A special meeting and workshop of the Queensbury School Board of Education was held on February 27, 2012 in the Administration Building Conference Room.

Mr. Raymond Gordon, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Raymond Gordon, President.

**Members Present:** Raymond Gordon, Timothy Weaver, Douglas Beaty, Jill Crombie-Borgos, John Dwyer, Lisa Fedele, Cynthia Horgan, Christopher Ogden, Superintendent of Schools Douglas W. Huntley Ed.D., Clerk of the Board John S. DeSanto.

**Members Absent:** Frank Miller.

Others Present: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Theresa Middleton, Director of Human Resources Amy Georgeadis, Middle School Principal Douglas Silvernell, William H. Barton Intermediate School Principal Kyle Gannon.

**Presentation:**
- 2012-13 Budget Review and Update:
  Superintendent Huntley and Assistant Superintendent John DeSanto reviewed the factors contributing to a $1.7M gap in the upcoming 2012-13 budget. Major factors include the loss of $1,075,339 in federal EDUJOB dollars, continued employer retirement contribution rate increases, and health insurance premiums rising between nine and thirteen percent. Expenditure reductions, including staff position reductions, are necessary in order to close the budget gap. A tax levy increase up to the levy limit threshold of 50% voter approval was discussed. The district is continuing the use of appropriated fund balance and reserve funds in its budget estimates.

**Open Forum:**
*Public participation is encouraged. We ask that all speakers both sign in and identify themselves verbally and, if applicable, the organization they are representing, so that they may be recognized by the Board President. For clarity, we ask that all speakers identify the school related matter/topic to be discussed. In order to conduct District Business in a smooth, orderly and timely manner, Open Forum is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with 3 minutes allocated to each speaker. The Board of Education appreciates public attendance and participation at our meetings.*

- Board member Lisa Fedele brought up the district’s moratorium on accepting non-resident students and suggested tuition payments as a way to increase revenue. Lisa also mentioned increasing revenue by selling advertising and it was stated that education law prohibits advertising on school grounds and on school buses.

**Business Items – Assistant Superintendent for Business - None**
Informational Items:
- Board President
- Monday, March 12, 2012 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
  Location: Elementary School Cafeteria
- Thursday, March 15, 2012 – Adirondack Area School Boards Association Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
  Location: Great Escape Lodge
- Monday, March 26, 2012 – Board of Education Workshop – 7:00 p.m.
  Location: Elementary School Cafeteria
- Wednesday, April 4, 2012 – WSWHE BOCES Annual Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
  Location: Myers Center
- Monday, April 2, 2012 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
  Location: QES Cafeteria
- Monday, April 23, 2012 – Special Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m. - Vote on WSWHE BOCES Budget and Election
  Location: Administration Building Conference Room

Motion by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Ms. Fedele, to enter executive session to discuss bargaining unit negotiations at 8:43 p.m.

  8 voting in favor, 1 absent (Mr. Miller)

Executive session began at 8:47 p.m.

Superintendent Huntley, John DeSanto, Theresa Middleton and Amy Georgeadis exited executive session at 9:44 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to move out of executive session and to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

  8 voting in favor, 1 absent (Mr. Miller)

Respectfully submitted,

John S. DeSanto
Clerk of the Board

Raymond Gordon
Acting Clerk of the Board

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