

Minutes of a Special Board of Education Meeting
Regional School District 14
March 24, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 in the Nonnewaug High School Library, 5 Minortown Rd. Woodbury, CT.

Present were Superintendent Bob Cronin, Director of Finance and Operations Jay Hubelbank, , Board of Education Members Monica Gati, Chuck Cosgriff, Linda Bulvanoski, Steve Sordi, Debbie Corsico, Scott Baider, Steve Paluskas, one newspaper reporter, one Woodbury resident and two social workers. Carla Juhas was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Monica Gati at 6:35 p.m. Chairwoman Gati stated that the purpose of the meeting was to address the concerns and results of the March 18, 2010 meeting held with the Region's Selectmen and Boards of Finance. Chairwoman Gati then briefly summarized what those concerns were. She then turned the meeting over to Dr. Cronin and Mr. Hubelbank who then presented the Board with a list of additional cuts that would have to be made to arrive at a budget of -0.11 to keep Woodbury's town contribution flat. After reviewing the list, the members of the Board had serious concerns about the elimination of a fifth grade teacher and an art teacher to satisfy Woodbury's budget request. Adding back a social worker, the elimination of an asbestos removal project at Mitchell Elementary School and defending the addition of two new administrators were also topics of debate.

After a lengthy discussion where all Board Members were given the opportunity to speak, Steven Paluskas made a motion to reduce the proposed budget of .47 to .28 for the 2010-2011 school year seconded by Linda Bulvanoski. The motion carried 7-0. By doing so the two teaching positions were saved as was the position of the social worker. In addition, the Board agreed to use any monies saved through the early retirement incentive or teacher concessions to further cut the budget to satisfy the W.B.F's request.

Debbie Corsico made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck Cosgriff and the motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Bulvanoski

Linda Bulvanoski, Secretary
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