The Board met at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. **Motion was made by Win Oppel to enter into Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.; seconded by Kathy Yolish; motion passed.** All Board Members were in attendance with the exception of Paula Ellis (Mike Pacowta arrived at 6:45 and Thomas Minotti arrived at 6:50). Freeman Burr, Allan Cameron and Rita McDougald-Campbell were invited to stay. **Win Oppel made a motion to leave Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.; seconded by Mike Pacowta; motion passed.**

Chairman Timothy Walsh called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:29 p.m.

**Roll Call: (alpha order)**  
Paula Ellis (arrived 8:36 p.m.)  
John Francino-Quinn  
Kate Kutash  
Arlene Liscinsky  
Thomas Minotti  
Win Oppel  
Mike Pacowta  
Timothy Walsh  
Kathleen Yolish

Initial quorum of 8 present and 1 absent until the arrival of Paula Ellis, changing it to full quorum of 9 present.

Board of Education Administration present:  
Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr  
Director of Finance, Allan Cameron  
Director of Human Resources, Rita McDougald-Campbell  
Director of Instruction, Patricia Curran  
Director of Special Education, Valentina Parchin  
Operations Manager, William Banfe
Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Win Oppel moved to approve the unpaid leave of absence for the remainder of the school year for Lisa Putnam, teacher at Booth Hill School; seconded by John Francino-Quinn; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to adopt the Superintendent’s recommended 2010-2011 budget presentation in the amount of $66,549,888; seconded by Win Oppel; discussion; vote 8-1 (Nay – Paula Ellis); motion passed.

Paula Ellis moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.; seconded by John Francino-Quinn; vote 9-0; motion passed.

*Diane Luther
Recording Secretary – Board of Education
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