

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
BUDGET DELIBERATIONS  
MAY 2, 2007**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held Budget Deliberations for the FY 2007-2008 on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman Beirne asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

P. Beckwith  
T. Beirne  
B. Bier  
B. Blake  
V. Ditchkus  
J. Garbus  
B. Genovese  
M. Hardiman  
B. Lambert  
J. Patterson  
J. Politi  
K. Rowland  
J. Toohey  
N. Veccharelli, Jr.  
P. Vetro

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
J. O'Connell, Mayor's Admin. Asst.  
A. Jepson, City Clerk

Ald. Patterson and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to come out of recess at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Beirne stated before them tonight is Larry Schaefer, Acting Superintendent of Schools, Philip Russell, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Cindy Kopazna, Chairperson, Board of Education. He stated the Board of Education comes before them with their proposed budget. He stated the proposed budget is \$78,214,815 and that it represents a 5.01% increase over last year, basically a \$3,782,000 difference. He commented he has never encountered such fear when it comes to many of the people he has talked to about paying taxes. He stated they have asked the other city departments to cut their budget 10%. He also commented people are afraid they won't be able to live in their homes. He also stated people who live in Milford pay more in taxes than they did for their house. He spoke personally of how much he paid for his first car and that his first house only cost \$50.

Mrs. Kopazna addressing the Board thanked them for the opportunity to be heard. She stated she was speaking as an advocate for the Board of Education budget. She spoke of an article "Vision" and also spoke as to the sound fiscal stewardship and doing more for less. She continued by reading from a prepared statement. She stated the words and actions of this Board speaks volumes to the Milford community regarding feelings toward

education. She also spoke as to the reason and rationale why those dollars are there. She also stated she wished to address some of the information disseminated at the public session meeting.

Mr. Schaefer commented he a PowerPoint person (also referred to the handout provided for the presentation). He spoke as to the overview of the Board's process in putting their budget together. He spoke as to the numbers and how NCLB has impacted the requirements of graduation. He stated how things have changed is the theme of his presentation, i.e. last year they had 3 autistic children in the system and this year there are almost 25. He stated the population has not necessarily changed in Milford but the characteristics have. He also stated they work on cost containment every day of the year and not just at budget time. He also spoke as to employee benefits, i.e. co-pay that every employee pays. He stated the long-term goal is 15%. He referred to page 6 of the handout, Infrastructure Analysis. He stated if the infra-structure is not maintained it is only putting it off until the next fiscal year. He also remarked that not investing in our buildings and textbooks will hurt in the long run. He stated there is no new staff contained in this budget. He also explained the 5.01% increase they were requesting takes into consideration increasing transportation costs, utilities and tuition. He stated since the Board of Education adopted this budget back in January some changes have occurred and that they need to find \$413,000 to address these areas, i.e. Alternative Education which will not be ready as they had hoped so they have to come up with the \$55,000 shortfall. He stated they will face the \$413,504 deficient even if they get every penny they have asked for. Continuing with the PowerPoint presentation Mr. Schaefer also spoke as to the myths that have appeared in the newspaper and spoke of the "Mystery and Fantasy Class". He stated that class was designed to interest students in English that did not have interest in any other subject. He stated cutting a class like that does not save a dime because they are required to have a certain number of English classes. He also spoke as to their vehicles and explained they have a 23-year-old rack truck that was taken off the road 2 months ago. He explained this is the vehicle they use to plow and for maintenance but that it was beyond the ability to be repaired and needs to be replaced. He also spoke as to legal fees, i.e. for special education and explained the various hearings that are involved sometimes. He stated last year they spent \$15,285 in legal fees and added they only use an attorney as a last result and it usually when the family turns to their own lawyer that they seek an attorney. He spoke as to comments that have been made that they under budget tuition. He stated they generally do and explained the excess cost grant. He also commented as to class size, which he stated comes up a lot. He encouraged the members of the Board to come and visit our schools and see the number of students, the number of special education students, those children that do not speak English as well as student that are not special education, but have special needs. He stated today's classroom is complex and that the classrooms of years ago just don't exist. He spoke as to conferences and that most are in state and that only 2 went out of state this year. He also commented whenever possible they seek reimbursement and file regularly to get back funds. He stated when one child leaves the program they save \$10,000 and explained what that really means. He explained "per pupil" is really an average and not the cost of the next child. Mr. Schaefer implored the Board to ask questions so that he and his staff can show the Board how the money is used.

Chairman Beirne thanked Mr. Schaefer. He stated this Board does not have the authority to pick out specific items to take out of the budget. He stated they approve a sum of money and then the Board of Education spends that money as they wish.

