

**EXETER-WEST GREENWICH FEBRUARY 18, 2005**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**Budget Workshop**

**The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee met for a Budget Workshop Session at 7:01 PM on Friday, February 18, in the High School Library. Members Present: Sue DeSack, Chairperson; Teri Cicero, Vice-chair; Greg Coutcher, clerk; Frank Maher, Bill Clay, Paul McFadden and Bill Munroe. Others present: Bob Ross, Director of Administration, Phil Thorton, Director of Curriculum; Pietro Petrarca, SRO and Roy Seitsinger, Superintendent.**

**A. Call to Order by Sue De Sack: 7:01 PM**

- i. Committee reviewed the proposed district wide budget. Members asked several clarifying and probing questions.**
- ii. Pietro Petrarca gave a brief description of the benefits the School Resource Officer provides to EWG Jr. and Sr. High School.**
- iii. Each Committee Member was asked to give the percent increase they felt was adequate for the fiscal year 2005-2006.**

- 1. Bill Clay was asked first and opted to be called on last.**
- 2. Bill Munroe stated a 5.5% increase was adequate.**
- 3. Paul McFadden stated the budget should be at a 5% increase, but he was unsure if the district could properly run on that figure.**
- 4. Frank Maher stated he wished to wait until the joint meeting of the Exeter Town Council, West Greenwich Town Council, and the Exeter-West Greenwich School Committee took place.**
- 5. Based on Frank Maher's opinion the School Committee came to a consensus that it would wait until after the joint meeting, mentioned previously, takes place to further any budget discussion and/or vote.**

**B. Meeting Adjourned to Open Session at 9:03 PM**

**Greg Coutcher**

**Clerk**