

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

In Attendance: Board Members Maureen Nicholson, Carolyn Gerrity, Margie Huoppi, Michael Baum, Tony Emilio, John DiIorio. Superintendent of School Richard Packman, Board of Education Members R. Schad, D. Smith, J. Miragliuolo, S. Black. Principal Jane Dion, Lisa Dryer.

I. Open Meeting - M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:05 PM

II. Board of Education – 2008/2009 Budget Presentation and Discussion – R. Schad presented proposed budget. The original budget was 6.4% higher than last year, this proposed budget is now 5.2% over last year. This is the lowest increase presented in the past four years. This budget has better accountability, is needs based, and is an educationally sound budget. Dr. Packman reviewed the Pomfret Strategic Plan, Goals and Outcomes for 2007/2008. This budget attempts to accomplish outlined goals with existing resources and some additional resources that will make an immediate and identifiable favorable impact in student performance. R. Schad outlined areas of increases as negotiated salary increase \$152,287; high school tuition \$102,538; new staff additions \$72,381; Special Ed \$35,757; Utilities \$30,308; Other \$38,108. Per pupil expenditure in DRG "C" is \$10,608, the State average is \$11,240, Pomfret spends \$9,827. The total budget presented is for \$8,732,827, an increase of \$431,379 over the 07/08 adjusted budget. Discussion of \$95,000 in long-term budgetary expenditures that are not in the budget. This includes boilers at \$75,000 and a secondary well at \$20,000. Tony Emilio suggested looking into grant money to cover some of these costs. Discussion.

III. Adjournment – Motion was made to adjourn and duly seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk