

Meeting of the Board of Education and Budget Review of the Three Village Central School District of Brookhaven and Smithtown held at R. C. Murphy Junior High School, Oxhead Road, Stony Brook, New York on March 6, 2007 at 7:30 pm

There were present: Stuart Fourman  
Laura Hamilton  
Thomas McDonald  
Frank McIntosh  
David Micklos  
Jacqueline Rudman

There was absent: John Diviney

There were also present: Frank Carasiti  
Lorna Lewis  
Mara Bollettieri  
Richard Seidell  
Kathy Sampogna  
Visitors

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Mr. Carasiti led the pledge of allegiance.

2007-2008 BUDGET REVIEW

Technology

Kerrin Welch presented the Technology Plan Update and Budget Review. The Board discussed proposed improvements to the WAN and which improvements were included as part of Proposition I. Dr. McDonald asked for more detailed information on the use of instructional technology in the classroom, and the rationale for what is being provided to the students. Ms. Welch noted that this information is included in the district's technology plan. Items included in the BOCES code and the cost of these items were discussed. Ms. Rudman asked that recommendations be made as to what items in the proposed budget are priorities and what cuts can be made. Ms. Welch and Mr. Carasiti noted that such recommendations would have to be made after consultation with those who were involved in putting the budget together.

Transportation

Mr. Seidell presented the 2007-2008 Preliminary Budget/Financial Plan for Transportation.

Maintenance and Operations

Mr. Seidell presented the 2007-2008 Preliminary Budget/Financial Plan for Maintenance and Operations. The impact of proposed capital projects on the energy performance contract was discussed, and it was noted that the proposed savings from the energy performance contract cannot be realized if the new temperature controls are not installed.

Employee Benefits

Mr. Seidell presented the 2007-2008 Preliminary Budget/Financial Plan for Employee Benefits. The Board discussed methods for reducing the cost of medical and dental insurance benefits.

OTHER RELEVANT ITEMS

Mr. Carasiti noted that further budget discussion will take place at the next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2007.

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PARTICIPATION

Lori Carlino spoke about reinstating 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade honors social studies classes. Rose Tant spoke about 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade honors social studies classes. Dr. Lewis noted that the course offerings were a curriculum issue based on thoughtful consideration and explained the rationale behind the decision.

Christopher Emery asked about status of the IG Program for 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Patty Ewen asked about the status of the policy for promoting 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes to varsity teams. Mr. Carasiti indicated he believes the Board had determined that promotion would take place in non-contact sports only.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Micklos and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Sampogna  
District Clerk