

Minutes
Winthrop Town Council
Special Meeting
Monday May 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
Winthrop Middle School Cafeteria

Attendance: Councilors Kevin Cookson, James Norris, David Rheaume, William MacDonald, Jayne Despres, Linda Caprara, Patrice Putman. School Board members Mike Burke, Ellen O'Brien, Linda Allen, John Mitchell, Supt of Schools Paula Gaudet, Town Manager Cornell Knight; 100+ citizens.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Cookson at 7:05 pm.

Item # 83 Presentation and Review of the 2004-05 School Budget

Superintendent Paula Gaudet reviewed the budget and the cuts the school board made earlier in the week to reach a 1 mil property tax increase for education. A one-mil tax increase raises the education portion of the tax commitment \$487,286 over last year. The school board made cuts that included positions in art, music, consumer science and foreign language, gifted and talented and one bus run and furlough days for all staff. The food service overdraft was discussed.

The following persons made comments to the council to restore the positions cut from the budget: Kyle Provencal, 3 Middle school students, Mrs. Kidwell, Meg Cook, Phil Richardson, Connie Hartley, Loraine Mathieu, Dick Dyer, Jay Lindsay, Jennifer McConnell, Christine Hughes, Dan Stevens, Karen Criss, Dave Bowdoin, Keith Morang.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to adjourn. Vote 5-2, Yea: Rheaume, Caprara, Cookson, Putman, Despres; Nay: Norris, MacDonald.

The public hearing to approve the budgets is June 7, at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.