

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education
Special Meeting
April 5, 2005
New Hartford Senior Center

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

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thomson did a Power Point presentation explaining the factors that affect the increase in the budget for 2005-06. He explained the budget the Board of Education is taking to the District Hearing represents a 4.98% increase or \$742,462.00. In his presentation he explained that the overall increase in assessments is 3.01%, however for the town of New Hartford the assessment is 4.44%. This is due to the fact that New Hartford has 24 more students than last year. This represents a significantly greater proportion of students at Northwestern Regional. Mr. Newbury explained the revenue side of the budget which includes the surplus which was generated in large, due to a very favorable ban market.

Audience members had several questions relative to the budget which included the following:
1.) Inquiries into whether the Board has looked into alternate health care carriers? 2.) Why were major repairs not done at the time of the school renovation? 3.) Whether large items are placed out for bid? One audience member commented that he was impressed and proud of the condition of the building having recently attended a function at Northwestern Regional.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Re Johnson
Clerk