

*Northbridge School Committee
Budget Subcommittee*

Date: *Thursday, August 27, 2009*
Time: *6:00 pm*
Location: *Administration Building*

Minutes

Present: *Mike LeBrasseur, Fred Beauregard, Karen Kittredge and Sue Brouwer*

Absent: *Mike McGrath*

Others attendees: *Sue Gorky, Melissa Walker, Deb King, and Selena Livingston*

Call to Order: *Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm*

Approval of Minutes: *Karen Kittredge made a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2009. Sue Brouwer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*

Discussion: *Deb King reviewed the Food Services budget with the subcommittee as well as her recommended plan to address the food program this year, with rising costs, without jeopardizing quality and raising prices. Supt. Gorky also presented Preferred Meal Services as an option to consider in the future as a way to save costs in providing food to the students.*

Melissa Walker reviewed the standard rate schedules, and informed the committee of the intent to compensate previously certified substitutes at the same pay rate after their certification has expired. This was discussed as a means to ensure we retain high quality substitutes in the district.

Melissa Walker reviewed the final FY09 revolver accounts and informed the committee that our current balance is approximately \$3.7M.

Fred Beauregard requested discussion of additional revenue opportunities be added to future agendas. Mike LeBrasseur suggested Energy Education should be contacted to understand their offering to save district money through energy efficiency. Melissa Walker mentioned that she is working with the town through another company that provides a similar service.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Sincerely,

*Michael LeBrasseur, Chair Budget Sub-Committee
School Committee Member*

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