

REGULAR MEETING – FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**Litchfield Board of Education****Monday, January 25, 2010, District Office Conference Rm., 6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education Finance Sub-Committee was held on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Intermediate School District Office Conference Room.

Members Present: Mr. Noone (chair), Messrs. Simone and Gorman.

Also Present: Dr. Wheeler, Messrs. Katzin, Shuhi, Mrs. Fabbri, Ms. Della Volpe, Mrs. Longobucco, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Zaremski and Mr. Crowe; staff members Mr. Mongeau, Mrs. Shuhi, Ms. Goldsmith, and press.

Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Noone: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 30, 2009 and the Special Meeting of January 20, 2010 (with correction of the date in the heading of the January 20th minutes).

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

Communications - None

Public Comment - None

Old Business - None

New Business

- a. 2010-2011 Budget: Recommendations by Board 2-3% increase with concessions by the unions; discussed pool funding.
 - Dr. Wheeler and Mrs. Fabbri left to attend the PTO meeting at 6:48 p.m. and returned at 7:18 p.m.
 - Discussed foreign language cuts LHS/LIS.
 - Discussed list of budget reductions Option #1.
 - Discussed technology needs and expenses.
 - Discussed teaching interns (from University of Bridgeport) who serve as first line substitutes in each building.
 - Discussed Athletic trainer.
 - Discussed parent funding of field trips.
 - Discussed Pay to participate for all activities.
 - Discussed enrollment at Center School and teaching staff; high school World Language 1 FTE; reduction of .4 psychologist and a need to restructure this area; and reduction of 3 educational assistant positions; needs for educational assistants fluctuate.
 - Discussed list of budget reductions Option #2.
 - No summer cleaning; maintenance of floors.
 - Middle School sports.
 - ELL tutor – 6 students
 - LIS World Language – Spanish starting in grade 4
 - LHS electives – restricts options for students.

- Music department reorganization; choral program grades 4-12; reorganize band program; reduction of music teacher grades 4-12.
- Salary freeze now being discussed by unions.

Strategic Plan Discussion

List of 5 critical issues; lists of other items that should be included for discussion.

Future Agenda Items

Continue budget discussions.

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Gorman: to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Donald R. Falcetti
Board of Education