

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
THE BROMFIELD SCHOOL STAFF LOUNGE
Friday, February 13, 2009
9:00 A.M.**

Members attending: Stu Sklar, Patty Wenger, Willie Wickman, Keith Cheveralls and Thomas W. Jefferson

Call to Order – Stu Sklar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

FY10 Budget

The Committee discussed estimated reductions for the FY10 Budget. Discussion on health insurance costs and saver plans. Saver plans would have to be implemented by April 1st to realize any savings for FY10. The Committee agreed that saver plans were a short term answer, and that future options needed to be explored. Dr. Jefferson stated that changes in the health insurance would involve impact bargaining with the HTA. The Insurance Advisory Committee is scheduled for meet next Friday. Keith Cheveralls recused himself from the meeting for this discussion.

Tri-Board is scheduled for meet on February 21st, 25th, and 28th if necessary.

Keith Cheveralls returned to the meeting.

The Committee discussed the new methodology presented by FIAT and adopted by the BOS that the School Department absorb \$140,000 health insurance increase into its budget to get to level funded. They agreed to discuss this further with the BOS.

The Committee discussed what it's philosophy should be. Whether they should respond with a reduced budget based upon the amount needed to balance or with a budget reflecting what the schools need to function optimally. The Committee asked the Superintendent to prepare an impact statement for the next meeting based upon the budget voted by the Committee.

Patty Wenger had some minor clarification points on the budget. She was advised to meet with Lorraine to make the necessary adjustments.

The Committee discussed the Curriculum Coordinator model at HES.

The Committee agreed that the original voted budget will stand.

The Committee discussed potential capital planning projects. Warrant Articles' deadline is February 27th at 12:00 p.m. Keith Cheveralls will submit a placeholder for the oil tank removal/replacement. Dr. Jefferson will have additional items ready for Saturday's meeting.

The Chair requested that members discuss their ideas with the Committee prior to sending out emails to other groups.

The Committee discussed the possibility of a shared library position among the Bromfield and Town libraries. There are certification requirements. The Superintendent also advised of the NEASC requirements.

The Committee agreed that it would only participate in the FinCom Survey if it could provide input regarding the school portion of the survey.

Keith Cheveralls left the meeting before adjournment.

Adjournment

Willie Wickman made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to adjourn the meeting.

VOTED (3/0) to accept the motion. . (Keith Cheveralls (Not Present),, Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Willie Wickman (Yes).

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted,

Jackie Smith
Secretary