

Date of Meeting: June 4, 2009
Type of Meeting: Special – Public Hearing on the 2009-10 School Budget (Re-vote)
Place of Meeting: Auditorium
Members Present: President, Sam Jackling, Vice President, Wendy Perry; Paul Chizek; John Pecora
Members Absent: Kim Hentnik; Matt Polikowski; Sari Stewart
Others Present: Stephen Tomlinson, Superintendent; Marco Zumbolo, Assistant Superintendent; Georgia Baldwin, District Clerk; staff and members of the community

At 7:00 pm Mr. Jackling welcomed everyone to the public hearing. He then introduced Mr. Tomlinson.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the agenda, polling sites and the 2009-10 Revised Budget – spending reductions. Mr. Tomlinson then introduced Mr. Zumbolo.

Mr. Zumbolo went over the following areas:

- Projected Expenditures
- Expenditure Plan
- 2009-10 Budget
- 2009-10 Projected Revenues
- Where the money comes from
- School property tax comparisons
- 2009-10 School taxes projected impact
- 2009-10 School tax projections
- Contingent budget impact

Mr. Tomlinson made closing remarks and then the floor was opened to questions from the audience.

Mr. Graham – Did you see the article about Johnstown schools insurance? Is insurance really \$25,000? If we did the same thing as Johnstown, what would our savings be? I strongly suggest you look at the health plans.

Diane Pesta – Why did you bother to bring this up for a vote? Since it costs about \$10,000, why would you do this? Isn't it the boards job to force contract talks back open?

Dave Mendez – I moved to Broadalbin-Perth for the school district. If the education is bad nobody will move here. It's not about money all the time. You get what you pay for.

Lisa Zarecki – Cutting two teachers does make a difference. It will help if they change insurance but it's not all about money. You can't keep cutting. A fair assessment would help.

Angelo Finateri – To the teachers, don't ever give up your health insurance. You don't have to do what Johnstown did. You are the unsung hero's. The school doesn't function without teachers. What bothers me is how we got in this predicament. You are trying to maintain the same standard. The Star program is not there anymore. What's the total impact to the taxpayer? How did we get here? Can we consolidate or eliminate a building? How many AP classes do we have? Can we cut? Mr. Finateri then had a question about the School Tax Comparison slide.

Jim Maier – I have a lot of anger. I don't know who or what to be angry at. I am angry at the people who took the aid away. My son received a better education than my two daughters will.

Diane Pesta – I understand that state aid is being frozen. Paterson froze it. Is it written in stone? Can a new governor change that?

Jennifer Zajaceskowski – The district has done a fantastic job. Once something is cut, it's hard to get it back. Is any of the federal stimulus money going to bring any of this back or help in any way?

Ed Szumowski – Are the teachers that may come back the two recently let go?

Charlie DeZolt – I am really sickened by what is coming to fruition at Broadalbin-Perth. Thank you for your effort. Thank you on behalf of my kids.

With no further questions from the audience, the public hearing concluded at 8:15 pm.

Georgia L. Baldwin, District Clerk