

JOINT MEETING between the Town Council, the School Committee and the Budget Board held Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:08 P.M. in the Town Council Chamber, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT:

Town Council: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and John M. Karmozyn Jr.

Legislative Representatives: Sen. Paul W. Fogarty, Rep. Edwin R. Pacheco

School Committee: Debra Stockwell, Chair; Mary Margaret Karmozyn, Dorothy A. Cardon, Joan Cote, Paul J. Couture and Raymond J. Trinqu

Also Present: Steven Welford, Superintendent of Schools

Budget Board: Mark S. Brizard, David A. Dickey, Arthur R. Hurley, David C. Ketcham, Matthew Trimble and Daniel P. Joubert, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Norman C. Mainville, School Committeeman Scott Moore

and Budget Board Member L. Kevin McDonald were excused. Rep. Brian Newberry was out of state on business.

Council President Nancy F. Binns called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Note: Handouts at the meeting included

- Pages from the pre-budget presentation**
- Correspondence from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, regarding Resolution Supporting Governor's Proposed Supplemental Budget Articles**
- An explanation of articles included in House Bill 2009 – H 5019: An Act Making Revised Appropriations for the Support of the State for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009**
- An explanation of Articles, Directly Related – Short/Mid-term**
- An explanation of Articles, Related But Long Term**
- Correspondence from Steven Welford, Superintendent of Schools, regarding pending legislative issues**

Copies of all handouts are on file with the record of the meeting.

1. Relative to pre-budget consideration and discussion.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed earlier pre-budget discussions and discussed the impact of the Governor's Supplemental Budget for FY2009, as shown in his pre-budget presentation. Mr. Wood discussed the Governor's Revised Budget,

outlining articles that he believed would be effective in the short-term and those that would have serious impact and should be implemented over a longer timeframe.

There was discussion of:

- State aid for the June Rockwell Levy Rink Renovation**
- Teacher's Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Steven Welford, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed his January 26, 2009 memorandum, outlining pending and proposed legislation that he believed would benefit the school department.

There was general discussion of the various articles included in the Governor's Supplemental Budget for FY2009.

Note: Timothy F. Kane, Town Solicitor, was excused at 8:00 P.M.

Sen. Paul W. Fogarty commented on House Bill 2009 – H 5019: An Act Making Revised Appropriations for the Support of the State for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009. Sen. Fogarty pointed out that budget revisions were currently proposals that are under review and subject to change. Rep. Edwin R. Pacheco described the budget process and the responsibilities of various individuals.

There was further discussion of FY2009 budget issues, including:

- the importance of prompt decisions on the FY2009;**

- **impact of proposed changes in the pension program;**
- **inequities associated with reductions in state aid in combination with tax cap legislation;**
- **unfunded mandates by legislation and by the Department of Education;**
- **the role of lobbyists;**
- **the importance of crafting a realistic budget;**
- **health insurance co-pays;**
- **Medicaid global waiver;**
- **budget projections for FY2010;**
- **possible litigation to enforce legislation;**
- **the extent of the budget problem;**
- **the need to work together at all levels;**
- **communication with the public; and**
- **necessity of controlling expenditures at a local level**

VOTED to adjourn at 9:22 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heike and John M. Karmozyn, Jr. Councilor Norman C. Mainville was excused.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk