

**SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES BUDGET MEETING**  
**BOCES Administrative Offices**  
**17 Berkley Drive, Rye Brook, New York**  
**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

**Minutes of budget meeting held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016:**

**In Attendance:**

Joseph Wooley, Board of Education President  
Catherine Draper, Vice President  
John Filiberti  
Lynn Frazer-McBride  
Georgia Riedel  
John DeSantis

**Also in Attendance:**

Harold A. Coles, District Superintendent  
Jacqueline O'Donnell, Deputy District Superintendent / Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Tibbetts, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administrative Services  
James A. Gratto Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services  
John Miller, Director of Business  
Suzanne Doherty, Director of Human Resources  
Dennis Lauro, Executive Director, LHRIC  
Anthony Ferrante, Coordinator Network Support, Level 2  
Christina D'Aiello, Assistant Director-Administrative and Management Services  
Elaine Bliss, Manager-PC Network Support  
Kathy Conley, Assistant Executive Director, LHRIC  
Joe Fitzgerald, Assistant Director, LHRIC

President Wooley called the Budget Meeting of December 14, 2016 to order at 6:30 p.m.

President Wooley led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Georgia Riedel made and Catherine Draper seconded a motion to appoint James A. Gratto Jr. as Clerk pro tem for the Budget Meeting of December 14, 2016.

Ayes = 6

Nays = 0

The motion carried.

## **2017-2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Steve Tibbets explained the agenda for the Board Meeting.

### **Regional Information Services:**

*\*Lynn Frazer McBride is the BOE member assigned to this department*

**Dennis Lauro, Kathy Conley, Joe Fitzgerald and Christina D'Aiello explained the LHRIC Budget:**

- Dennis Lauro introduced LHRIC staff members and explained their roles
- Overview of Co-Sers
- External influences on the budget (Tax Levy Cap, NYS mandates, data security and privacy, co-ser regulations)
- Steady budget and service growth
- Slight price increase projected for 2017-2018 (2%)
- Overall budget is proposed at \$66,856,246
- Smart Schools Bond Act update
- Beyond the Numbers: Organizational Change/Paradigm Shift, Responding to district needs, Managed IT
- Overview of Managed IT including data security and privacy
- CIO support service has increased to 12 districts
- The LHRIC is conducting a salary study
- Distance Learning usage has decreased
- Increase in Instructional Support, due mainly to software
- Cooperative Printing has two participating districts
- Model Schools has seen significant growth
- Management Services has seen steady growth

**Board members asked particular questions:**

- Is it true that NYSED has not yet approved all Tech Plans? Dennis Lauro responded that NYSED has only approved a small percent of submitted plans.
- Will we meet the July 1, 2017 deadline for Managed IT? Dennis Lauro, Christina D'Aiello, Kathy Conley, and Joe Fitzgerald explained that we will meet the compliance deadline to implement the 60-40 regulations, and further explained the ongoing work to meet these requirements. Discussion ensued.
- Is there a 5 year projection for the Salary Study? Dennis Lauro responded that the LHRIC is constantly monitoring trends and trying to keep up
- Do you find that superintendents in our region who are from New Jersey take advantage of LHRIC services? Dennis Lauro explained that superintendents from New Jersey seem to be unfamiliar with this type of system so it takes them some time to fully understand BOCES services.

- Are software reimbursement rates consistent among districts? Steve Tibbetts explained that the percentage of reimbursement is the same, but is dependent on participation. Discussion ensued.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Georgia Riedel made and John Filiberti seconded a motion to adjourn the budget meeting of December 14, 2016 at 7:35 p.m.

Ayes = 6

Nays = 0

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Gratto Jr., Clerk pro tem