

# **JOINT MEETING**

**Tiverton School Committee**

**Tiverton Town Council**

**Budget Committee**

**January 19, 2011**

**Board Members Present: Mrs. Pallasch, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Herrmann, Mr. Bergandy**

**Administrators Present: Superintendent Rearick, Mr. Fiore, Mrs. Sanna**

## **Minutes**

**1) Call to Order-The Joint meeting of the Tiverton School Committee, Town Council, and Budget Committee was called to order by Mrs. Black at 7:00 p.m.**

### **2) Business:-**

**FY2011-12 Budget-Mr. Lambert, Town Council President opened the discussion.**

**Mr. Cotta, Chairman of the Budget Committee continued the discussion explaining that the budget is a work in progress, not only from the school department's side but with every department. The school department has submitted their budget and they are at town**

hall. The Budget Committee is ready to work with each and every department.

Mr. Rearick answered questions about special education costs. Expected areas of increase are additional special education teachers, step increases, health care and medical payments and increases in pension costs. Members of the Town Council and Budget Committee members participated in the discussion. Mr. Coulter expressed the need for a long-term Corrective Action Plan. Everyone agreed that our revenue base must increase and that we cannot assume that property taxes cannot continue to increase in order to fulfill our budgets needs.

Mrs. Coulter suggested that members of the Town Council and the Budget Committee review the school department contracts to see what the School Committee is bound to contractually as they begin the budget process.

3) Adjournment-A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Pavao

School Board Clerk