Ald. Politi commented as to the VO Ag Program and that it is not in next year's budget. She stated she has received many calls and asked if Mr. Schaefer could explain.

Mr. Schaefer stated the Board of Education reduced their budget as best they could to the lowest possible amount. He explained they only have to provide one vocational program and that originally they cut the Aqua Program. He stated they looked at the programs and based on cost-effective they cut the Vo Ag Program, they save \$110,000, which over 3 years will save over \$300,000. He stated in their judgment there was a duplicate and they looked to cut that. He stated as custodians of the taxpayers' dollars they just could not afford both.

Ald. Rowland asked about the VO Ag Program and cutting this it saved \$110,000 and asked what should stay in the budget in lieu of the \$110,000. She also asked the number of children affected by this. She commented these children were solicited by members in our program and Trumbull and also spoke of the student that came before this Board. She stated it is important to give these kids every opportunity to learn. She also asked what they kept instead of the VO Ag.

Mr. Schaefer explained the minute the Board of Education made the decision to cut the VO Ag Program, he wrote to Trumbull. He stated they were stonewalled for over one month and commented as to the unfortunate way it was handled. He spoke as to the \$100,000 worth of textbooks to replace 7<sup>th</sup> grade geography and commented the Board of Education does not look at the way the question is being asked. With regard to the number of student affected, Mr. Schaefer stated it is 10 to 12.

Chairman Beirne referred to page 22 of the budget book, line item 5603 and asked if Mr. Schaefer could explain.

Mr. Schaefer stated that is currently who is there and that 2 will graduate. He stated the \$127,232 proposed for 07-08 is only to let the students currently in the program to continue.

Ald. Genovese commented it is a \$72,214,815 budget with salaries in the amount of \$57,425,428, which leaves \$20,759,687 for services after salaries. She asked how many Board of Education grant employees they have and if they receive benefits.

Mr. Schaefer replied they have approximately 80 grant employees and that they receive benefits but it is not show in the budget book.

Ald. Genovese asked about the school debt account at \$99,655,042 and \$13,000,000 in capital outlay, funded but not spent. She commented if they do not get the full amount they actually are not being cut just not getting what they want. She asked if this was a correct interpretation.

Mr. Schaefer responded it was not correct. He spoke as to benefits taken out two years ago. He also stated the \$78,000,000 is what is needed to open their doors next year. He spoke of the operations this year that were moved to next year and also commented if they are cut services will be cut.

Ald. Veccharelli stated staffing is up 20 hires.

Mr. Schaefer explained 5 were custodians they were planning to layoffs when they were planning to close the schools early and not have evening programs. He also gave as an example Pumpkin Delight School who had 20 kindergarteners and then on the first day of school another was enrolled bringing the total to 26 which is one more than the contractual limit. He also gave as examples Jonathan Law were an English Class will have 28 and explained what they do and that the decisions are based on the students.

Ald. Veccharelli commented when the budget was brought forth last year there were 20 fewer people. He also stated even with the substantial cut from last year 20 people were still added. He stated he did not wish to sound like sour grapes but he was trying to understand. He also stated they have been lead to believe that these are mandates by the State.

Mr. Schaefer stated 6 of the positions were special education because of students they did not expect. He explained their budget does not change when they add a position, rather they have to find it in their budget and that they are looking in their budget all the time. He stated their job is to live within the Board's approved budget. He stated the put the kids at the forefront of every decision. He also commented the Board of Education is criticized for adding positions, but they are always kid driven.

Ald. Veccharelli referred to page 55 the "field maintenance account" and asked about the \$55,000 for Law and Foran.

Mr. Russell asked if he was referring to the turf fields. He stated the majority of the money is the baseball field at Foran and continued with an explanation as to the work to be done and how it will be maintained.

Ald. Toohey commented the education budget is basically is bare bones but that they mentioned items that are over and above the total dollar value of those items.

Mr. Schaefer provided a breakdown as follows: 3 in professional learning and middle school mathematics, \$23,400; add reading recovery teacher for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade, \$15,000; literacy collaborative out of Lesley College for K-1-2 kids, \$16,000; guided reading program with a budget \$100,000; K-5 social studies program, \$75,000.

Ald. Toohey asked if these are new programs or existing in the district.

Mr. Schaefer stated K-5 replaces and existing program. He explained guided reading is 11 years old and needs to be replaced. He also stated the 3 professionals and mathematics were new. He also explained the program out of Lesley College and that they are trained teachers through a grant.

