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Seymour Board of Finance 2009/2010 Budget Workshop 8:00PM – Board of Education Wednesday, February 11, 2009 Seymour Middle School

Board of Finance Members present: Chairman Trisha Danka, Bill Paecht, Michele Pavlik, Peter Jezierny, Mark Thompson Nancy Onofrio and Jim Simpson.

Others present: Finance Director Doug Thomas, Assistant Finance Director Tony Caserta, First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, Superintendant Maryanne Mascolo, Assistant Superintendant Rick Belden, Associate Superintendant Christine Syriac, Jim Freund, Mary Sue Feige, Frank Loda, Geraldine Eckhardt, Alan Skiparis, Bruce Baker, David Olechna, Rhonda Geffert, Jeanne Loda, Vivien LaChance, Cathy Goodrich, Gerry Eckhardt, Paul Lucke, Jennifer Flair, Michelle Proto, Kathy Garasimowiz, Kathleen Riordan, Noelle Millano, Mallory Zenkus, Kristen Bruno, Carrie Hannon, Natalie Moir, Suzanne Garman, Caryn Baker, Joseph Liz, Saundra Gesek, Rosemary Neceo, Mary Lavori, Joan Rinkewith, Barbara Eighmie, James Garofalo, Debra Julian, Mort Conlan and Ingrid Conlan.

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Trisha Danka at 7:48PM.
- The 2009/2010 Board of Education Budget was presented to the Board of Finance by Superintendant Maryanne Mascolo and Assistant Superintendant Rick Belden.
- Budget presented was reviewed and several questions were asked.
- The Board of Finance members would like a break-down of Dues & Fees and Conferences & Seminars. They would also like a break-down of all revenues received by the Board of Education. They are also requesting a list of computer equipment that needs to be replaced and why. They would also like the Board of Education to consider giving the old computer equipment to other departments in Town. The Board is requesting a list of all Board of Education employees.
- Public Comment:
- Mort Conlan, 73 Brookfield Road: Would like the Board of Finance to consider the Board of Education budget and even consider an increase.
- Jeanne Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Would like to know if any other Town Departments have come in at a 0% increase like the Board of Education has.
- Trisha Danka: Explains that all of the budget workshops have not been done yet.

- Bruce Baker, Greenwood Circle: Feels that the Board of Education Budget has been cut to the bare minimum and if it is cut any more then the schools will suffer.
- Susan Garman: Would like to know if the High School class sizes will also increase due to the proposed teacher cuts.
- Maryanne Mascolo: States that the High School class sizes will stay the same.
- Robert J. Koskelowski, 130 Pearl Street: States that in order for there to be no tax increase the Town side of the budget needs to be cut another \$500,000 and everyone else should follow suit then there will not be a tax increase for the residents of Seymour.
- The meeting was closed at 9:02PM.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary