

**BUDGET HEARING
DECEMBER 17, 2007**

The Bangor Area School Board met for a Budget Hearing in the in the Cafeteria at Washington Elementary School on Monday, December 17, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 8:52 p.m. by Board President Joseph Boyle.

ROLL CALL

Board Secretary, Stephen G. Wiencek, called the roll and recorded the following board members in attendance:

Michael Baird	Present	Michael Goffredo	Present
Robert Blake	Present	Kevin Pruett	Present
Steve Bussenger	Present	Albert Ronca	Absent
Bruce Cameron	Present	Joseph Boyle	Present
Pamela Colton	Absent		

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Reinhart, Ms. Mulroy, Mr. DeFelice, Mrs. Awigena and Mr. Wiencek represented the Administration.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None

SOLICITOR

None

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

None

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

None

PUBLIC

None

PRESS

Morning Call- No one was present.

Express Times- No one was present.

2008-2009 BUDGET

The Board and Administration reviewed proposed expenditures and revenues in the 2008-2009 budget. The proposed budget included expenditures totaling \$45,965,853 and revenues totaling \$44,423,195. As proposed, the budget showed a \$1,542,658 deficit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Wiencek reviewed the major areas of increases in the budget.

Mr. Wiencek stated a major concern for this budget is the teacher's contract. Mr. Wiencek stated that there have been problems with the teacher's contract that negotiations are trying to correct for the next contract but that will cost the district money.

Mr. Cameron asked for an explanation of the problems with the current contract.

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Mr. Wiencek stated the starting salaries are low and there is a slow progression up the steps. The slow progression up the steps contributes to the district's problem of retaining teachers.

Mr. Wiencek highlighted changes to expenditures and revenues included in 2008-2009 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Hearing was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Wiencek
Board Secretary