



**SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
BROMFIELD FACULTY ROOM - 5:00 P. M.
DECEMBER 5, 2007**

Members attending: Virginia Justicz, Stuart Sklar (arrived 5:15 P.M.), Brian Stevens, Willie Wickman, and Superintendent Thomas Jefferson

Others attending: Mark LaVertue, Charles Horn, and Lorraine Leonard

Members absent: Will Verbits

Willie Wickman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

Technology:

- Explained needs – system-wide, elementary, and Bromfield.
- Discussed Smart Boards.
- Willie asked for explanation on new student data base and qualify other savings, etc.
- Disc re: fat (PC) vs. thin (dumb)
- Willie asked Tom how to present higher budget for computers, to keep up rather than “catch-up”.
- Separate article vs. in budget (\$30,000 in budget)

Special Education:

- Charles explained home/hospital tutoring. Suggested a higher rate due to problems getting tutors at \$25/hour. He suggested possibly \$35/hour.
- Bromfield Teachers – 1 new teacher in FY08 not hired (approximately \$60k); add coordinator position similar to Kathleen Donellan at elementary (approximately \$85k).
- Willie asked Charles to graph trends of students – fewer out-of-district, more staying in?
- Need attached sheet for tuitions.
- Willie asked if any other new programs to help keep students in district? Charles and Tom to delve into that after audit is complete.
- Stu – Special Education is not a spending issue, it’s a funding issue.

Maintenance:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant operations to be under jurisdiction of Selectmen.
- Brian – legal opinion on mold issue? Lorraine will ask Tim if Town Counsel should be asked for opinion.

Tom presented summary of changes:

- Retirement - \$20k
- CASE transportation..... - \$10k
- Computers..... - \$25k to Capital article
- Special Education personnel..... +\$55k
- **Net change**..... **\$0**

Lost quorum at 7:45 P.M. (Stu left at 7:30 and Virg at 7:45)

Meeting ended at 8:30 P.M.