

Suffield Board of Education
Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.
Central Office Conference Room

Present: Scott Schneider, Natalie Semyanko, Jeanne Gee, Bob Eccles, Lori D'Ostuni, Brian Kost, Mel Chafetz, Steve Moccio, Rebecca Osleger, Karen Baldwin, Phil Russell, Jim Collin

I. Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

II. Budget Process and Communications

Rebecca Osleger, Director of Technology, gave a hands-on presentation of the Google Chromebooks for use in the classroom as instructional tools and testing instruments for administering the new SBAC testing.

Ms. Osleger left at 5:30 p.m.

III. Review of Personnel and Benefits

- Priority area is change and improvement at the Middle School. Aligns to strategic goals and continuous improvement.
- Budget increase driven by Benefits account increase. Health care costs specifically account for \$600,000 increase. Cost savings expected did not materialize on HSA.
- Cost savings expected from the CL&P/Power Point project was not realized. Negotiations are ongoing to address the lack of success in seeing these savings.
- Those two accounts: Health Insurance and Electricity are the major drivers of the increase.
- The committee discussed the Workman's Compensation and Salary accounts.
- Next steps: The administration will respond to the increase in the Administration account from the 2012/2013 budget to 2013/2014 budget, will continue to work with the insurance consultant to determine a better renewal rate for health insurance, and will develop a priority list and a reduction list.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 p.m.