Ald. Toohey stated it looked like around \$230,000 by cutting VO Ag and \$100,000 was saved so it looked as though the money was there to reinstate VO Ag.

Mr. Schaefer stated he respectfully disagreed. He spoke of the teaching needs and also programs that need to be replaced and added there are many higher needs over the Trumbull VO Ag Program.

Ald. Toohey asked if this is a wish list.

Mr. Schaefer replied absolutely not. He stated they are programs they need for our children.

Mrs. Kopazna added there is no question what the Trumbull Program adds, but that this Board was asking them to put \$100,000 back that affects 10 students.

Ald. Toohey responded she was not asking the Board of Education to put it back in.

Mrs. Kopazna stated to reallocate those dollars you are essentially asking the Board of Education to reallocate taxpayer dollars. She stated she was hearing the Board wanted to put dollars into a state of the art program in Trumbull and asked why not put those dollars here in Milford.

Ald. Toohey reiterated she was not asking to put taxpayer money back. She stated there are 10 students by their own admission that had an opportunity to go elsewhere.

Ald. Lambert referred to page VI and asked for clarification as to “all other accounts last year, this year, instructional accounts, and all other accounts”.

Mr. Schaefer explained it made instructional accounts clearer.

Ald. Beckwith thanked Mr. Schaefer for the dedicated service he has given to this City. He asked about Acct. 1130 and 1131 and asked if they were expecting a drop in retirements.

Mr. Schaefer explained the 2 administrator retirements and 18 teacher retirements and gave a brief overview.

Ald. Beckwith asked about the building rental for Alternative Education and why so high.

Mr. Schaefer responded part of it was due to an insurance policy they were required to have.

Ald. Beckwith asked if they are all set for next year with regard to the Alternative Education High School.

Mr. Schaefer explained the \$55,000 would get them through to March. He stated it is a conservative figure but the building should be ready by January. He stated essentially it is a 9 month rental.

Ald. Beckwith asked about security and why such a high jump in salary. He also asked with regard to the VO Ag Program that it if only 10 students and asked what would be the harm of having them start.

Mr. Schaefer stated the Board was looking for a \$300,000 savings and so they were faced with making some difficult decisions.

Ald. Beckwith referred to page 33.

Mr. Schaefer responded they had vacancies they had to fill.

Mr. Russell added full staff is 4 at Foran and 3 at Law. He stated at one point they had 3 vacancies.

Ald. Beckwith asked about the \$8,000 and if it was a wage increase.

Mr. Schaefer stated it represented a 4% wage increase.

Ald. Politi asked about summer school and that it was 19.9% for special education.

Mr. Schaefer explained once a child turns 14 they have to provide a transitional plan. He stated it is not a choice but rather a mandate.

Ald. Politi asked about the work-study program.

Mr. Schaefer stated it is for special education kids.

Ald. Politi commented last year they negotiated transportation and boasted at the big savings and this year it is up 5%.

Mr. Schaefer responded 3% represents a contractual increase.

Ald. Politi asked about Acct. 5100 and the increase.

Mr. Russell explained part of that cost is the Mathewson to Pumpkin Delight run.

Ald. Politi stated that early Mr. Schaefer had commented how the nature of the classroom has changed. She asked how the Board of Education justifies class sizes and that she understands the goal is to keep classes small.

Mr. Schaefer stated the first priority is always 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Ald. Politi asked if Milford is average compared to other districts.

Mr. Schaefer responded Milford is above average but certainly not the worst. He stated there are no final size charts and that by July it is very different. As an example he cited East Shore Middle School who will have 28-30 students in language arts classes.

Ald. Blake asked what types of programs, personnel, etc would be affected if the Board of Education was asked to make reductions.

Mr. Schaefer responded in answering that question, it would only be insight since he has not spoke with the Board of Education as yet. He stated things such as instructional supplies, closing elementary schools at 5:00 p.m., reducing central office administration staff, cutting 3 secretaries, cutting a number of part-time secretarial positions. He stated that would be just the first round. He stated next would be field trips.

Ald. Blake asked Mr. Schaefer what the dollar figure would mean for the “first round”.

Mr. Schaefer stated it would equate to about \$200,000 to \$300,000. He stated the second round and not in any particular order would mean teacher cuts, which would result in all core classes, resulting in class sizes of 28-30 students. He stated the elementary level would be 28 students and the high school class sizes would be 26-28. He stated with all that there could be about 50 teachers, which would result in a savings of \$1,000,000. He stated they would also look at eliminating student activities, no student would attend the Trumbull VO Ag Program, no after school programs, including athletics, eliminating all classroom paraprofessionals, eliminating 5 counselors in the middle and high schools and then you still would only be at a savings of \$3,000,000.

