

**UNION #39 SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007  
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE – LUDLOW  
7:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order:**

**Present:**

**Board:** Diana Chimbolo, Chair, Ralph Pace, David Slivka, Allen Seiple, Brent Karner, Randy Bixby

**Staff:** Frank Perotti, Superintendent; Jim Frail, Principal

Ms. Chimbolo called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**II. Business Item: Budget Review:**

The board discussed the budget line items. There were a few things the board decided/need answers to/need researched:

- Mr. Perotti to follow up with Ms. Edie-Lou Cole as to the reason for the \$5,000 increase in Hot Lunch.
- The board will put \$5K in the budget for the after school program as a goodwill show for grant purposes.
- Mr. Perotti, Mr. Frail and Ms. Frangiose will look into changing the work study program position to possibly being outsourced or changing it into a stipend position with no benefits. Mr. Perotti is going to attend a meeting in Cavendish on January 10, 2007, and will get more information.
- Mr. Frail will research two items in co-curricular – travel reimb. and books.
- The regular instruction line seemed high. The board questioned how this number was derived at. Mr. Perotti will check with Ms. Cole on what was included.
- Insurance is down to 7.5% increase from an 8.5% that was included in the budget projection. That notification arrived today.
- The board decided to keep the fulltime addition of a staff member for Health and English. The Health position was cut from the current budget but the need exists to have that position added back in.

There was much discussion on block scheduling and what variations would improve the school. Mr. Frail explained that there is a committee at the school looking into this. It was a consensus of the Board that the Scheduling committee give a recommendation to the Board on the Master schedule at the regular Board meeting in March.

The Board also asked Mr. Frail to review the “Integrated Math” program currently at the school.

**III. Executive Session:**

Mr. Seiple made a motion to enter executive session at 8:43 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent evaluation. Mr. Pace seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The board returned from executive session at 9:45 p.m. No action was taken.

**IV: Adjournment:**

Mr. Pace **moved** to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. Mr. Bixby seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**V: Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, January 17, 2007, 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting – Superintendent's office

Wednesday, January 17, 2007,. 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting – Mount Holly Elementary School Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Chimbolo  
Chair