

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**April 29, 2013**

Following the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole Discussion, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brandywine Heights Area School District was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Vice President Rosemary Lamaestra.

The meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Secretary called the roll: Ms. Eyrich, Mr. Groff, Mr. Heffner, Mrs. Huhn, Mrs. Lamaestra, Mrs. MacMillan, Mr. Rothermel

Absent: Mr. Bollinger, Mr. Scheetz (out of town)

Administration Present: Dr. Martin D. Handler, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Andrew Potteiger, Assistant to the Superintendent, Mrs. Nancy Krauss, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Mrs. Mary Darrach, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Heather Piperato, High School Principal, Mr. Thomas Voelker, Elementary/ Intermediate Assistant Principal, Mr. Michael Wetzel, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Visitors: Angela Warsing, Stephanie Koehler, Dan Clark, Tracy Fandl, Stacie Sicher, Amy Petersen, Dax Funderburk, Rita Kayhart, Carol Bortz, Beth Adam, Ellen Grossman, Christine Herring.

**2013-14 PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

Approve the proposed 2013-14 general fund budget PDE #2028 totaling \$29,779,488 reflecting a 3.4% real estate tax increase of 1.05 mills (from 31.25 mills 2012-13 to 32.3 mills 2013-14) per attachment Budget A.

Mrs. Nancy Krauss presented the budget document including expenditures, revenues, real estate tax analysis, fund balance projection and the PDE mandated report. Mrs. Krauss announced that the final 2013-14 budget is scheduled for adoption on June 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The 2013-14 General Fund Budget will be available for public inspection starting Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in the business office and on the District's website [www.bhasd.org](http://www.bhasd.org).

Public Comment: Dax Funderburk spoke about the fund balance, taxes and class sizes. Stephanie Kohler, Tracy Fandl and Christine Herring commented on class size. Rita Kayhart commented on budget cuts, outsourcing support staff and potential administrative salary increases. Tracy Fandl and Christine Herring commented on student transportation issues.

Administrative Comment: Dr. Handler and Mrs. Piperato explained that class sizes at the high school are driven by program offerings, not just by the number of students by grade level as in the elementary grades.

Following Board member discussion about elementary class size, the high school one-to-one technology initiative, and alternative ways to balance the budget, keep programs in place and reduce furloughs; roll call was taken to approve the 2013-14 Proposed Final Budget.

Yeas: Ms. Eyrich, Mr. Heffner, Mr. Groff, Mrs. Huhn, Mrs. MacMillan, Mr. Rothermel, Mrs. Lamaestra

Absent: Mr. Bollinger, Mr. Scheetz

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Nancy Krauss announced that at the May 6, 2013 Regular Board Meeting the Board should decide whether or not to have another budget work session on May 13, 2013 and topics to be included on the work session agenda. Mrs. Krauss also noted that on May 6, 2013 Barbara Nissel, from S.O.S. Group, Inc., will report on determining meal prices for 2013-14 and the progress of the district food service management.

Dr. Handler announced a short executive session following the meeting to discuss negotiations and personnel issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Heffner, seconded by Mrs. Huhn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Approved, Nancy K. Krauss, Secretary

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Katharine Seip, Recording Secretary