

**BUDGET HEARING
FEBRUARY 11, 2009**

The Bangor Area School Board met for a Budget Hearing in the Slater Conference Room on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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	Absent
Robert Blake	Present	Kevin Pruett	Absent
Steve Bussenger	Present	Albert Ronca	Present
Bruce Cameron	Arrived 5:20 p.m.	Joseph Boyle	Present
Pamela Colton	Absent		

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Reinhart, Mr. DeFelice, Mrs. Bustos, Mr. Lucrezi, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Vlasaty, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Farnan, 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- Tom Coomb was present.

Express Times- Doug Brill was present.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The board members assembled to discuss the 2009-2010 preliminary budget in the amount of \$48,152,612. The preliminary budget has an \$803,546 deficient which would require a tax increase of 3.5% or 1.64 mil.

Mr. Reinhart stated the building administrators did an excellent job maintaining or lowering their budgets. Mr. Reinhart stated the budget includes the elimination of three teaching positions which he hopes will be attained through attrition. Mr. Reinhart stated he is sure the building administrators do not agree with the decision to eliminate positions but he feels it will be necessary.

Mr. Reinhart stated Governor Rendell's proposed budget may mean a larger increase in state funding but the district does not have enough information to determine the exact amount of funding.

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Mr. Blake asked how much additional increase the district would receive under the proposed budget.

Mr. Wiencek stated he is not sure what some line items in the budget mean at this time so he will not be able to answer.

Mr. Cameron arrived.

Dr. Baird stated he wants to approve a preliminary budget with no tax increase or a maximum of a 1% increase.

Mr. Blake stated he will only support a budget with no tax increase.

Mr. Boyle asked Mr. Blake and Dr. Baird for suggestions on what programs to cut from the budget. Mr. Blake stated he is sure Mr. Reinhart and Mr. Wiencek will be able to make that decision.

Mr. Reinhart stated the expenses are at a minimum right now so the only way to reach the goal of no tax cuts would be to eliminate staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Hearing was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Wiencek
Board Secretary