

**Medway School Committee  
Minutes  
February 12, 2009**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 9:10 p.m., in the School Committee Room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway. School Committee members in attendance included Chairperson Diane Borgatti, Vice Chairperson Debora Trindade, Carole Bernstein, Steven Dahl, Dawn Rice-Norton and Shelley Wieler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Evans and Director of Operations and Finance David Verdolino. The meeting was carried live on cable television.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

After the joint meeting with the board of selectmen, Ms. Borgatti called the regular meeting to order, noting that all members were present.

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. FY10 Budget** - Dr. Evans presented information regarding recent updates on the federal stimulus packet to and how it may affect Medway.

The superintendent reported that Medway might expect to receive an additional \$1.6 million in Chapter 70 Aide for FY10 and approximately \$800,00 in additional IDEA money. She noted that Chapter 70 money must be used to fund education up to the minimum level; IDEA money can only be used for special education costs.

Dr. Evans spoke to the comment from a member of the board of selectmen who noted his disappointment with the school department for not submitting a detailed level funded budget. The superintendent noted that, in light of the additional money coming to Medway, the school committee has struggled with moving from a modest minimal needs budget to making specific cuts for a level funded budget. She further noted that the town administrator has the bottom line figure for a level funded budget without the details; it is difficult for the school committee to discuss and present those details in public as this is a contract negotiations year.

The superintendent asked for guidance for her and the budget subcommittee in the area of increasing revenues through fees, purchasing of new math curriculum and the hiring of instructional coaches.

It was moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Ms. Wieler, to suspend the ten o'clock rule. Voting in favor: Ms. Borgatti, Ms. Trindade, Ms. Bernstein, Ms. Rice-Norton and Ms. Wieler. Mr. Dahl opposed.

No votes were taken.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:12 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Dahl, seconded by Ms. Rice-Norton, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa  
Secretary

Approved: **April 16, 2009**