

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
Minutes
Meeting & Budget Workshop
Monday
March 16, 2009

7:00 p.m.

High School Library

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 in the High School Library. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

A. Members present: Wilton Bear, Jr.
Tina Dombroski
Ann Holstein
Gregory Lampman
Anne Mitchell
Rosanne Stapleton
Lawrence Tompkins

Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
Jacqueline O'Halloran, District Clerk
Donna Accuosti, Elementary Assistant Principal
Scott Gardiner, Director of Technology
Lisa Knowles, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Michael Laster, High School Principal
Peter Mahan, Elementary School Principal
Karen Morin, Supervisor of Transportation
Jeffrey Palmer, Middle School Principal
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Tammy J. Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Scott Turrin, Assistant High School Principal & Director of Athletics

B. There were approximately three (3) visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting and Budget Workshop for March 16, 2009.

III. Discussion

(On Monday February 23, the Greenville Board of Education began the public discussion of the district operating budget for the 2009-2010 school year. The Board of Education Budget Workshops and the Budget Advisory Committee Meetings have been established to ensure transparency in the fiscal process and to provide opportunities for the public, as the budget is actually being developed, to learn about the educational programs and related services as supported by budget expenditures and anticipated revenues. The Board invites public comment throughout the budget development process and encourages you to attend the various meetings as scheduled. The presentation of the required format of the budget (Program, Administrative, and Capital) is detailed further in these discussions into the non-instructional and instructional categories.

Board of Education Budget Workshops are scheduled from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the HS Library Media Center on the remaining dates:

Monday March 16

7:00 pm High School Library (Instructional & Revenue)

Monday April 6

7:00 pm High School Library (Total Budget)

It is anticipated that the Board will adopt a final budget at the Business Meeting of April 13, 2009. The remaining Budget Advisory Committee Meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday March 31 7:00 pm High School Library

Tuesday May 26 7:00 pm High School Library

The vote on the School Budget is Tuesday, May 19th from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Elementary School Cafeteria.)

Tammy J. Sutherland reviewed the following Instructional categories with the Board of Education:

2010 Curriculum Development
2020 Supervision
2060 Evaluation and Planning
2070 Inservice Education
2110 Teaching
2250 Special Education
2280 Occupational Education
2330 Teaching Special Schools
2610 Instructional Media
2805 Attendance
2810 Guidance
2815 Health Services
2820 Psychological Services
2850 Co-Curricular Activities
2855 Interscholastic Athletics
9010 Employee Benefits

Ms. Sutherland also discussed the following revenue sources:

Balance on Hand July 1, 2009
Interest/Penalties on Taxes
Real Estate Taxes (includes STAR reimbursements)
Library and Textbook Fines
Admissions
Tuition from other Districts
Interest on Deposits
Capital Account – Interest
Miscellaneous
State Aid
Rent – Questar III (includes Summer School)
E Rate reimbursement
Private School – Related Services

Areas of discussion included:

- Revenue projections based on the Governor's Proposal
- Supplies and equipment cuts
- A proposal to relocate some special education programs on campus from existing out-of-district placements where feasible

Following discussion, the Board of Education acted on the following proposal:

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to endorse the proposal to establish comparable special education programs on campus for the purpose of educating more of our students within the district; ensuring that each child has an equal or better program as assessed by year to year progress on IEP goals; and anticipating some savings to the overall budget

IV. Closing Open Forum

Robert Schrader, speaking as a grandparent, expressed to the Board although the families of special education students with District placements may feel some anxiety, the long term effect would be positive.

Resident and Budget Advisory Committee Member, Duncan Macpherson, felt it would also be positive to have these students on campus and available to participate in community sponsored events.

V. Adjournment

Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

District Clerk

Board of Education President