

**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND  
REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 9, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Wertam at 7 PM. Present were board members Marion Taylor, Jennifer Nelson, Christina Moore, John Insalaco and Jennifer Jones. Also present was Interim Superintendent Dr. Colette Traylor. Unable to attend were board members Eugene Winchester and George Askew.

**2. Election of Moderator**

Jennifer Nelson nominated Leslie Wertam as moderator and nomination seconded by John Insalaco.

There were no other nominees.

**3. Presentation of 2007-2008 Budget**

Leslie Wertam explained that the change in the proposed budget from the previous one was in the amount of \$15,813. This reflects a change in staff insurance coverage.

Leslie asked if there were any questions from the audience.

Joe Savino, Scotland – asked about an article in the Chronicle that stated a reduction in staff by two positions had been made. He thought the article implied that two more reductions were made instead of the 2 made following the first budget defeat.

Leslie confirmed the reference was to the original two positions.

Deb Stearns, Scotland – asked what the PHHS teacher to student ration is? Dr. Traylor responded it is about 1 to 18 when averaged out.

Deb then asked if this board feels that our staff is too top heavy with secretaries and non-certified staff?

Board response: No, most of the aides are to cover special education needs.

Deb then asked that if the budget is defeated, will there be an audience for citizens to get input.

Response: Yes

***Motion to present a budget of \$6,156,296 for vote at referendum tomorrow at the towns respective polling places made by Christina Moore, seconded by John Insalaco and carried with one abstention by Jennifer Jones.***

Bill Jenkins, Chaplin, asked why polling times were from 6 AM to 8 PM?

Response: We had been asked to expand hours to give people more opportunity to get to the polls, absentee ballots are not possible.

Mr. Jenkins followed that his data indicates that it is a waste of money and time to have expanded hours.

Ann Gruenberg, Hampton – commented that she appreciated Mr. Jenkins data, but supported having polls open from 6 AM to 8 PM in the absence of data that indicates it is not necessary.

***Motion to adjourn meeting(7:19 PM) to referendum made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by John Insalaco and carried unanimously.***

Recorded by:  
Marion Taylor, Secretary