

**Memorandum from**  
**The RTM Education Committee**  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Darien Town Hall – Room 119

*Education Committee members in attendance: Maria Ferretti, Dennis Maroney, Sandy Savage, Joan Davis, Lois Schneider, Susan Morrison, Barbara Harrington, Emily McDermott, Barbara Thorne*

*Education Committee Members Absent: David Martens, Chris Camuti, Dennis Cummings, Christa McNamara, Karin Sharp*

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm by Chairman Lois Schneider.

The Board of Education budgets (2009-10 and 2010-11) were the topics of discussion.

There was discussion regarding whether or not our committee would make a statement to the Board of Finance (BoF) at tomorrow's meeting. It was a consensus not to do so at this time except as individuals.

Lois reviewed the Monday AM (April 5<sup>th</sup>) meeting held by Board of Ed (BoE) with attendance by the Board of Finance and RTM Committee heads to discuss the 2009-10 budget status.

The upcoming meetings were announced, as follows:

Tuesday 4/6/2010 BoF meeting with BoE

Tuesday 4/6/2010 Curriculum subcommittee of BoE re DHS core values in preparation for NEASC 10 year re-evaluation.

Wednesday 4/7/2010 BoE

Report on Superintendent search

English curriculum

Financial revisions

Etc

Thursday 4/8/2010 BoF

Preliminary cuts/report

Budget drivers this year include:

Special Education reimbursement rate, State excess cost funding, legal costs and Health Insurance

Discussion continued on available resources and processes to cover any budget deficits and the role of RTM in the budget process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Thorne, Clerk pro-tem