

Meeting of the Board of Education and Budget Review 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 1, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

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

There were also present: Frank Carasiti
Mara Bollettieri
Jeffrey Carlson
Cheryl Pedisich
Matthew Wilkins
Andrea Wilson
Visitors

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:01pm to discuss personnel, legal and contractual matters.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:01pm. Matthew Wilkins led the pledge of allegiance.

OPENING OF MEETING

Matthew Wilkins provided information regarding many upcoming events at Ward Melville High School including the Town Meeting on April 2, Dinner Theatre Murder Mystery on April 9 and 10, 2008, reported that the class elections were underway and that spring sports were currently operating.

2008-2009 BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Carasiti stated that the April 8, 2008 Board of Education Meeting would take place at Setauket Elementary School at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Carasiti stated that as of this afternoon there were no reports from New York State regarding school aid. Mr. Carasiti had received information that there would not be an increase in health insurance, which would allow for a reduction on the health line of the budget.

Secondary Programs and Co-Curricular Activities

The budget and co-curricular activities for RC Murphy Junior High were presented by Vinny Vizzio, Principal.

The budget and co-curricular activities for Gelinas Junior High were presented by Gustave Hueber, Principal.

Questions and discussions ensued regarding the Life Skills Program, staffing, enrollment in language programs and overall enrollment in each of the Junior High Schools.

The budget and co-curricular activities for Ward Melville High School were presented by Thomas Colletti, Principal.

Questions and discussion ensued regarding study halls and availability of class sections.

Interscholastic Athletics The budget for Health, Physical Education and Interscholastic Athletics were presented by Don Webster, Director.

OTHER RELEVANT ITEMS No other relevant items were presented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Mr. Blaikie spoke of his recent attendance at the finance workshop presented by Mr. Flanagan and shared his concerns for fair and equitable school taxes.

Mrs. Ironside presented her concerns that employees under investigation for disciplinary action might still be on the payroll. Mr. Carasiti responded that one employee had resigned and another was suspended and currently receiving their salary.

Eric Haracz re-stated his concerns that corporations should be taxed at higher rates than they do to help fund schools. Mr. Carasiti explained that tax incentives are given to corporations so that corporations will remain on Long Island.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Mr. Micklos, seconded by Mrs. Rudman, and carried by a 6-0-0 vote that the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 pm. The Board reconvened into Executive Session at 9:50 pm and adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson
District Clerk