



POMPERAUG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 15

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Mission Statement, Adopted 9 December 2002; Updated 2009

PUBLIC HEARING of the Board of Education

April 6, 2015

Pomperaug High School, Southbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: Mr. Paul Babarik
Ms. Janet Butkus
Ms. Jennifer Connelly
Mr. John R. Cookson
Ms. Sharon Guck
Ms. Marion Manzo
Ms. Patricia S. Perry, Chairperson
Mr. Richard Spierto
Mr. Steven Suriani

Also Present: Ms. Regina Lemerich Botsford, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kelly Domogala, Student Representative
Mr. Liam Kuck, Student Representative

1. Ms. Perry called the April 6, 2015 Public Hearing of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call to Order
Pledge of
Allegiance

2. Ms. Domogala announced and reviewed the following PHS activities and events:

Student
Representatives

- The third quarter ends on April 14.
- The 2015 Prom information sheet is available to students via Region 15 g-mail. The Prom will take place on May31 at the Matrix Conference and Banquet Center in Danbury from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.
- The Euro Trip took place during Spring Recess. The students toured five cities. On behalf of the students, Ms. Domogala expressed appreciation to Board members, chaperones, and administrators for allowing the students to participate in this trip.

Mr. Kuck announced the following events:

- The Dodge Ball for Diabetes fundraiser takes place on April 10.
- The PHS Robotics Team placed first in the Hartford regional completion. The Team will participate in the regional completion.

- Spring sports are underway.

Mr. Suriani expressed his congratulations to the PHS Robotics Team. Mr. Brian Marganzki is the advisor for the Robotics Team.

3. Ms. Perry presented the following 2015-16 proposed Board of Education budget:

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The proposed budget is a 2.48 percent increase for total dollar amount of \$65,263,007.

The following are the five significant areas of investment that the Board will be making in this budget

- Technology
- Math Textbooks K-3
- Restoration of Library Books
- Turf Field
- New Textbooks, PHS

The budget has no cuts in services or programs for students. The following are programs that will continue:

- Full Day Kindergarten
- SRBI Services
- Upgraded Curricula
- Updating Library Materials
- Digital Learning Academy
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Commitment to Up-to-date Technology
- Reasonable Class Sizes

The budget provides for the following improvements:

- Upgrade of Technology Backbone/Infrastructure: \$234,380
- Replacement of Computers: \$60,000*
- Other Technology Needs: \$88,996
- Grades K-3 Math Textbooks: \$40,000
- Restoration of Library Books: \$82,232
- Replacement of Turf Field: Capital Reserve*
- New Textbooks, PHS: \$16,736

Presentation
2015-16 Proposed
Board of Education
Budget

Region 15 Mission
Statement

Budget Increase

Budget Investments

Programs
Continuing from
Previous Years

Improvements

*multi-year financing

The following table shows a comparison of the proportional share of Region’s budget that will be the fiscal responsibility of each town. The proportional share is based on the proportion of students that Region 15 educates from each town. By law, the calculation is based on enrollment on October 1 of the previous year. Middlebury’s proportional share is increasing by about one-quarter of 1percent and Southbury’s share is decreasing by that same amount:

Applicable Budget	Middlebury Enrollment	Middlebury ADM	Southbury Enrollment	Southbury ADM	Total Enrollment
2014-2015	1,257	31.3310%	2,755	68.6690%	4,012
2015-2016	1,226	31.5898%	2,655	68.4102%	3,881

- The following is a summary of the major highlights of this budget:
- Includes upgrading of technology infrastructure and replacement of hardware that has outlived its useful life.
- Includes math textbooks for Grades K-3.
- Restores library books K-12.
- Replaces turf field at PHS.
- Includes new texts at PHS.
- Continues efficiencies and initiatives from prior years.
- Includes savings from three enrollment-driven teaching position reductions.
- Funds increased fixed costs.

	Mon, Feb 23	7:30 pm	Superintendent’s Presentation of Budget	PHS AP Room
	Tues, Mar 17	7:00 pm	Budget Workshop	PHS Media Center
	Thurs, Mar 19	7:00 pm	Budget Workshop	PHS Media Center
	Mon, Mar 23	7:30 pm	Board’s Presentation of Budget	PHS AP Room
	Mon, Apr 6	5:00 pm	Budget Workshop	PHS Media Center
		7:30 pm	Public Hearing and Adoption of Budget	PHS AP Room

The budget referendum is scheduled for May 6.

