

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Budget Workshop
Minutes
April 7, 2008

I. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 7, 2008 in the High School Library. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Member Absent: Anne Mitchell

Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
Jacqueline O'Halloran, School District Clerk
Tammy J. Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Scott Gardiner, Director of Technology
Colleen Hall, Middle School Principal
Margaret Kelly, Director of Communications
Lisa Knowles, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Peter Mahan, Elementary School Principal
Karen Morin, Director of Transportation
JoAnn Morse, Substitute Assistant Principal MS/HS
Jeffrey Palmer, MS/HS Assistant Principal
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Paul Ventura, Food Service Manager

B. There were approximately five (5) visitors to the meeting

II. Approval of Agenda

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 7, 2008.

III. Discussion

(On Monday April 7, the Greenville Board of Education continued the public discussion of the district operating budget for the 2008-2009 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.

It is anticipated that the Board will adopt a final budget at the Business Meeting of April 14 that begins at 7:30 pm.

The vote on the School Budget is Tuesday, May 20th from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Elementary School Cafeteria.)

Wilton Bear, Jr., Board of Education President introduced William Ommerborn from the Budget Advisory Committee. Mr. Ommerborn gave the committee's following recommendations:

1. "recommend that the request for the Registrar/CSE Clerk be amended to a 12 month position @ 6 hours a day, thus eliminating the benefit expenses at a savings of about \$13,000.
2. for the requested 1.0 FTE music position it is recommended that it be reduced to a .4FTE to contain costs for this year.
3. Accepting the Proposed Personnel Realignment, which would also reduce cost by over \$10,000.
4. Since we are unable to get a more definite feel for the amount of State Aid at this time, our final recommendation regarding the 08-09 Budget would be to consider any of the remaining items based on mandated needs first; and we would further recommend that the final levy be no more than last year's increase.

As a final comment, we strongly ask that the Board use whatever means at their disposal to pressure New York State legislators to find ways to increase their Aid to schools without further burdening the taxpayers."

Tammy J. Sutherland explained a final budget will be adopted at the April 14, 2008 Business Meeting with hopes that the State Budget will be finalized before then. She and Superintendent Dudley provided information on the following areas:

1. A comparison of food service meal prices and subsidy prices from surrounding schools
2. Special Education costs and aid calculations
3. 2008-2009 Staff projections and health insurance
4. Revenue Summary for 2008-2009
5. 2008-2009 State Aid Projections
6. Program review and potential reductions
7. A Contingent Budget Cap Calculation

V. Closing Open Forum

Mr. Ommerborn from the Budget Advisory Committee expressed his gratitude to Margaret Kelly for all her hard work and commitment that she has shown to the Committee over the past years during the budget process.

VI. Adjournment

At 8:05 p.m. Rosanne Moore moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

School District Clerk

Board President