

**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION MEETING  
OF THE BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 5, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.  
Board of Education Room**

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**PRESENT** G. Kenyon, R. Atwater, R. Clemens, L. Mead, A. Moeller, W. Smith, J. Sweeney

**ALSO PRESENT** R. Klatt, A. Brady, J. Hoar, B. Converso, L. Trakas  
Public 6

**CALL TO ORDER** **CALL TO ORDER**  
President Kenyon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS** Dr. Klatt welcomed Legislature John Syracuse and Supervisor Dan Engert to the meeting and thanked them for coming. It will be complex to create a budget with the uncertainty that surrounds the AES plant and the PILOT program. An auction will take place before the end of March to sell the distressed plant. It is expected that the bond holders will maintain control of the plant. The PILOT will in all probability be renegotiated. It is a very challenging situation for our school and community.

The budget gap for the 2012/2013 school year is projected to be \$1,786,373. This includes the decreased scheduled PILOT payment. It will be Dr. Klatt's recommendation that the tax levy be increased for the first time in four budget years. The amount of the tax increase depends on many factors, including AES, New York State Tax Cap and the reevaluation of the Somerset properties. Our main goal is to provide a fundamentally sound education for our students.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION**

A discussion ensued regarding the participation of sports teams in sectional play. Mr. Carson is in favor of maintaining the participation as it currently stands. After a brief dialog the Board decided to keep the participation in sectional play at its existing level. This subject can be revisited in the future if needed.

Letters will be sent to Governor Cuomo, The Honorable Dean G. Skelos, New York State Majority Leader and The Honorable Sheldon Silver on the Niagara Orleans School Boards Associations recommendation to advocate for equitable education aid distribution.

The 2012/2013 Calendar will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

**POLICY** 2nd Reading of Policy #1510, 5730, 7222, 7315 and 8271  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy #6210, 6211, 6212, 6213, 6214, 6215, 6216, 6217,  
6220 and 6230

**END OF PUBLIC SESSION** Motion by R. Atwater, seconded by R. Clemens to end public session at 8:20 p.m. and to enter Executive Session at 8:27 p.m., for the purpose to discuss Litigation of the 504 Hearing, Negotiations of the Superintendent's Contract and Negotiations of Support Staff Contract  
Yes 7, No 0

**END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** Motion by R. Clemens, seconded by L. Mead to end executive session and return to public session at 8:38 p.m.  
Yes 7, No 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion by R. Clemens, seconded by L. Mead to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.  
Yes 7, No 0

**FUTURE EVENTS**

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Regular Meeting – Monday, March 19, 2012 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Room  
Work Session Meeting – Monday, April 2, 2012 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Trakas  
District Clerk