

Board of Education Special Meeting
March 21, 2013

Call to Order

Board Secretary, Lori D'Ostuni, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Suffield High School Media Center. Present: Board members: Lori D'Ostuni, Jeanne Gee, George Beiter, Mary Roy, and Scott Schneider; Director of Fiscal Administration, Ed Basile; Superintendent of Schools, Karen Baldwin; Assistant Superintendent, Jim Collin and observers.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Communications

Board member D'Ostuni reminded the Board that the SFES dinner/auction would be held on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Gee moved, Schneider seconded to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Action Items

- FYI 2013-2014 Board of Education Recommended Budget – MOTION #13-15: Gee moved, Schneider seconded **to approve the Board of Education 2013-14 budget in the amount of \$31, 856,239 or a 1.89% increase over the 2012-13 budget.** Discussion followed. Board member D'Ostuni stated that the proposed budget no longer has funding for CABE membership; Board member Roy asked for funding in the budget for Board members to have access to some of the CABE workshops (at the nominally higher non-member fee). The Board decided to fund these workshops through savings from other areas in the budget. Board member Gee asked if there was a CABE yearly calendar so Board members could see upcoming educational opportunities and events well in advance. The Superintendent will look into this. Board member D'Ostuni reported that she had spoken with several of the Board members who were not in attendance for this meeting and they were in favor of the presented proposed budget. Board member Beiter expressed his thanks to Budget Chair Bob Eccles for his efforts in preparing the FY 2013-14 budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board was reminded that the proposed budget would be presented to the Board of Finance on Monday, April 1, 2013. The Board of Finance meeting is at 7 p.m. in the basement room of Town Hall.

- FY2013-2014 Health Insurance Re-opener – The Superintendent provided an overview of the HSA option agreement between the Suffield Administrators' Group and the Suffield

Board of Education. **MOTION #13-16:** Roy moved, Beiter seconded **to approve the agreement between the Suffield Administrators' Group and the Suffield Board of Education FY2013-2014 Health Insurance Re-opener.** The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Gee moved, Schneider seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori D'Ostuni
Secretary

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