

**Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance**

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**Minutes**

**Budget Workshop/Deliberation Meeting  
Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7:00pm  
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Trisha Danka, Richard Grudzias (alternate), Michele Pavlik, Ed Wasikowski, John Stelma, David Bitso and Heather McDaniel

**Members Absent:** Bill Sawicki

**Others Present:** Carol Ralston, Paul Thompson, Joyce Koslowski, Yashu Putorti, MaryAnne Mascolo, Rick Belden, Christine Syriac, Jeanne Loda, Frank Loda, Jim Freund, Paul Lucke, Nancy Snopkowski, Jennifer Magri, Alison Brett, Cynthia Dion, Polly Putorti, Kristin Harmeling, James Garofolo, Mary Lavoie, Monica Briggs, MarySue Feige, Bernadette Hamad, Ernie DiStasi, Judith Flood, Mort Conlan, Edward Strumello, Jodie Mozdzer and Doug Thomas

**Call Meeting to order**

The Chairman, Trisha Danka, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Budget Discussions**

Town department heads presented and reviewed the following budgets:

- Library, Carol Ralston
- Board of Education, Yashu Putorti, Rick Belden, MaryAnne Mascolo and Christine Syriac
  - Yashu Putorti will provide his email address to Trisha Danka who will share with BOF members so that he may answer further questions.
  - Kristin Harmeling will provide data she has collected regarding Smart Boards to MaryAnne Mascolo, who will then forward to the BOF.
  - Rick Belden will provide a breakdown of the \$50-\$60K lump sum figure with how many cards/laptops per school or classroom.
  - Christine Syriac offered to schedule time with any BOF member interested in a Smart Board demonstration.

**Public Comment**

Cynthia Dion, 18 Carriage Drive: As an advocate for the BOE, she would ask that whatever you take from the BOE you also take from the town side of the budget. We need to fund our education because our children are suffering.

Alison Brett, 11 Stanley Drive: If we stand unified it will help the townspeople understand the need for funding.

Mort Conlan, 73 Brookfield Road: Past years were missing the support from town leaders and long term lack of funding in the town has brought us behind. Need unity from town leaders to present the budget to the townspeople. If BOF members are for the budget, please tell us why and if BOF members are not for the budget, please tell us why. It is important to get our act together.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: The two video tapes of the evening's meeting can be made available to the town to place on their website for residents to view. Also, this meeting will be available for viewing on Cable 10, Thursday at 8pm.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Submitted by:

Michelle Walsh  
Recording Secretary