

BAC MEETING MINUTES 3/11/08

The meeting began at 7:00 in the District office conference room.

The following members attended: Gary Carruthers, Paul Killian, Ed Hudson, Frank Christiano, Alan Sacher and Liz Morrison. From the district office was Charlie Murphy and from the BOE were Sal Tripi, Jon Siegel and Rob Scavo.

The following topics were discussed:

- Review and approval of the BAC meeting minutes from 2/26/08.
- Gary Carruthers distributed a BAC letter sent to the BOE regarding topics of interest. The committee reviewed responses by the BOE.
- Dr. Murphy reviewed the following topics with the committee. AP courses vs. Special Ed courses. Why AP courses are needed for colleges. The comparison of AP courses vs. honors classes from college standpoints. Why and why not some AP courses should be continued.
- The committee discussed with Dr. Murphy custodial overtime and supply costs and why or why not hiring subs will work. He also talked about the effect on custodial supply costs in regards to the district changing to green and why these costs did not go down this year. The district has to bid on all products and supplies and is bound by law to use the lowest bid. Any and all supplies and/or equipment under \$5,000 comes out of the custodial supply budget.
- Dr. Murphy reviewed how school budgets are used. He explained expenses vs. revenue and that revenue comes from State Aide, Taxes and fund balance. He talked about what items are or are not cost effective and how to keep Sachem competitive.
- Dr. Murphy explained the districts theory on how to keep a constant and stable budget over years.
- The committee has requested Paul Kopp, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, to attend a BAC meeting to discuss AP courses and their effect on the budget.
- There was a review of the next direction for the committee, and the committee has agreed there is no need to make a presentation for any recommendations on the 08/09 budget.

The meeting ended at 9:00 and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4/8/08 at 7:00 in the district conference room.