

2/12/2009 Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Jr/Sr High School

**Present:** Frank Zwack, Donald French, Elizabeth Miller, Thomas Morelli, Jeffrey Paine, Beverly Stewart  
**Absent:** Julie Darling  
**Also Present:** Charlotte Gregory, Cathie Allain, Michelle Colvin, Dennis Healy, Scott Hunter, Jennifer Morris, Sandra Owens  
**Guests included:** Diane Paine

President Zwack convened the meeting at 7:30 PM with six board members present.

The meeting was then turned over to the administration for a report out on the following:

- Square Footage of each building and costs of operations/maintenance per student
- Up-dated information on costs for elementary, middle school, high school and special education programs

**Elementary Program Costs**

2008-2009 Budget \$3,465,569

2009-2010 Budget - Projected \$3,244,028

**Middle School Program Costs**

2008-2009 \$1,735,174

2009-2010 - Projected \$1,497,118

**High School Program Costs**

2008-2009 \$2,846,001

2009-2010 - Projected \$2,880,320

**Special Education Program Costs**

2008-2009 \$3,575,430

2009-2010 - Projected \$3,561,732

The estimates for the 2009-2010 school year include the reduction of four teachers (Special Education, Middle School, and two elementary teachers); possibly one Technology teacher.

The need for the reallocation of \$1500.00 for a Middle School Homework Club for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year was discussed; the outcome was for the Superintendent to facilitate this.

The Administration was asked to provide the Board with the current number of study halls per grade at the MS/HS level.

A preliminary draft budget was handed out showing the total projected revenues of \$18,122,531, total projected expenses of \$18,122,331, savings from the closing of SES of \$475,000, and a tax levy increase of .53%.

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**The Administration provided a response to the budgeting ideas that Tom Morelli had created. The response included whether or not the ideas were attainable and the reasons behind the response.**

**The Superintendent Search Sub-Committee reported that they would have more information at the February 24 meeting. Costs associated with the services of outside consulting firms range from \$20,000 - \$100,000.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM on motion of Liz Miller, second by Jeffrey Paine.**

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**Mary M. Grant, District Clerk**