

Suffield Board of Education

Budget Subcommittee

Minutes

February 25, 2013

Attendance: Bob Eccles, Lori D'Ostuni, George Beiter, Susan Porcello, Mary Lou Sanborn, Karen Baldwin, Ed Basile, Jim Collin,

Justin Donnelly (Board of Finance)

Meeting called to order at 7:35 a.m.

Subcommittee Chair Eccles stated that the meeting time would be used to address the final development of the Superintendent's Budget in preparation for the Board of Education presentation on 2/26.

Based upon previous meeting discussions, a review of the Memberships account was conducted. Board Member Beiter questioned the Board's participation in CAFE and the membership amount expressing concern about return on investment and whether the money (\$22,000) could be deployed elsewhere in the budget to better serve the district. It was determined this topic would be brought to the full BOE for discussion.

The Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent reviewed the Instructional Equipment account and explained that this account is now centralized and overseen by the Assistant Superintendent to ensure that purchases in the area of technology, and other instructional resources align with the systemic improvement effort. A review of technology items included in the budget took place.

A review of the overall budget took place with the following areas identified for further discussion at the March 4 subcommittee meeting: Workers compensation, Special Education transportation, annuities, custodian salaries, electricity (savings assumption in the budget) and food service subsidy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.