

Regional School District No. 7  
Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
March 31, 2005  
Barkhamsted Elementary School  
Barkhamsted, CT 06063

PRESENT: Mr. Jerram, Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

Vice Chairman Mr. Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jerram did a Power Point presentation explaining the factors affecting the budget increases. The budget increases that the Board voted to take to the District Budget Hearing represent a 4.98% increase or \$742,462.00. Mr. Jerram explained each area of increases in the budget. Mr. Newbury reviewed the revenue side of the budget and explained the surplus that is being used to reduce the assessments to the towns. The unusually high amount was due to a very favorable ban market and thus resulted in \$300,000.00 in surplus. With the estimated revenue that is in the 2005-06 budget this will result in an overall assessment to the towns of 3.01%.

Mr. Jerram explained that Barkhamsted would actually have a decrease of .024% or \$8909.00 due to the fact that they have experienced a decrease of students, and secondly the three other towns have had an increase in students, thus resulting in Barkhamsted having a lower proportion of students enrolled at Northwestern Regional.

Audience members asked a number of questions including how Adult Education was represented in the budget and to what extent do we finance summer school. A comment was made that the budget needs to be lowered by \$200,000.00. A question was also asked whether this year's surplus will have a net affect of increasing next year's budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Re Johnson