

**SMITHTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 20, 2010

Held in Joseph M. Barton Bldg.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Robert Rossi, President of the Board of Education.

Members present:

Neil S. Carlin
Theresa Knox
Louis Liguori
Scott Martella

Robert Rossi
Joseph T. Saggese
Gladys M. Waldron

Also present:

Edward Ehmann, Superintendent
Mary Cahill, Asst. Supt.
Joan Niles, Asst. Supt.
Visitors
Mary Wilson, District Clerk

OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mr. Rossi.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Adoption of Proposed School Budget for 2010-11

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Smithtown Central School District hereby adopts the proposed budgetary statement for the school year 2010-11, of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures contained in Proposition #1, in the amount of \$211,486,370, subject to the approval of the qualified voters of the District, at the Annual Election to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Smithtown Central School District hereby adopts the proposed contingent budgetary statement for the school year 2010-11, of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures contained in the Contingent Budget, in the amount of \$211,486,370.

Discussion

Mr. Saggese asked for clarification on the contingent budget.

Ms. Niles stated that if the District has to go to the contingent budget it will not be allowed to buy equipment; those funds would be moved to equipment repair.

Mr. Carlin stated that the contingent budget is the same as the regular with the only exception being that the administration has restrictions on spending in one situation and not in the other.

Ms. Niles stated that the increase in tax levy is 1.6622%. If the District has to go to the contingent budget, buying equipment comes out and equipment repair goes in. There can be no transfers into the administrative portion of the budget.

Mr. Liguori questioned what would happen if the District receives more from the state than has been budgeted.

Mr. Ehmann responded that the plan is to increase the revenue side and reduce the appropriated fund balance side.

All aye. (7-0)

AUDIENCE

1. Stan Meyers stated that this budget process was better than it had been in the last three years. He questioned how any settlements with the unions this year would be handled. Mr. Meyers stated that he hoped that the teachers' union is paying attention to what is happening in other districts and in other states as well.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wilson
District Clerk