

Andover Public Schools

Andover, Massachusetts

School Committee Meeting

Minutes of April 16, 2009

Type of Meeting **West Middle School PTO**

Meeting Facilitator: Debra Silberstein, Chair

School Committee Members: Dennis Forgue

Location: West Middle School

Attendees:

Attendees: Steve Murray, Principal, Deb Downes, Asst. Principal, Deb Begos, PTO co-President and various members of the West Middle PTO.

This meeting was scheduled among members of the School Committee, the West Middle PTO to discuss the FY09 and FY10 budget situation.

Deb Begos opened the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Deb Silberstein began the meeting presenting an overview of the FY09 and FY10 budget deficit situation. Deb presented information included in the FY10 Superintendent's preliminary budget. Steve Murray described the process that went into the decision to make budget cuts and salary reductions at the Middle School level and specifically West Middle.

Dennis Forgue commented on issues related to the Special Education expenditures and budget deficits and all addressed information received on April 14th while attending the Suburban Coalition presentations on Beacon Hill and subsequent meetings with the town's State Representatives and Senator.

There were a number of questions regarding the proposed cutbacks in services and outlook for the next couple of years. Concern was expressed regarding the rising fees charged to middle and high school families for sports and extracurricular activities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Forgue, Secretary

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