

MINUTES OF THE
May 12, 2008

SPECIAL MEETING/
BUDGET HEARING
of the
Berne-Knox-Westerlo CSD
Board of Education

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education and Budget Hearing of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District was held on May 12, 2008, in the High School Auditorium.

Members Present: Maureen Sikule John Harlow
 Helen Lounsbury Michelle Fusco
 Joan Adriance

Others Present: Kimberly LaBelle Brendan Hogan
 Timothy Holmes Alan Zuk
 Joseph Golden Sean O'Connor
 Chrissie Margiotta

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Sikule at 6:31 p.m.

Executive Session

At 6:32 p.m., motion was made by Mr. Harlow, seconded by Mrs. Lounsbury to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion was carried. 5 yes.

Board Members and the District Clerk were present during executive session.

Return to Public Session – Budget Hearing

At 7:00 p.m., motion was made by Mrs. Lounsbury, seconded by Mr. Harlow to return to public session. Motion was carried. 5 yes.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Sikule at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Schrade led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Hearing – May 12, 2008 for the Annual Meeting/Budget Vote on May 20, 2008

The Budget Hearing for the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District was held in the High School Auditorium on Monday evening, May 12, 2008.

At 7:04 p.m., Alan Zuk, Chairman of the Annual Meeting assumed charge and called the meeting to order.

Statement by President of School Board

Board of Education President, Maureen Sikule thanked the members of the community who served on the Budget Advisory Committee for their time, participation and commitment in the budget development process. She spoke of Superintendent Schrade and Business Administrator, Timothy Holmes who worked diligently over the last few months to craft a fiscally prudent budget, minimizing the burden on the District Residents. This hearing gives residents an opportunity to review the budget which will be voted upon May 20, 2008. She then turned the meeting over to Mr. Schrade and Mr. Holmes for their presentation of the proposed budget.

Motion to Dispense with the reading of the Legal Notice

Chairman Zuk asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the legal notice.

Motion was made by Mrs. Adriance, seconded by Mr. Harlow to dispense with the reading of the legal notice. Motion was carried.

Budget Statement by Business Administrator

Mr. Zuk introduced Mr. Holmes who gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2008-2009 budget. Highlighted were major expenditure areas. Potential tax impact was also reviewed. The Board Members interacted with Mr. Holmes on the budgetary impact on certain items. Mr. Holmes noted the budget vote to expend the sum of \$20,347,546 for the 2008-2009 school year and to levy the necessary tax would be voted upon Tuesday, May 20, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Introduction of Candidates for Member of the Board of Education

Chairman Zuk announced the three Candidates for the two open seats on the Board of Education. They are Sean O'Connor, Edward Ackroyd, and Maureen Sikule.

Chairman Zuk asked the public if there were any further questions. There were no further questions.

Reading of Bus Proposition

Mr. Schrade gave a brief description of the bus proposition to authorize the acquisition of various school buses and vehicles for use by the District and to expend an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$352,000; to expend \$189,000 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund – Transportation, and a tax in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$163,000 to pay the balance of such cost.

Motion to Recess

Chairperson Zuk asked for a motion to recess the Budget Hearing portion of the meeting until 8:45 a.m., May 20, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Harlow, seconded by Mrs. Lounsbury to recess the meeting until 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2008. Motion was carried.

The Budget Hearing recessed at 7:44 p.m.

Special Meeting of the Board of Education

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District was called back to order at 7:44 p.m. by the President, Mrs. Sikule.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Motion was made by Mr. Harlow, seconded by Mrs. Fusco that the Board of Education has no objections to the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and approves the authorization of funds to implement the Special Education programs and services consistent with such recommendations, as attached. Motion was carried. 5 yes.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m., motion was made by Mrs. Adriance, seconded by Mrs. Fusco to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion was carried. 5 yes.

Board Members and Mrs. Martin were present during executive session. Mrs. Adriance left executive session at 8:28 p.m.

Return to Public Session

At 8:36 p.m., motion was made by Mr. Harlow, seconded by Mrs. Fusco to return to public session. Motion was carried. 4 yes.

The meeting was called back to order by the President, Mrs. Sikule at 8:36 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Harlow, seconded by Mrs. Fusco that the meeting adjourn.
Motion was carried. 4 yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Denise J. Martin
District Clerk