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**REGIONAL DISTRICT #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2008
CHAPLIN, CT**

Chairperson Leslie Wertam called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Present were Board members Charles Bruckerhoff, Marion Taylor, Jennifer Nelson, Jennifer Jones, Christina Moore, Bill Adams and George Askew. Administrators present were Interim Superintendent Ken Henrici and Interim Principal Joseph Fleming and Special Education Director Mary Donnelly. Unable to attend was Board member Eugene Winchester

2. ELECTION OF MODERATOR: Clark Stearns nominated Dick Rivers as moderator, Dick Weingart seconded, passed with no objection by verbal vote.

3. PRESENTATION OF 2008-2009 BUDGET:

Dick Rivers asked if there were any objections to reviewing the budget by object. There were no objections. Superintendent Ken Henrici gave an overview of the 2008-2009 budget enrollment figures, staffing reductions and commitment to enhanced academic rigor, high expectations, expanded student opportunities and improved student achievement.

Budget was reviewed by object. Administrators and board members provided explanations for each object including decreases and increases. Opportunity for questions and comments on each object was given.

Object 100 – question on number of certified staff – 08-09 reduction of 2, total 40 includes teachers, social worker, guidance and school psychologist.

Object 400 – question regarding rentals. This includes all rentals; current and Anticipated, including trailers for storage. Another question regarding planning for future building needs and trying to improve major infrastructures of the school. Question about roof replacement a few years ago – just auditorium roof was replaced.

Object 600 – question about object 641 during 07-08 budget. Amount was spent on books, periodicals and software for library.

Object 700 – question regarding athletic equipment for 08-09. \$4k girls' varsity basketball uniforms \$4K boys' varsity basketball uniforms, \$1,500K girls' middle

school basketball uniforms, and \$1,500K boys' middle school basketball uniforms.

Object 900 – question posed on graduation expenses: What does this include?

Answer: payment for police, flowers for graduation, programs, chair rental, etc.

Object 309 – question regarding why there was an increase in cost to towns with a level funded budget. Last year \$100K from undesignated fund was used against the budget. Another question was posed: Are less students going to tech schools and vo-ag because they could not get into these schools? Answer was No.

Request listing of last year's revenue and anticipated revenues this year and helpfulness of fund balance information.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn (8:00 PM), was made by Clark Stearns, seconded by Dick Weingart and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Taylor