr. McIntyre informed the audience that the increase was 4.42% which amounts to an additional \$1.8 million. Mr. Grove asked about potential budget cuts. Dr. McIntyre made the case for adopting the budget as presented as necessary for continuing to deliver high quality education services. Two additional comments from the audience focused on the potential erosion of services even with a level-services budget. Dr. McIntyre and Mr. Tarro acknowledged that the potential for such erosion given that some areas of the budget can only be projected at this time. However, they were confident that adopting a level-services budget would enable the district to maintain all current positions and deliver the same services.

No Executive Session was necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.