

Sturbridge Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2012  
Burgess Elementary School  
7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following members present: Kevin Smith (KS), Mike Serio (MS), Patti Affenito (PA), Joni Light (JL), Mary Redetzke (MR), Prescott (Scott) Arndt (SA) and Arnold Wilson (AW). Members absent: Rich Volpe (RV) and Larry Morrison (LM).

Sturbridge School Committee members: Kate Alexander (KA), Patricia Barnicle (PB), Kristen Tuohey (KT), Mary Bellezza (MB), Megan Panek (MP). Tantasqua District Officials: Daniel Durgin (DD), Superintendent of Tantasqua Regional School District; Deb Boyd (DB), Business Manager, Dan Carlson (DC), Principal of Burgess Elementary School.

Audience Members: Laura McHugh (LM) and Don Miller (DM), residents.

DB states that Chapter 70 monies will increase to cover the deficit associated with the implementation of full-day Kindergarten (\$130,000 grant has been spent). She goes on to say, however, that special education costs are increasing.

DC goes through the Burgess Elementary FY 13 Budget. The total budget for FY 13 is \$9,195,756.00; this is an increase of \$326,181 over last year or 4.63%.

Several items are questioned in the budget: The figure for the Superintendent's salary is a pooled figure because a new salary may need negotiating for Superintendent and the District is trying to make the part-time Facilities Manager a full-time position; there are several other positions within this amount. The figure for the Principal's salary is pooled also between the three positions (Principal and two Assistant Principals); an increase of 1.5% is seen in the teacher salaries as this is year two of their current contract; a special education assistant is needed. DB makes the point that from here on out the Chapter 70 monies should remain at the new funding level. New technology has increased with the progress on the new building: phone, spam filters and ConnectEd. Two new buses will be purchased this year. Phone costs have increased because the school now needs more dedicated lines for the sewer system and fire alarms.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 pm by KS.