Average Daily Membership ADM

Budget Summary

Budget Steps Already Completed

4. The following citizens offered comments regarding the proposed budget:

- Mr. Thad Burr, Southbury
- Mr. Don Winter, Southbury
- Ms. Lisa Segal, Southbury
- Ms. Christine Koobatian, Southbury
- Ms. Debra Schiron, Southbury,
- Ms. Lois Yeager, Middlebury

Comments from
Citizens

5. The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Connelly
Secretary

Gretchen I. Usawicz, Board Clerk



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Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

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Mr. John R. Cookson	Mr. Steven Suriani
Ms. Sharon Guck	

Also Present: Ms. Regina Lemerich Botsford, Superintendent of Schools

1. Ms. Perry called the April 6 regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 8:00 p.m.,	Call to Order
2. Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson, seconded by Ms. Connelly, IT WAS VOTED "to approve the March 23, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented." and passed with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting "Aye," and Ms. Guck abstaining.	Motion Made and Passed Approval of Minutes March 23, 2015
3. Mr. Suriani reminded citizens regarding the protocol when commenting on agenda items. Mr. Suriani noted Newtown's per pupil spending is more than Region 15. Mr. Suriani noted Region 15 was in the top 500 schools in the <u>Newsweek</u> report.	Board Members' Comments
4. The Superintendent announced the following commencement and graduation dates: • Tuesday, June 16.....Memorial Middle School at PHS • Wednesday, June 17.....Rochambeau Middle School at PHS • Thursday, June 18.....Pomperaug High School	Superintendent's Report

<p>Ms. Botsford announced the following student achievement results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The graduation rate for the PHS Class of 2015 was 96.7 percent. • The College Board reported that the PHS Class of 2014 had 57 percent of students taking at least one AP test and 49.5 percent of students scored 3 or higher. 	
<p>5. Upon a motion by Ms. Guck, seconded by Ms. Connelly, IT WAS VOTED “to approve the update to Policy No. 5151 Substance Abuse Prevention as presented.” and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye.”</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Approval of Policy No. 5151 Update</p>
<p>6. Upon a motion by Ms. Manzo, seconded by Mr. Suriani, IT WAS VOTED “to adopt the 2015-16 budget in the amount of \$65,263,007, for a total of 2.48 percent increase.” DISCUSSION: Ms. Manzo commented on the proposed budget, noting it is prudent, reasonable, and necessary. She noted the provisions for technology and library book, and commented on the budget process, cost per pupil, staff reduction history, and funding technology.</p> <p>Ms. Connelly expressed her appreciation to staff members for their work in preparing the budget and for the budget review process.</p> <p>Mr. Cookson noted his agreement with 90 percent of the proposed budget and hopes future budgets will include the items that were not included in this current proposal.</p> <p>Mr. Babarik noted the CPI is at 1.7 percent, noting the proposed 2.48 percent increase is well above the CPI. Mr. Babarik commented on the decreasing enrollment and the increased per pupil costs. Mr. Babarik commented on doing more with less.</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Adoption of the 2015-16 Budget</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>VOTE: and passed with Ms. Connelly, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye,” and Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Mr. Cookson, and Mr. Spierto voting “Nay.”</p>	<p>Vote 2015-16 Budget Adopted</p>
<p>7. Upon a motion by Ms. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Babarik, IT WAS VOTED “that in the call to the District Meeting the vote on the motion to adopt the budget shall be a “yes” or a “no” vote on the voting machines in each of the member Towns on the day following the District Meeting as specified in State Statute 10-51(a), with</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Approval of Call to the District Meeting</p>

the Board of Education recommending the hours to be from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.” and passed with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye,” and Ms. Perry voting “Nay.”

- 8. Ms. Perry announced the following meeting dates:
 - 1. Wednesday, April 22, Finance and Facilities Committee
Central Office
5:30 p.m.
 - 2. Monday, April 27, Policy and Curriculum Committee
Pomperaug High School Media Center Conference Room
6:00 p.m.
 - 3. Monday, April 27, Board of Education Meeting
Pomperaug High School All-Purpose Room No. 103
7:30 p.m.

Announcement of Future Meetings

- 9. Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson , seconded by Ms. Connelly
IT WAS VOTED
“to adjourn the evening’s meeting at 8:20 p.m.”
and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye.”

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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