

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND**

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Minutes of School Committee Meeting 02/23/10

The Barrington School Committee held a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Administration Office. Mr. Hasenfus called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Mr. Hasenfus, Dr. Shea, Mr. Guida, Mrs. Oberg, Dr. Flanagan, Dr. McIntyre, Dr. Calise, and Mr. Tarro.

Mr. Thomas Brueckner led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Information and Proposals

Mr. Hasenfus noted that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss the proposed 2010-2011 operating budget prepared by Dr. McIntyre and Mr. Tarro. Dr. McIntyre noted the proposed budget represents a level-services budget. He noted the two main goals of the budget were: 1) to maintain class size, and 2) to keep the budget within the mandated 4.25% cap mandated under Senate Bill 3050. Dr. McIntyre noted that the budget represents an increase of \$479,000 or a 1.13% increase over last year's budget. In addition, the District also has to address an \$862,000 reduction in state aid. He noted difficult decisions were necessary, but that hopefully our District will get relief from the unions to lessen the impact of the budget increase and loss in state aid. Much discussion took place with input from the Committee and members of the audience regarding various aspects of the budget. Mrs. Kathryn Cadigan, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, asked numerous questions for clarification. Comments from the audience focused on the need to add math coaches due to concerns raised by the recent results of the NECAP math scores. The proposed budget will be presented for final approval at the February 25th School Committee meeting and then passed on to the Committee on Appropriations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.