

GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL
"Scholarship, Character, Community, Cultivating the Future."

Budget Dialogue w/ Unions
January 25, 2010, 7:00 JSHS Media Center

Present: Matt Donnelly, Wes, Clark, Jill Autiello, Tom Graves, George Niesz, Ben Cronin, Steve Patrick, Bob Jeffords, Elaine Kelly, Kellie Blake, George Perkins, Sara Idleman, Mill Tomkins, Kathy Nichols-Tomkins, Maureen Edsforth, Randy Swift, Heather Graham, John Rymph, Eric Whitehouse, Sally Leraziano, Mary Barnhart, Cathy Brown, George Casey, Barbara Hamel

Notes:

- Don't replace teachers who retire.
- Have we thought about doing a New York Power Authority Energy performance contract?
- BOCES services are done more efficiently in house. Can we bring more back, like the substitute service?
- Save money by hiring recently retired teacher for 1-2 classes/day.
- Put sub bus drivers on call instead of riding.
- Combine bus drivers with custodians
- What is our "Race to the Top" application status?
- The pay to ride the bus and pay for sports in MA, can we do that?
- We should not pay for AP exams.
- How are we using ARRA funds?
- Raise taxes to maintain programs.
- A zero percent tax levy is not realistic.
- Current property assessments are not sensible.
- We need to look closely at the middle grade roof, it may be in worse shape than we think.
- Maintain quality of teachers & staff including bus drivers & aides.
- Could we increase income by instituting parking fees, windmills, solar energy, geothermal, selling surplus?

Submitted After the meeting:

- We should look at the Guidance Office.
- Do we need five music teachers?
- Do we need two languages?
- Students should not have to pay for AP tests.
- Cut AP gym & others.
- Reduce the number of sports.
- Don't replace AIS teachers.