

RE: Northbridge School Committee Public Hearing
DATE: March 9, 2010
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Northbridge High School Auditorium

MINUTES

Present:

Chairman Michael McGrath, Susan Brouwer, Mary Contino, Mike LeBrasseur, Selena Livingston, Superintendent Susan Gorky, Assistant Superintendent Nancy Spitulnik and Business Manager Melissa Walker

Absent: *Vice Chairman Dr. Karen Kittredge, Fred Beauregard, Rich DeLuca and Julie Gawlak*

Call to Order:

Chairman McGrath called the School Committee Public Hearing to order in open session at 6:35 P.M. with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Presentations:

Business Manager Melissa Walker delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the FY11 School Committee's Proposed School Budget. The FY2011 budget was conservatively built from the ground up focusing on District and student centered goals. Site Based Managers compiled budgets detailing and justifying each dollar with input from staff. Site Based Managers presented the budget over the course of two Saturdays in November to the budget subcommittee. Ms. Walker also gave an overview of the Operating Budget Revenue Sources, Operating Budget History, Pie Graph of the FY2011 Operating Budget, Operating Comparison, Proposed Staff Reorganizations, and Proposed Staff.

Public Comment:

Jeffrey Andrews, Grade 10 High School Student, spoke on the Technology Budget and bringing back the Microsoft operating system.

Kristen DeJong, High School Teacher and President of the Northbridge Teachers' Association, 35 Fowler Road, spoke on NEASC obligation items, operating budget, a level funded budget, and stimulus money and chapter 70 differences.

Salvatore D'Amato, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, 63 Gill Court, Whitinsville, spoke of the town's finances. Mr. D'Amato also mentioned the 2012 budget and a possible override. He would like the departments to work together.

Adjournment:

Mary Contino made a motion to adjourn the School Committee Public Hearing. Sue Brouwer seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 7:00 P.M. with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Selena Livingston
Secretary to the School Committee*

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