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**Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
2008-2009 Budget Hearing
February 11, 2008
Minutes**

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison and Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Scott Vien, Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Don Bagley, Andrew Schalm, Ginny Gove, Dawn Gove, John Millican, Angela Comeau, Mrs. Friedrich, Kenyon Carl, Brian Fairbanks

The budget hearing meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Lee Morrison.

Each line of the 2008-2009 budget was discussed. Enrollments, grade configurations and percentage of special education students were shared with the public. Discussion ensued regarding kindergarten, special education services, library and technology services, bus transportation, the School District Building Capital Reserve Fund and the need for a Warrant Article of \$10,000 to be added to the School District Building Capital Reserve Fund, and projected capital expenses.

On the revenue data sheet, as of 6/30/2007, Wentworth had an unreserved fund balance of \$36,769. This is treated by the NH Department of Revenue Administration as income for the following school year 07/08, and as a result, the tax rate is set to raise this much less from the taxpayers for that school year. Approximately half of the above mentioned balance was the result of savings realized on the mechanical renovations completed at the school. Given that this amount is reflected as revenue for 07-08, and there is no corresponding revenue projected for 08/09, the District Assessment will increase by this amount.

At 7:45 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the budget hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison