

# The Board of Education Town of Vernon

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January 17, 2012

## DRAFT MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Vernon Board of Education was held at the Administration Building on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

Chairperson Houle called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order were Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Bush, Mr. Percy, Ms. Arn, Mr. Buttar, Ms. Goldich, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Nicholson. Also present were Dr. Conway, Mrs. Murasso and Mr. Purcaro.

### 1.0 Special Meeting Presentation of the Superintendent's 2012/2013 Budget

Dr. Conway presented a first draft of the 2012/2013 Estimate of Expenditures. The increase in the proposed budget over the current budget is \$1,148,321 or 2.42%.

Dr. Conway opened the meeting by providing a "helicopter" view of the budget while the principals presented a "balcony" view and the details in the budget binder provides the "on-the-ground" view.

Dr. Conway shared the "big ideas" but first noting that our school system is systemic and that it is not eight islands. She explained that just like a family we move resources around depending both on needs and plans for the future.

Dr. Conway further explained that for Board of Education Goals #1 and #3 efforts were sustained in this proposed budget. For Board of Education Goal #2, she noted that the one thing that has the greatest effect on a child's education is a high quality teacher and that in order for a teacher to grow professionally we need to have professional development, coaching, peer mentoring, etc. She also shared that we want to ensure that every child has full access to the curriculum. We want to put our resources into PK-3 because research shows that for every dollar spent in early childhood education now will save \$7 in the future. With regard to technology, Dr. Conway shared that we are focusing on the technology infrastructure.

Dr. Conway distributed a handout and presented explanations for the following budget increases over the current year's spending:

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Classroom Teachers	235,423
CRS Reading Teacher (1 position added)	
LSS/SRS Classroom Teachers (1 position reduced/1 position added)	
RHS Team (4 positions reduced)	
Elementary Teacher Coaches (2 positions added)	
Special Education Personnel	228,159
LSS/SRS Teacher of the Hearing Impaired (.5 position added at each school)	
SRS Replacement (\$31,000 higher)	
Salary Non-Affiliated	
Data Manager	44,000
IT Team	40,000
Truancy/Residency Officer	45,900
Paraprofessionals (reduction)	(237,000)
Curriculum Development Salary (summer work)	23,622
Temporary/Custodial Salary (summer work)	28,000
Employee Benefits	
Medical Insurance	215,402
Pension	30,400
Professional and Technical Services	
OT/PT Services	(38,500)
Science Services	( 8,500)
Gifted/Talented Teacher	24,600
Professional Development	10,800
Director of DPW - salary moved	(30,000)
Property Services	
Lease for Truck and Vans	28,550
Other Purchased Services	
Tuition to other LEAs	(258,940)
Tuition to Non Public Schools	69,588
Supplies and Materials	
Heating Oil	67,664

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New Textbook Adoptions (VCMS Mathematics)	68,188
Instructional Supplies	31,532
SRS Reading Intervention	
RHS PSAT Gr. 10 & 11	
District Mathematics	
K-5 Common Core Teacher Resources	
Other Supplies and Materials	20,315
NEASC	
Capital Outlay	
Time and Attendance	40,000
Asset Management Inventory System	5,944
Wireless Network-RHS	143,126
21 iMacs for Mac Lab (Lease)	9,114
6 SmartBoards (ES and MS)	12,756

## 2.0 Community Forum

Opportunity for Public Comment on the 2012/2013 Budget

Mrs. Tanjua Damon-Merrow from Vernon.Patch.com asked the Board if they knew what the tax impact would be on a family's tax bill. This has not been factored in yet and the Board did not know what an budget increase would have on a property owner.

Mrs. Bush moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fischer and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bush  
Secretary