

**“SPECIAL” Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
February 6, 2007
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ben Wootten; John Richardson; Susan Keenan; Jon Smallidge; Alice Herrick

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Denis L. Howard; Fred Cole; Lori Wessel; Ann Louise d' Entremont; Rick Eichenberg; Rick Seeger; Kathleen McClure; Alan Michelson; Kenneth Ryan; Sarah Palmer; Susan Snyder; Nancy Bos; Margret Baldwin; Steve Peer; Frank Wanning; Maryanne Lewandowski; Mark Bell; Martha Bell; Jan Snow; Beth Jackson; Sue Slocum; Samantha Politte; Cathy Snow

B. Flag Salute

Following the flag salute, Chair Ben Wootten outlined the process by informing those present that John Richardson will do a power point presentation followed by a question/answer period, then proceed through the pages of the proposed budget.

C. Approval of the Agenda

John Smallidge moved and seconded by Alice Herrick to approve the agenda.

Motion passed 5-0-0.

D. New Business

John Richardson gave a brief explanation and then proceeded with the power point presentation. His slides showed enrollment figures and budget proposals over a 10 year period with the average increase at approximately 3.75%. He noted the three different components of the budget K-8, 9-12, and K-12 and commented on each. He also explained the program category increases and the dollar amount of the increases. Overall, the proposed budget is up 7.2% over last year. There was a question/answer period about the needs for a computer technology teacher and special education teacher-student ratios.

Richard Seeger pointed out that an overall 6% tax rate increase for the town was too much, and on behalf of the Budget Committee, asked if some reductions could be made.

Fred Cole pointed out that the reduction of special education staff would truly impact the Title I students, not specifically special education students.

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D. New Business (continued)

Steve Peer explained tuition figures for public and private schools for secondary students.

After

another question/answer period, Chair Ben Wootten proceeded to review the proposed budget page by page.

In summary, the School Committee reduced some items that will impact the students the least. The Board reduced health insurance, educational trips, maintenance items (painting, carpet/tile, roofing, cabinets, fuel oil, and access gates) for a total of \$30,084.

There was a motion

by Ben Wootten and seconded by Jon Smallidge to reduce the Proposed Budget dated 1/10/2007 by \$30,084.00.

Motion passed 4-1-0 (John Richardson)

E. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis L. Howard, Ed. D.
Superintendent