

**Hoosick Falls Central School
Board of Education Budget Hearing**

May 5, 2011

Call to Order at 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was done by Mr. Sutton, Board President.

Emergency Exit Review was done by Mr. Sutton, Board President.

Board Members Present were Mrs. L. Gormley, Mr. J. Helft, Mr. D. Skott, Mr. D. Sutton and Mr. D. Wilwol. Mr. R. Ferrannini arrived at 6:50 PM.

Also present was Ms. P. Cottrell, District Clerk, Mr. K. Facin, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. P. Hatfield, School Business Admin.

Board Member Absent was Mrs. B. Stacy. Also absent was Mrs. K. Philpott, Director of Spec Ed, Mr. P. Dailey, K-6 Principal and Mrs. S. Vadney, 7-12 Principal.

Budget Presentation:

1. 2011-2012 Budget Document Overview

Mr. Facin discussed the following:

- Board Goals: 90% passing, graduation rate, reading levels, student participation and community service
- Ed Job money was put into next year's budget
- Restructure of the special education program
- UPK program will be held at HFCSD
- Change in business curriculum, students no longer required to take keyboarding
- College courses being offered
- Social Studies position was paid through a one year grant
- Summer School is not offered this year
- Academic Tutorial will not be offered next year
- Requirements on athletes increase
- 11.5 Positions eliminated in the 11-12 budget
- three "A"s: Academics, Arts, Athletics

Mrs. Hatfield discussed the following:

- Revenue decrease of 3.7%
- Increase prices in heating fuel and diesel fuel
- Contingent Budget: must be below the proposed defeated budget w/limitations
- Bus Purchases: purchase 3 buses in 11-12 school year, 3 buses in 12-13 and 2 buses in 13-14, no impact to tax payers.
- Mr. Helft stated that the district will have enough money in the bus reserve fund for many years
- Mr. Sutton commented on other school districts dipping into their fund balance and that he is very happy that we are not doing so

Public Comments:

- Mr. Estes spoke on bus mileage and using a green product to help enhance the district's mileage and decrease toxic omission
- Mr. Facin stated that he would like to move forward with testing the green product
- Mr. Maussert asked questions regarding the fund balance and predicting the fund balance and this was explained by Mrs. Hatfield.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Sutton to Adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 noes; motion carried.