

**APPROVED
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

PLACE:

Darien Board of Education
Conference Room
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Harman, Chair; Mesdames Hagerty-Ross, Stein, Zuro and McNamara; and Messrs. Martens, Dineen and Burke.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Sullivan.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Dr. Dan Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Susie DaSilva, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Shirley Klein, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services; Mr. Michael Feeney, Director of Finance and Operations; Ms. Marjorie Cion, Director of Human Resources.

VISITORS:

Approximately 40

CALL TO ORDER.

Mr. Harman called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. He announced a Special Meeting of the Board of Education on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. The next Regular BOE meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room.

REVIEW OF THE 2016-2017 BUDGET BOOK STRUCTURE AND FORMAT.

Mr. Feeney came forward to speak about the structure and format of the budget. He said that the budget book was posted on the website and a recording of the meeting would also be on the website. Mr. Feeney gave the list of the various meetings including: January 9th, 12th, 26th, Feb. 2nd public hearing, and February 9th BOE vote. There will be a series of meetings between Feb. 9th and the RTM's vote on the budget scheduled for May 9th. Mr. Feeney then outlined the various sections in the budget binder.

**PRESENTATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR 2016-2017.**

Dr. Brenner came forward to present the budget to the Board. The current budget is \$94,215,343, which is a 3.85% increase over last year's budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mr. Jon Zagrodzky, the Board of Finance Chairman, asked if they were able to recode the previous years. Additionally, he asked if there was anything in the budget that he would like to highlight as a new initiative. Dr. Brenner said that the administration had focused on Professional Development and Technology.

Mr. Bruce Orr, from the Board of Finance said that he appreciated the presentation that included the history as well as the zero based budget. He asked if there were any projections as to where the expenses were. Dr. Brenner replied that it was too early to project the expense.

ADJOURNMENT.

- ** MR. MARTENS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MR. BURKE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Schneider Zuro
Secretary

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