

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Board of Education
February 3, 2011**

The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Linda Woods with all members present. Marty Hranek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order;
Pledge

The following persons were present:

Present

- Linda Woods, President
- Zoe Carpenter, Vice President
- Marv Gilbert, Clerk
- Joan Gardner, Member
- Marty Hranek, Member
- Jennifer Walters, Superintendent
- Staff and press representatives

President Woods asked if there was anyone wishing to speak to an item on the agenda or on another topic that lies within the board’s jurisdiction. No one asked to speak.

Oral Communica-
tions

Superintendent Walters shared with the audience that this meeting is conducted in a workshop format. No decisions will be made; it is for information only, to begin budget solutions, and to help the school board move forward with budget topics.

Opening Comments

Gina Manusov, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services gave an overview of the EUSD 2011-12 budget planning, advising the board that the district must plan a 2011-12 budget as if there will be no tax extensions. The district needs to focus on large scale solutions. Budget Committee members will do some work together in groups to brainstorm other budget solutions. She also mentioned that it is not known if a consideration to unify with the high school district would provide any budget relief. A possible decision to unify would be a long-term project with long-term budget considerations. No immediate budget impacts (positive or negative) would occur for the 2011-12 budget.

Carol Rouse, Director of Fiscal Services, began her presentation with an update on the governor’s budget and the U.S. economic outlook. She shared several pieces of budget documentation, including recent historical information indicating that overall, K-12 education as taken a 14.5 percent reduction 2007-08 to 2010-11.

Overview of
2011-12 Budget

Mrs. Rouse shared preliminary multi-year projections. She indicated that without tax extensions legally in place, the district must plan for Option B.

Option “A” – Tax extensions passed

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Est. ending balance	\$15,151,000	\$ 2,552,000	(\$10,527,000)
With \$4,000,000 in ongoing cuts	\$19,151,000	\$10,552,000	\$ 1,473,000

Option “B” – Tax extensions not passed

Est. ending balance	\$ 9,451,000	(\$8,848,000)	(\$27,627,000)
With \$9,000,000 in ongoing cuts	\$18,451,000	\$9,152,000	(\$627,000)

Board members and cabinet came up with the following ideas:

What considerations should be studied as possible EUSD budget solutions?

- Budget communications ideas
- Early retirement savings
- Furlough days (2012 and on)
- % salary reduction agreements (with contingency language)
- Student retention (Attendance)
- Tightening class size loads with current contract
- Local parcel tax
- On-line learning

What implications are there for the district for the different budget solutions?

- Temporarily freeze step and column (last resort)
- Eliminate program overlap {CARE, counselors, TKF}
- Reduce TOSAs
- Consider early retirement incentive
- Four-day school week
- Close Ed Center- summer 4-day week, vacation periods
- Post-Labor Day school start
- Utilize redevelopment dollars
- Consolidation of programs

Revenue generators?

- Going green – long-term solution

Following general discussion and clarification of questions raised by board members, the meeting was concluded.

It was moved by Joan Gardner, seconded by Marty Hranek, and passed 5-0 to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Adjournment

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct copy of the actions of the Board of Education at a special meeting, as recorded in these minutes. Certification

Jennifer Walters, Superintendent/Secretary

Marv Gilbert, Clerk