

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN &  
SHEFFIELD MEMBERS OF SBRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 5, 2007  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
6:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman  
James T. Collingwood Sr., Clerk  
David D. Macy

School Comm. Members Present: Jack Pollitt  
David Steindler  
Susan Young

Other Staff Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator  
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding amounts in the budget that have increased or are new expenses. The District received more in local aid than was originally anticipated. Discussion ensued regarding school choice funds not being finalized until April of the following year, which is one year behind the budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the request sent home with students asking parents to oppose any budget cuts. Everyone expressed concerns over using school children in a political battle.

Discussion ensued regarding the District Superintendent's public relation presentations, which are no longer made at the School Committee meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding requests for information. The School Committee members have requested that information be sent out ahead of School Committee meetings to allow members time to review the information.

There are currently 1,088 children in the district, of which 771 are attending SBRSD, 166 choice out to other schools and 151 attend private schools.

Concerns were expressed regarding accepting school choice children and having to hire extra personnel to accommodate these children.

Discussion ensued regarding Sheffield being seen as negative, the assessment methods, and the petition for a Special Town Meeting that has been circulating.

Discussion ensued regarding sharing a superintendent with another school district. It was agreed this option should be explored.

Chairman Hannum recessed the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and noted the Board would reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for their regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard  
Assistant Town Administrator