

Members present: Gordon, Hudson, Mauro, Oriola, Members absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sosnow, Weiner, Winchester

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea Admin Absent: all present

Also: J. Rabine, R. Grastorf, D. Cazer, T. O'Donnell, R. Panico, J. Tamburello, K. Scheuer, C. Haack, J. Rabine, J. Frost

**I. Welcome**

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President Hudson called the Regular Meeting of the Niskayuna Board of Education to order at 5:38 p.m.

**II. Community Comments**

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Anne Burns of Apple Tree Lane, addressed the Board regarding the costs/budgeting concerns being passed on to taxpayers.

Don Cazer of Rosehill Boulevard and staff writer for the Niskayuna Spotlight, addressed the Board regarding budget options.

III. Dr. Baughman addressed the public in attendance and further detailed the goals of the workshop and established workshop parameters.

The following suggestions were brought to the attention of the Board:

- Does the NCS D TRN department use a fuel card system to track/reduce fuel costs and ensure the lowest fuel price?
- What cost savings programs initiatives has the District initiated to reduce spending?
- How much fund balance does the District use in an average year?
- Can we increase the local property tax 3.99%?
- Wouldn't that increase revenue by \$1.8m?
- How much interest will we be losing by depleting the unreserved fund?
- What if the % cap introduced until 2010-2011? What % increase target for 2010-2011?

IV. Matt Bourgeois, Assistant Superintendent for Business, reviewed the variables.

V. Dr. Baughman reviewed three scenarios.

VI. Matt Bourgeois reviewed several "what if" scenarios.

VII. The Board determined parameters for State aid, use of reserves and expenditures.

VIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Date: January 22, 2009  
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Special  
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