

**PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 6, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, June 6, 2013
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Plum Borough High School Auditorium
PURPOSE: Discuss 2013-14 Preliminary General Fund Budget (Fund 10)

Committee Members: Mr. Kevin Dowdell, Chairperson; Mr. Rich Zucco and Mr. John St. Leger; Committee Members

Call Meeting to Order: Mr. Dowdell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

In Attendance:

Board Members: Mr. Dowdell, Mr. Zucco, Mr. St. Leger, Mr. Drake, Mr. Colella, Mrs. White, and Mr. McGough

Administrative Representatives: Mr. Marraccini, Dr. Glasspool, and Dr. Rossi

The Committee announced that before the citizens' comments would be heard, there will be an update on personnel changes and a visual budget presentation by Dr. Glasspool.

1. Mr. Colella, Personnel Committee Chairperson, reviewed a summary of positions there are being restored to the 2013-14 budget.
2. Dr. Glasspool presented the associated costs of program and position cuts.
3. Dr. Rossi stated that Kindergarten enrollment counts for 2013-14 are up.
4. Mr. Dowdell indicated the 2013-14 budget originally had a \$3 million plus shortfall at the beginning of the budget process in November 2012, and is now at \$1.5 million shortfall and it needs addressed now. He indicated negotiations between the Teachers' Union and District was not successful because the parties could not agree on terms. The District plans to increase the millage by the allowable Act 1 index of 1.7%, and because of the recent reassessments, the District's 2013-14 millage will be set at 18.758 mils; down from 22.2 mils. Some taxpayers will see decreases and some will see increases in their property taxes. The District is required to set aside funds for potential reassessment appeals refunds.

The Committee opened Citizens' Comments on agenda items. Citizens commenting on agenda item:

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| 1. Martha Freese | 6. Pauline Joyce |
| 2. Susie Dawson | 7. Joe Ruggieri |
| 3. Donna Lloyd | 8. Colleen Prokopik |
| 4. Robin McGrath | 9. Dawn Lynn Check |
| 5. Lauren Hearn | 10. Michelle Stepnick |

Comments on Non-Agenda items: None

Next budget meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Minutes prepared by:
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