

Special Meeting, Budget Review and Adoption of Budget of the Board of Education 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 April 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

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

There was absent: Carol Leister
Matthew Wilkins

There was also present: Frank Carasiti
Mara Bollettieri
Jeffrey Carlson
Cheryl Pedisich
Lindsey Brekne
Andrea Wilson
Visitors

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:01 pm to discuss personnel, legal and contractual matters. The Board reconvened into open session at 8:02 pm. Lindsey Brekne led the pledge of allegiance.

OPENING OF BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING

Dr. Fourman reported that Dr. Ralph Ferrie, will be appointed as Superintendent at the next Board of Education Meeting on April 29, 2008 and invited the public to attend and meet the new superintendent at that time.

Ms. Brekne reported on student activities.

Mr. Whitney reported that the Mount Elementary Math Masters Team took the first place title in Suffolk County and extended congratulations to each of the participating students.

Mr. Borwell reported that the Gelinas Science Olympiad Team took first place in the New York State Science Competition for the third year in a row and reported that the Murphy Science Olympiad Team moved up to eighth place from last year's ninth place. Congratulations were extended to all the students who participated.

Mr. Colletti reported that the Ward Melville High School Science Olympiad Team took the first place title for Long Island and third place in New York State. The Math Team came in second place and the Science Bowl Team finished in second place.

Mr. Carasiti highlighted various aspects of the 2008-2009 Budget.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Mr. Haracz commented regarding the Teaching, Learning and Education Policy Committee and offered to participate in future policy meetings.

Mr. Carasiti reported that the upcoming budget has an allowance of \$9500 to update the District's Policy Manual and that the public will be invited to participate in that process.

2008-2009
BUDGET
SUMMATION
AND REVIEW

Mr. Carasiti summarized the budget and tax levy increase.

Mr. Diviney reported that recommendations from the Audit and Finance Committees to have the District operate in a more fiscally and responsible way have resulted in the District's ability to build up funds in the reserve and fund balances, making the District financially able to pass on savings to the tax payers.

Dr. Fourman asked Mr. Carasiti to respond regarding contingent positions. Discussion ensued and a consensus was reached to reduce the budget as close as possible to the inflation rate of 4%.

Mr. Carasiti noted that with a \$250,000 decrease the budget preserves current educational programs.

Mr. Carlson reported that the revised budget would be \$159,404,964 with a budget to budget increase of 4.5%.

Discussion ensued regarding the definition and restrictions of a contingency budget. Mr. Carlson reported that there is a 120% cap over the previous year's budget which would result in a contingency budget of \$157,789,829. If the District went to a contingency budget it would be necessary to cut \$1.6 million from the budget.

ADOPTION OF
THE 2008-2009
RECOM-
MENDED
BUDGET,
CONTINGENT
BUDGET, AND
PROPERTY TAX
REPORT CARD

It was moved by Mr. Micklos, seconded by Mrs. Rudman, and carried by a 5-0-0 vote to accept the following resolution:

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools be it RESOLVED that a budget in the amount of \$159,404,964 be adopted for the 2008-2009 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Property Tax Report Card for the 2008-2009 school year be approved. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that a contingent budget in the amount of \$157,789,829 be adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Micklos, seconded by Mrs. Rudman to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:33 pm, and carried by a 5-0-0 vote. Executive Session adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson
District Clerk