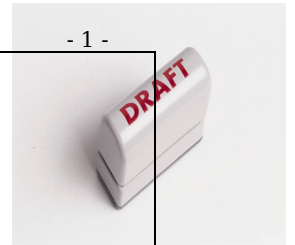**M I N U T E S**
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Budget Subcommittee
Thomaston Town Hall – Meeting Room One
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Members: Holly Herbert, Laurie Barrett, Laura Rieley, Lucy Santopietro, and Steve Catania

Present: Holly Herbert, Laurie Barrett, Laura Rieley and Lucy Santopietro

Absent: Steve Catania

Also Present: Superintendent, Lynda Mitchell; Business Manager, Sue Laone; Black Rock School Principal, Paul Johnson; Thomaston Center School Principal, James Diorio; and Pupil Services Director, Nancy Schnyer

I. Establishment of a quorum and call to order:
Subcommittee chairperson, Holly Herbert established a quorum and called to order the Budget Subcommittee meeting of the Thomaston Board of Education at 6:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda:
On a motion made by Laurie Barrett and seconded by Laura Rieley to approve/accept the agenda as presented, no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

III. 2010/2011 Budget:
- New financial reports were distributed by Business Manager, Sue Laone. Discussion of the budget ensued.

- A teacher early retirement incentive was discussed. The subcommittee felt they should bring the discussion to the entire Board. A Special meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2010. An anticipated Executive Session will also be incorporated into the Special Meeting.

- A parental letter of concern was brought to the Board regarding last year's budget cuts (09/10) and the implementation of the tiered bussing schedule and its impact on Magnet school in-town bus connections. After some discussion, the consensus of the subcommittee was that the schools remain on their current start and finish time schedules.

IV. Adjournment:
On a motion made by Laurie Barrett and seconded by Lucy Santopietro to adjourn the Budget Subcommittee meeting of the Board of Education at 7:15 p.m., no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Santopietro