

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Budget Meeting**  
**March 27, 2007**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Albany High School**

**PRESENT:**

|                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Teneka Frost, President          | Dr. Eva Joseph         |
| William Barnette, Vice President | Terry White            |
| Wayne Morris, Secretary          | Dr. Joseph Dragone     |
| Mark Barth                       | Kathleen               |
| Wetmore                          |                        |
| Judy Doesschate                  | Linda Jackson-Chalmers |
| Barbara Gaffuri                  |                        |

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:**

Jackie Jenkins-Cox

**Call to Order:**

Ms. Frost called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Barnette made a motion to amend the agenda to include Routine Consent, Administrative Appointment as the first item of business. Mrs. Gaffuri seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the motion.

**ROUTINE CONSENT ITEM**

**Administrative Appointment**  
**High School Principal**

Mr. Barnette made a motion to approve the appointment of the Principal of Albany High School. Ms. Doesschate seconded the motion. Dr. Joseph recommended the appointment of Ms. Maxine Fantroy-Ford as the Principal of Albany High School, effective March 28, 2007. Dr. Joseph advised Ms. Ford brings a wealth of successful experiences to the position. She has been a valued and distinguished teacher and administrator in Albany School for approximately 30 years. Her administrative career includes Principal of Giffen Memorial Elementary School and the Director of Magnet Schools and both endeavors have been successful under her leadership. Dr. Joseph extended congratulations to Ms. Ford.

The Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the motion.

Mr. Barnette noted Ms. Fantroy-Ford is a graduate of the Albany City Public School System, along with Tracy Ford, Gregory Jones and James Thomas. Mr. Barnette also noted the President of the Board of Education, Teneka Frost is also an Albany High School graduate. Dr. Joseph acknowledged that Linda Jackson-Chalmers, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Community Relations and the Honorable Betty Barnette, Treasurer of the City of Albany are also graduates of the Albany City School District. Mrs. Gaffuri also noted Ms. Fantroy-Ford is the first female Principal of Albany

High School.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Frost advised there were no speakers signed up to speak this evening and advised the board would move to the next agenda item.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Resolution for Library Proposition**

Ms. Frost presented the library proposition to be placed on the ballot for the School District vote on May 15, 2007. Mr. Barnette made a motion to approve the library proposition on the ballot as presented. Mrs. Gaffuri seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the motion.

#### **Legal Notice**

Ms. Frost presented the legal notice to be published for the School District vote on May 15, 2007. Mrs. Gaffuri made a motion to approve the legal notice. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the motion.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **2007-2008 Budget Development**

Dr. Joseph began the discussion with a review of past presentations related to the budget and the goals for the discussion this evening, to include an update of revenue figures and a sense of the board as to the direction to move in as the District goes forward toward approving a budget. Dr. Joseph noted the budget calendar indicates that the April 3 agenda includes approval of the budget. Should that not happen an additional meeting is scheduled on April 16, which is the last date the District can make a decision on the budget. That date is the absolute deadline for adopting the budget to allow time for printing of the budget newsletter and the budget notice.

Ms. Wetmore reviewed updated budget figures indicating a tax levy of 8.14%, reduced from 8.60%, based on consideration of additional experience. Ms. Wetmore reviewed the 2007-2008 Budget Revenue, Other Tax Revenue Items, Other Revenue, State Aid Comparison, Increase in Aid Comparison, Federal Revenue, Budget Impact of Major Increases, Estimated Contingency Budget. Ms. Wetmore concluded the presentation with an analysis of the dollar figure equal to 1% of the tax levy, \$960,000, which equates to 17 teaching positions, 29 support staff positions or 8 administrative staff positions.

Ms. Wetmore also referred to a listing of Grant Funded Program Projection Analysis, indicating 2006-2007 grants as well as the anticipated grants for 2007-2008. Dr. Joseph noted there are a number of grants that will be ending because there is not a renewal RFP. This included the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. The end result is that there is a significant reduction in grant funds available from 2006-2007 to 2007-2008. Following further review it was determined that the figures indicated in this report need to be adjusted. An adjusted report will be forwarded to board members.

Following a lengthy discussion Ms. Doesschate made a motion to extend the time for this item by 15 minutes. Dr. Barth seconded the motion.

The board voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the motion.

Following additional discussion, board members indicated their preferences relative to adjustments to this first draft budget. Ms. Frost asked board members to forward their comments to Dr. Joseph prior to the next meeting. Ms. Frost advised additional discussions would be scheduled on the April 3, 2007 agenda.

Dr. Barth made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Catherine L. Cutting  
Clerk of the Board