

**BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
February 9, 2011**

OPEN SESSION

Bedford Town Hall - 1st Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:05 p.m., Mr. Hafer called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Seibert, Ms. Bickford, Ms. O’Gara, and Mr. Pierce. Dr. LaCroix and Mr. Coelho were also in attendance.

2. Comments from the Public

None

3. FY12 School Budget Discussion

Mr. Hafer recapped the status of the School Budget as of the most recent actions by the Finance Committee on 2/3/11. As had been discussed at the meeting of February 4, 2011, on February 3, 2011, the Finance Committee had taken a vote to add additional funding to the original Finance Committee recommendation for the FY12 school budget. With this addition to the previous Finance Committee Guideline number of \$31,441,514, as of right now, there is a “gap” of \$807,387 between the School Committee approved budget of \$32,828,380 and the Finance Committee’s current recommendation number.

Mr. Hafer distributed a reference document providing the calculated variance between various combinations of the FY11 approved budget (\$31,968,135), FY12 Revised Maintenance of Services budget (\$33,641,996), FY12 School Committee Budget Voted Budget (\$32,828,380) and the Finance Committee FY12 Original Guideline (\$31,441,514).

The Committee discussed a number of “moving parts” that are still not finalized which will affect the total funding picture for FY12 between now and Annual Town Meeting, including:

- The anticipated possible settlement of the Bedford Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement
- A firmer determination of the level of Circuit Breaker funding from the state for FY12
- The amount of Impact Aid that will be received prior to ATM
- The final determination of the LABBB funding picture
- Changes to the known population of OOD Special Education students

Mr. Hafer reminded the Committee that tonight and tomorrow night, the Finance Committee would vote on its final recommended numbers for the Warrant, and that the Selectmen will approve the Warrant on February 14, 2011.

4. Adjournment

Ms. Bickford made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to adjourn to Executive Session, for purpose of negotiations, not to reopen, at 7:25 p.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Pierce.

MOTION APPROVED: 5-0

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Hafer	Yes
Ms. Seibert	Yes
Ms. Bickford	Yes
Ms. O’Gara	Yes
Mr. Pierce	Yes

School Committee Secretary

Date