

Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
Minutes  
February 12, 2015

Present: BOE members Chair Karen Bergin, Julie Begin, Matt Giuffre, Rich Hayes, Alison Romkey and Ron Rousseau. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present. BOE member Kate Galle was absent.

Chair Karen Bergin called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Superintendent Heckt shared answers to the questions posed at the 2/5/15 budget work session. Mr. Rousseau asked Mrs. Grande about Tumblebooks. She provided additional information. Mr. Hayes asked if the diesel tank that is part of the generator system at BHS is covered in the insurance policy. Mr. Boyd indicated he thought it was. Mrs. Heckt stated they would confirm and share that information next week.

The BOE reviewed Contracted Salaries and Wages. Mrs. Bergin asked if BPS is still at the top end with regards to cost share percentages. Mr. Hayes questioned how much was spent on legal services in special education last year. Mrs. Heckt stated that information would be provided next week.

The BOE reviewed Operations, Transportation, Technology and Appendices. There was discussion in regard to locking in of fuel prices. Mrs. Heckt shared Mr. Boyd watches it carefully and consistently communicates that information to the town. Mr. Boyd shared two weeks ago with the Town that he had been told by our current vendor prices were going up. He shared again with the Town on Friday, 2/6/15 that prices were continuing to rise. Fuel was locked in on Tuesday, 2/10/15.

Mrs. Romkey indicated she is interested in adding world language back into the budget. Mrs. Heckt indicated that would be a cost of \$88,575 including benefits and a .67% increase to the budget.

Mr. Rousseau indicated he is interested in adding Impact Testing and a trainer for games only to middle school sports for an additional \$5,400 to the budget - \$5,000 for the trainer and \$400 for Impact testing.

Mr. Giuffre indicated he is interested in reducing Pay to Play.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6 pm in the BOE Conference Room.

A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Alison Romkey; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Giuffre. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Submitted by Kristin Heckt