

Call to Order at 6:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was done by Mr. Sutton, Board President.

Emergency Exit Review was done by Mr. Sutton, Board President.

Attendance: Board Members present were Mr. R. Ferrannini, Mrs. L. Gormley, Mr. D. Skott, Mrs. B. Stacy, Mr. D. Sutton and Mr. D. Wilwol. Also present was Ms. P. Cottrell, District Clerk, Mr. K. Facin, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. P. Hatfield, School Business Admin.
Board Member Absent was Mr. J. Helft.

Budget Presentation:

1. Proposed 2011-2012 Budget.

Mr. Facin stated the following:

- Explained that the BOE will have to adopt the school budget at the next board meeting, April 17, 2011 @ 7:00 pm. in accordance with our approved budget calendar and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.
- The NYS Commissioner of Education resigned today.
- The district received an additional \$68,000 in state aid, lower than other local schools, which is very disappointing.
- Fund balance has not be used to build this budget because it would constitute a non-renewable revenue source that would create a larger problem next year.
- Budget-to-Budget we are 3.7% less next year than this year.
- The past 4 years, the district had the following tax levy increases:
 - 2008-2009 3.5%
 - 2009-2010 0.0%
 - 2010-2011 0.0%
 - 2011-2012 2.5% proposed
- With a proposed tax levy increase of 2.5%, it is modest and reasonable and allows the district to continue with most of our current programs. It would also enable us to bring back a special education teacher
- We are doing an intensive re-evaluation of our special education student programs to see if we can bring one or more students back to HFCS D instead of using an outside placement for their education. Outside of HFCS D placed students are acceptable if we cannot educate the students within our own programming opportunities.
- We have begun an internship program for Life Skills students and one student has already started under the supervision of Paul Baker.
- The district is sharing transportation service with other districts when the opportunity arises.
- STAR program and equalization rate were reviewed by Mrs. Hatfield.
- Contingent Budget was also explained in detail by Mrs. Hatfield.
- Budget newsletter will be going out and a budget poster will be created for the public to be displayed in local businesses and non-profits (firehouses, etc.)
- Mrs. Hatfield and Mr. Facin answered numerous questions from BOE members about staffing, programming, contingency budgets, STAR program and the tax levy.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mrs. Stacy seconded by Mr. Skott to go into Executive Session at 7:10 PM for reason to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 noes; motion carried.

* There will be no board actions following this executive session.

*** Mrs. Stacy left during Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Skott seconded by Mr. Wilwol to return to Regular Session at 8:55 pm.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 noes; motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Ferrannini seconded by Mr. Wilwol to Adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 noes; motion carried.

