

**February 13, 2006**

**Exeter-West Greenwich  
Regional School District  
Minutes**

**Joint Meeting of the EWG School Committee and the West Greenwich  
and Exeter Town Councils**

**The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District, the West Greenwich Town Council, and the Exeter Town Council met at 7:03PM on Monday, February 23, 2006, in the High School Library. School Committee Members present: Sue Desack, Chairperson; Teri Cicero, Vice Chair; Greg Coutcher, Clerk; Bill Clay; Bill Munroe; Paul McFadden. West Greenwich Town Council Members present: Thaylen Waltonen, President; Bob Meehan, Vice President, Dick Huntsman, Bob Butler, Mark Tourgee. Exeter Town Council Members present: William Devanney, President; Diane Allen, Vice-president; Wayne Cross; Ross L. Aker. Others present: Roy Seitsinger, Superintendent; Denise Boule, Kevin Breene.**

**A. JOINT SESSION 7:03 PM**

**i. The School Committee presented the two town councils with the capital request amount and backup for the 2006-2007 school year, the Budget summary for the 2006-2007 school year, and the asset**

protection plan dated 2005-2009. Chair Desack stated that the 2006-2007 budget right now stood at a 6.8% increase over last year. She also reminded everyone that this number has yet to be voted on by the School Committee.

Wayne Cross and Ross L. Aker expressed their desire to see the school district budget increase only by 5.5%. Mr. Aker also stated he felt that the school district should pay for its capital improvements from the operating budget and/or capital requests and not by a bond referendum.

Superintendent Seitsinger expressed his concern over the extremely low cash reserve that the school district currently maintains.

Thaylen Waltonen stated he would like to see the school budget increase around 5.9% due to the impact of the increased West Greenwich share due to student population increases in West Greenwich. He also stated that he understands the capital requests and the need for the improvements to take place.

All came to a consensus that the School Committee would present the updated budget to the two town councils at the next joint meeting.

**No votes were taken**

**Greg Coutcher, Clerk**