

5/11/2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Middle School/High School

Present: Frank Zwack, Gina Goodermote, John Greene, Elizabeth Miller, Thomas Morelli, Jeffrey Paine, Beverly Stewart

Absent: No one

Also Present: Charlotte Gregory, Cathie Allain, Michelle Colvin, Cyril Grant, Eileen Leffler, Sandra Owens

Guests included: Richard Beckwith, Andy Maguire, Alan Webster, Jr., Morgan Hartman, Rebekah Hartman, Phil Zema, Bob Miller, Vallis Goodermote, Mark Busch, Pat Busch, Patty Nash, Betty Jean Anderson, Bob Rubin, Richard vonSchilgen, Heinz Noeding, Julie Harrell and others

President Zwack convened the meeting at 6:53 PM with all seven board members present.

After the reading of the names for election inspectors for the May 18, 2010 vote by the Clerk, the following was unanimously approved on the motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Gina Goodermote:

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following people as Election Inspectors for the May 18, 2010 Budget Vote/Board Member Election at the rate of \$10.00 per hour:

Betty Cromie
Janice Grant
Doris Reichelt
Maureen Seel

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM on motion of Liz Miller, second by Jeffrey Paine.

President Zwack convened the Budget Hearing at 7:00 PM and read a brief statement that included:

- thanking the audience for their attendance and anticipated patience
- difficult decisions had been made to have a good Pre K entry program and to strengthen the secondary program
- ensure student success that is cost effective for the whole district
- the Board's role is to listen to the public comments

The meeting was then turned over to the Administration for presentation of the 2010-2011 proposed budget. Interim Superintendent Gregory gave a brief statement on the different areas of the budget, reduction of state aid and the budget development process.

Business Manager, Sandra Owens, provided an overview of anticipated expenditures and estimated revenues of the proposed 2010-2011 budget.

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Showing a budget-to-budget increase of 2.61% from the 2009-2010 budget to the 2010-2011 budget.

2010-2011 Percent of Expenses for Appropriations

●Instruction	39.34%
●Building & Grounds	8.85%
●Central Services	4.37%
●Other	0.06%
●Bonds	2.31%
●Employee Benefits	21.40%
●Transportation	8.34%
●Special Education	15.33%

2010-2011 Percent of Revenue

●Fund Balance & Reserves	5.33%
●Property Taxes	45.11%
●Other	1.83%
●State Aid	47.72%

The presentation ended with options if the budget is defeated.

- Place same budget up for re-vote
- Place different budget up for vote
- Adopt contingent budget spending plan that requires an additional \$408,123 in cuts

Questions/concerns were posed by audience members regarding salaries, BOCES aid, expenditures, per pupil staffing, per pupil spending, the financial outlook of the district, and the voting process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM on the motion of Gina Goodermote, second by Liz Miller.

Mary M. Grant, District Clerk