

BAC MEETING MINUTES 4/12/11

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

The following members attended: Alan Sacher, Vinny Lopreto, Teri Ahearn, Liz Morrison, Ed Hudson, Larry Levy, Paul Killian, Denise Sullivan and Perry Russell. From the district office was Bruce Singer. From the BOE were Rob Scavo and Mike Isernia. There were no visitors.

The following topics were discussed:

- Alan Sacher updated the committee on items discussed at the BOE meeting on 4/6. Among those items was the reinstatement of the Gate Program at a cost of \$365,000. All other cuts will remain at this time.
- Alan Sacher updated the committee on his meeting with Jim Nolan and Paul Manzo at the district office on 4/6. He reviewed the cuts of about 20 classes.
- At the last BOE meeting, Kevin Hymys requested to meet with the BAC to discuss the Community Ed program. That meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- The district will be receiving an additional \$2.5 million in State Aid. The committee discussed the options that could be used to best utilize that additional aid.
 - 1) Place the full amount into reserve to offset next years tax levy.
 - 2) Use the full amount to offset this years tax levy to between 2.8-3%.
 - 3) Restore programs that have been cut or some combination of all 3.
- The committee discussed in depth several scenarios including but not limited to the following
 - 1) The elimination of classes causing class sizes to come very close to BOE limits.
 - 2) The change in cost to the taxpayers to go from 4.73% to 3%.
 - 3) Adding back 9 teachers at the elementary level at a cost of about \$700,000.
 - 4) Changes that would need to be made to course offerings and the guidance handbook.
 - 5) The increase in state standards for the AIS program.
 - 6) Bringing the budget to 3.9% will cost approximately \$1.1 million.
 - 7) The use of 1/5th teachers at the secondary level
- The committee voted and their recommendation to the BOE will be as follows:
 - \$400,000 to reduce the budget from 4.73% to 4.49%.
 - \$2.1 million to restore some programs and the balance in reserve.
- Review and approval of the BAC minutes from 3/22/11.

The meeting ended at 9:40 and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4/26 at 7:00 in the district office conference room.