

**NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
2009-2010 SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP  
February 12, 2009**

The second budget workshop of the North Branford Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 6:40 p.m. at Totoket Valley Elementary School Library Media Center. The following members attended:

<b>BOARD VICE-CHAIR:</b>	<b>MARCEY ONOFRIO</b>
<b>BOARD SECRETARY:</b>	<b>NANCY LAPPIE</b>
<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<b>JOHN BOZZUTO, JR</b>
	<b>DR. CHRISTOPHER MANNA</b>
	<b>BONNIE SYMANSKY</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:</b>	<b>SCOTT SCHOONMAKER</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>DEBORH PRUNIER</b>

**I. Visitors**

Director of Business / Personnel:	Donald Winnicki
Director of Technology:	Timothy Hartigan
Director of Operations:	William Choti
Director of Curriculum / Instruction:	Joan Follo
Director of Special Services:	Suzanne Wright
Principals:	Michelle Saulis, NBHS
	Alan Davis, NBIS
	Dr. Kris Lindsay, TVES
	Doug Hammel, STW
	Shawn Parkhurst, JHS

Joe Tenczar  
Todd Stoeffler

Marcey Onofrio, Board Vice-Chair, presided over tonight's meeting in the absence of Board Chairwoman, Deborah Prunier.

Donald Winnicki presented a PowerPoint on enrollment data, capital not included in these budget and revenue projections.

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Mr. Winnicki stated this is the lowest percentage budget that has been submitted in the last several years. We are asking for \$916,745 or 3.23% increase over last year's budget.

He mentioned that the only new position included in this budget was for an elementary world language teacher.

Donald Winnicki talked about capital projects that were not included in this budget such as roofs, asbestos removal, boilers, ceiling and lighting and gym floors. He remarked that we are now running into some serious problems because many of these projects were deferred.

He mentioned the failed boiler at NBHS stating that our insurance company will cover most of the cost of the boiler.

Donald Winnicki mentioned that we are still looking into the cost of a new system truck with snowplow.

Nancy Lappie questioned the cost of a snowplow and a used truck stating that there should be some good deals out there because of the economy.

Bill Choti stated a snowplow would cost about \$4,500.

Donald Winnicki remarked that we are still looking at different options of obtaining a truck and plow.

John Bozzuto remarked that he is concerned about falling into a trap with the state if we replace the roof at NBHS now and when we finally renovate the school the roof will not be reimbursable.

Scott Schoonmaker stated that for right now he is sharing thoughts with the public on what is needed in the school system.

John Bozzuto questioned the abatement work at NBHS.

Donald Winnicki stated that the school system has been chipping away at abatement at NBHS and we go after areas that really need it. He mentioned that there are still a few rooms at NBHS that need rugs removed. When the rugs are removed we need to have the tile underneath the rugs removed because of the asbestos. He stated that during the February break asbestos removal would take place in room 214 at NBHS.

Christopher Manna stated that he realizes this is a bare bones budget and questioned what is the worse scenario we could expect.

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Donald Winnicki mentioned we might see a reduction in fuel oil, staff cuts, or other creative methods.

Scott Schoonmaker stated we would be limited in our options.

John Bozzuto remarked that the Board must be prepared to make some tough choices.

Marcey Onofrio questioned if it was correct that we have no choice when it comes to special education mandates from the state.

Superintendent Schoonmaker stated that if it is in a child's IEP then we must comply.

John Bozzuto remarked that the Board should set up two more budget workshops before submitting the budget to the Town.

The Board agreed to tentative meetings on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. John Bozzuto remarked that if the 26<sup>th</sup> was not needed, it could be canceled.

**MOTION:** Moved by Nancy Lappie and seconded by Bonnie Symansky to adjourn this budget workshop at 7:03 p.m.

**ALL VOTED AYE**

Sincerely submitted,

Sherry Ardine  
Account Clerk