QUEENSBURY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING/WORKSHOP
MARCH 26, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.

A special meeting and workshop of the Queensbury School Board of Education was held on March 26, 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 (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), John Dwyer, Lisa Fedele, Cynthia Horgan, Frank Miller, Christopher Ogden, Superintendent of Schools Douglas W. Huntley Ed.D., Clerk of the Board John S. DeSanto.

Members Absent:  None


Presentation:

- Superintendent Douglas Huntley reviewed and commented on the following: the Adirondack Area School Boards Association meeting that discussed the latest factors in local, regional, and state negotiations, the WSWHE BOCES Annual Meeting to take place at the Myers Center on April 4, 2012, the strong possibility of a BOCES run a summer school program, having an additional Superintendent’s conference day on May 25, 2012, the Energy Education program and its success in reducing and controlling campus energy use, and the possible options related to the Director of Food Service position due to a retirement.

The budget workshop included a presentation of the proposed 2012-13 school budget by Superintendent Douglas Huntley and Assistant Superintendent for Business John DeSanto. Queensbury UFSD has faced state aid decreases over time, the loss of federal EduJobs funds, salary increases, pension contribution increases, and health insurance increases. Key budget considerations are that seventy-four (74) positions are eliminated from 2009-10 to 2012-13, the year-to-year budget will decrease by $293,600, and the 2.18% proposed tax levy increase is below the state allowance.

A line-by-line review of the 2012-13 school budget was performed starting with the revenue side of the budget. The expenditure side of the budget was then reviewed according to its three components: Administrative, Capital, and Program. Employee benefits were reviewed separately.
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.

- None

Business Items – Assistant Superintendent for Business - None

Educational Items – Superintendent of Schools - None

Board Member Comments - None

Informational Items:
- Board President
- Monday, April 2, 2012 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
  Location: QES Cafeteria
- Wednesday, April 4, 2012 – WSWHE BOCES Annual Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
  Location: Myers Center
- Monday, April 16, 2012 – Special Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m. - Vote on WSWHE BOCES Budget and Election
  Location: Administration Building Conference Room

Motion by Ms. Fedele, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and for a litigation matter at 9:17 p.m.

Carried unanimously

Motion by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to exit executive session and to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

John S. DeSanto
Clerk of the Board

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