

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 11790 on March 4, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

There were present: Stuart Fourman
John Diviney
Carol Leister
Frank McIntosh
David Micklos
Jacqueline Rudman

There were also present: Frank Carasiti
Mara Bollettieri
Jeffrey Carlson
Cheryl Pedisich
Matthew Wilkins (as of 7:55 pm)
Andrea Wilson
Visitors

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm. Mr. Carasiti led the pledge of allegiance.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING AGENDA

No changes were made to the meeting Agenda.

Opening Statement

Mr. Diviney stated that it has not been the practice now or in the past, for the Three Village Central School District to employ lawyers and other retained experts as employees.

2008-2009 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Mr. Carasiti presented an overview of the proposed tax rate applicable to the Budget for 2008-2009.

Transportation

Mr. Carlson presented the Transportation Budget.

Mr. Diviney exited the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Mr. Diviney returned to the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Maintenance and Operations

Mr. Carlson presented the Maintenance and Operations Budget.

Employee Benefits

Mr. Carlson presented the Employee Benefits portion of the proposed Budget.

Comments and Questions

The Board discussed various aspects of the proposed Budget with the recommendations that the following information be presented to the Board for further consideration:

Actual vs. projected appropriations for comparison on employee benefits. New York State Department of Education determination of CPI and actual costs for Maintenance and Operations.

Actual cost analysis of the HVAC maintenance contracts for the purpose of determining the justification of additional personnel and those related costs.

A revised budget outlined as a status quo budget from previous year with new items presented separately along with justification for each.

OTHER
RELEVANT
ITEMS

Mrs. Rudman provided information the upcoming hearing regarding property tax on March 5, 2008 from 9am to 12pm at the Suffolk County Offices in Hauppauge.

Mr. Wilkins spoke regarding the upcoming Bugs Bunny Breakfast at 10:00 am on March 15, 2008 at Ward Melville High School.

Mr. Carasiti provided the topics for the next Board of Education meeting scheduled for March 11, 2008 at 8:00 pm.

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PARTICIPATION

Eric Haracz inquired about the transportation portion of the budget, specific to the issue of late buses and total runs per day. Mr. Carlson replied that there were 67 total runs per day.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Micklos, seconded by Mrs. Rudman, and carried by a 6-0-0 vote that the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson
District Clerk