

**Memorandum from**  
**The RTM Education Committee**

Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2010

*Education Committee Members in Attendance: Dennis Cummings, Joan Davis, Maria Ferretti, David Martens, Emily McDermott, Christa McNamara, Susan Morrison, Sandy Savage, Lois Schneider, Karin Sharp and Barbara Thorne*

*Education Committee Members Absent: Chris Camuti, Barbara Harrington and Dennis Maroney*

The meeting was called to order by Lois Schneider at 8:05 p.m.

Topics discussed:

1. Committee reviewed the Superintendent's proposed budget, the budget process to date and pulled together questions, concerns, and comments about the proposed budget to discuss with the Board of Education at the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Topics included Special Education, private revenue funding (for example Pay-to-Participate), Unemployment compensation, Teacher's contract, Avalon redistricting
2. A task force was created to study the issues of Special Education in more depth. Members include Emily McDermot, Maria Ferretti and Dennis Cummings.
3. Committee discussed ways in which to educate the overall RTM body on the issues contained in this year's Superintendent's budget. Lois will discuss with Karen Armour as to the most appropriate format. Suggestion was to provide RTM with links to web sites that contain documents reviewed during the BOE budget meetings.
4. Lois reviewed the schedule of upcoming budget meetings and budget process.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa McNamara

Clerk RTM Education Committee