

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education
Budget Hearing Minutes
April 16, 2007

Board of Education Chair, Schuyler Thomson, opened the Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Thomson asked for a moment of silence for Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Superintendent of Schools, who passed away on April 12, 2007.

Mr. Thomson presented an overview of the budget emphasizing that the Board had made cuts to the budget at their meetings to lower the budget increase from 4.58% to 3.19%. Mr. Thomson reviewed the budget process, factors that affect budget development, the individual program increases and decreases, and budget modifications. The District Budget Meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2007. The budget will be sent to referendum on May 8, 2007 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a “yes” or “no” vote on the voting machines in each member town.

Mr. Thomson asked for audience questions or comments.

Dawn Renfrew (Barkhamsted) spoke on three topics: Special education teachers, programs and Shared Services; commends the Board on their addition of a .4 Physical Education/Health teacher; and her wish to see the Freshmen Basketball program reinstated.

Mr. Thomson thanked those in attendance.

The meeting ended at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl DePaoli, Clerk