

LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 29, 2011

A special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 6:35 p.m. in the District Office conference room.

Present were: Mr. Simone, Chairperson; Ms. Fabbri; Ms. Rosser; Messrs. Falcetti, Noone, Shuhi, and Katzin (6:38 p.m.).

Also present were: Dr. Wheeler; Mr. Crowe, Mr. Buccitelli, Mr. Zaremski, press and public.

Board of Finance has recommended a cut to .99% increase. Dr. Wheeler recommended the following reductions:

1. Teacher Salary Account – from a recent turnover - \$44,000
2. Science/SRBI eliminate position - \$50,000
3. Equipment reduction - \$20,325

Will not take away programs currently in place for students. Teacher turnover and New Hire Analysis 2011-12 was reviewed.

MOTION made by Mr. Noone and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to accept the Superintendent's proposal to reduce the budget.

Wait on Science position; keep programs in place; eliminate Special Education at Litchfield Intermediate School; and add in two (2) paraprofessionals.

MOTION failed. Mr. Noone voted in the affirmative. Mr. Simone, Ms. Fabbri, Ms. Rosser, Mr. Falcetti, Mr. Shuhi and Mr. Katzin voted in the negative. There were no abstentions.

MOTION made by Mr. Fabbri and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to eliminate the Science position at Litchfield Intermediate School.

MOTION and second rescinded.

MOTION by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to eliminate Science and Special Education teachers at Litchfield Intermediate School.

AMENDMENT by Mr. Katzin and seconded by Mr. Noone: to eliminate the Athletic Trainer and uniforms from the budget.

AMENDMENT failed. Mr. Noone, Mr. Katzin and Ms. Rosser voted in the affirmative. Mr. Falcetti, Ms. Fabbri, Mr. Simone and Mr. Shuhi voted in the negative.

Discussed the number of Special Education teachers in each school and the number of Special Education assistants.

MOTION carried. Mr. Shuhi, Mr. Falcetti, Ms. Fabbri and Mr. Simone voted in the affirmative. Mr. Noone, Mr. Katzin and Ms. Rosser voted in the negative.

MOTION to move the question by Mr. Katzin and seconded by Mr. Noone.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

MOTION by Mr. Shuhi and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to reduce the teacher's salary account by \$44,000 and take the balance needed out of equipment at discretion of Superintendent.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Falcetti, Secretary