

## **BAC MEETING MINUTES 2/26/08**

The meeting began at 7:10 in the district office conference room.

The following members attended: Gary Carruthers, Liz Morrison, Ed Hudson, Joe Accurso, Paul Killian, Frank Christiano and Alan Sacher. From the district office was Ron Sacks. There were no visitors.

The following topics were discussed:

- The committee discussed their objective to put together, in writing, items they feel should be presented to the BOE.
- The committee has requested documentation on how cleaning supplies are budgeted. For example, by school, square footage or district wide. They also requested the number of new custodial subs that have been hired at the increased pay scale.
- Ron Sacks gave a clarification on the budget verses actual, what happens to money not spent and how the budgeting process has changed over the past years.
- Ron Sacks clarified that the district does not employ any attorneys but does have a law firm on retainer.
- The committee discussed the 10% increase in administrative salaries and that there is no projected column for the 07/08 budget.

They discussed the \$8M proposed in the 2008-09 budget as appropriated fund balance to offset taxes. There was also a discussion pertaining to the three part budget from 2006-07 to proposed 2008-09 that shows a \$12M increase over three years.

- Ron Sacks explained how Special Education teacher salaries are paid through the general fund and state grants. They discussed the general fund and the federal special aide fund and how it is broken down in the budget.
- Review of the general fund equipment and industrial line items as they pertain to the budget.
- Alan Sacher and Paul Killian reviewed their findings regarding class offerings, AP courses and the costs for testing and scoring. There has been a request for a statistical breakdown of AP classes and BOCES Occ Ed programs for the 06/07 school year. They also discussed the Science Research programs offered at North and East and how low enrollment is a budgetary item.

The meeting ended at 9:30 and the next meeting is scheduled for 3/11/08 at 7:00 in the district office conference room.