

**ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND
ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
School Department Budget Presentation
By Department, for Public Input
MINUTES (approved 2/25/10)**

**Library
R.J. Grey Junior High School**

**February 6 2010
9:00am-3:00pm**

Members Present: Brigid Bieber, Jonathan Chinitz, Michael Coppolino, Xuan Kong, Terry Lindgren, Sharon Smith McManus, Maria Neyland, John Petersen, Bruce Sabot

Others: Marie Altieri, Erin Bettez, Alixe Callen, Steve Hall, Craig Hardimon, J.D. Head, Susan Horn, Liza Huber, Ed Kaufman, Priscilla Kotyk, David Krane, Stephen Mills, Lynne Newman, Beth Petr, Christine Price, Tess Summers, Christopher Whitbeck

The meeting was called to order at 9:07am by Xuan Kong and Sharon McManus.

PRESENTATION

Steve Mills began the presentation by saying that the budget process must involve: a statement of values, a team effort (including our community), and transparency.

Each department was asked to address 6 questions:

1. By what number was your budget to be reduced and what percentage of your overall budget does this represent?
2. In detail, describe the process you used to arrive at this recommendation.
3. What other alternatives did you consider?
4. What is the educational impact of the budget cuts?
5. What factors could reduce the impact?

The following presentations were done:

9:30	High School	Alixé Callen
10:00	Junior High	Craig Hardimon
10:30	Technology	Steve Hall & Priscilla Kotyk
11:00	Pupil Services	Liza Huber
11:30	Human Resources	Marie Altieri
12:00	Waterfall Proposal	Jonathan Chinitz (SC)

Superintendent Steve Mills shared his Recommendations for Restorations prioritized in five \$200,000 increments. The budgets have been prepared including level 3 and 4 cuts. The consensus of the Committee was to ask the Superintendent to now include the level 5 cuts in the proposed budget.

Regional Assessment for FY'11

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the administration's recommendation that the total appropriation for the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District for the fiscal year of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 be set at \$38,258,609 and that member towns be assessed in accordance with the Education Reform Law and the terms of the Agreement and amendments thereto as follows: Acton \$25,051,852, Boxborough \$6,432,985, remainder to be accounted for by the Anticipated Chapter 70 Aid in the amount of \$5,628,429, Anticipated Charter School Aid in the amount of \$88,879, Transportation Aid, Chapter 71, Section 16C in the amount of \$605,806, a transfer from E&D in the amount of \$450,000, and a transfer from the Junior High School Project Premium on Loan in the amount of \$658.

This vote is historically taken at this time because by law the assessment has to be voted 45 days before Town Meeting. This is the last School Committee meeting that allows that to happen. The assessment can be lowered without a vote of Town Meeting.

After a lunch break, the following presentations were done:

1:00	Facilities	JD Head
1:15	Community Education	Erin Bettez

At 2:06pm the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee adjourned.

The Acton Public School Committee Meeting continued with a presentation by Dr. Chris Whitbeck who represented the Elementary School Principals. He emphasized that they have made their decisions together as one team. Serious discussion centered on the need to consider Assistant Principals.

The slides for this presentation are posted on the school website at:
<http://ab.mec.edu/about/scpackets0910/BudgetPresentation2-6-10.pdf>

At 2:45pm, the Acton Public School Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Petr