Ald. Genovese asked about the total enrollment and that there seemed to be a variance of 184 students.

Mr. Schaefer pointed out she left out pre-school students.

Ald. Genovese referred to page 19, Acct. 1117 and that this account continues to grow. She asked if he could explain the difference of the sub-figures and why they are so high.

Mr. Schaefer responded people get pregnant. He explained they have a large female staff and have had as many as 15 teachers out at a time.

Ald. Genovese referred to page 29 Acct. 1129 and noted hourly aids have increased. She also pointed out Acct. 1126 General Aids – Allocation in the amount of \$134,135 and asked if he could elaborate.

Mr. Schaefer explained they are general aids and are not permanent people, i.e. cafeteria aids. He stated they work 2 hours a day and they don't convert them over. He also explained hourly aids are experience based and used to cover hourly aids in a special education situation. He stated in the past they have under budgeted this account so they increased it this year.

Ald. Genovese referred to page 31, Acct. 1128 Other Career Aid.

Mr. Schaefer explained they have had this account for many years, but they were part time. He stated they work in the career center and help students to process college applications, etc. He stated it is the same as before, but one person doing both jobs.

Ald. Genovese suggested removing the Saturday suspensions and stated if it were removed the Board of Education could look there for the 10 VO Ag students.

Mr. Schaefer stated Saturday suspensions only cost \$6,000.

Ald. Genovese asked about the overtime involved.

Mr. Schaefer replied there is none because it is negotiated.

Chairman Beirne asked why he mentioned cutting 50 teacher jobs and not furniture.

Mr. Schaefer stated that was the first thing he mentioned that would be cut.

Chairman Beirne asked about professional development.

Mr. Schaefer responded it could be cut but just doesn't amount too much in terms of money.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he wished to be clear that if the Board approves the budget before them the Board of Education would still fall short almost \$500,000 in the hole and could result in that 1<sup>st</sup> round, 2<sup>nd</sup> round reductions mentioned earlier.

Mr. Schaefer stated it could involve some staff reductions as well as equipment.

Ald. Veccharelli asked about special education tuition and commented a lot of costs are driven up because of the services we provide. He also commented on how good we are at identifying it. He asked if this is a \$250,000 expense.

Mr. Schaefer explained there are students placed outside at private schools. He stated either their needs exceed what our system can handle or there are other factors. He explained there are a variety of children and that the range of tuition runs from \$50,000 to \$500,000 in grants. He also spoke of the promises that were made with mandates and many never came.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he just wanted to be clear that they would still be \$500,000 in the hole.

Ald. Ditchkus commented regarding page XVIII – written copy of teacher positions and included all the costs involved. He noted every year when the Board of Education comes before this Board there still is more hires.

Ald. Genovese referred to page XVI, Acct. 5502 – Travel and Mileage. She asked why that account has increased.

Mr. Schaefer explained it is reimbursement for a teacher's mileage and that it is what is in the contract. He stated employees only get it when they start at one school and are required to travel to another. He stated they have special education teachers that spend part of their time at one school and then another.

Ald. Genovese asked about instructional supplies and noted some teachers spend more than others.

Mr. Schaefer stated they tell teachers it is inappropriate to ask parents for supplies. He also stated some teachers spend more for additional supplies. With regard to the \$280,000 asked about, Mr. Schaefer explained social studies and guided reading come from this account as well.

Ald. Genovese referred to page 9 and stated no new position was mentioned, however Acct. 1111 is 6.5% new with an increase of \$847,077 and asked if someone could explain.

Mr. Schaefer responded there is no new position, but positions are shifted around.

Ald. Genovese referred to page 11.

Mr. Schaefer referred Ald. Genovese back to page 9 and pointed her to the forecast column.

Ald. Genovese asked about the account "Capital Equipment" and noted it is 114.29%.

Mr. Schaefer explained it is for trucks and that the City does not provide that. He stated one truck was taken off the road for safety. He also spoke as to student athletics, "Pay for Play" which he explained was restored by the Board and that is why the increase.

Ald. Lambert stated her question was regarding athletics and it has been answered. She asked if anyone refused the refund.

Mr. Schaefer responded one.



Ald. Bier spoke regarding the VO Ag. He stated they have been listening to children speak before this Board and that they were lead to believe they were going.

Mr. Schaefer explained they were lead to believe they were going by Trumbull. He also noted Trumbull is receiving \$4,000,000 more than Milford next year. He stated before any student was accepted they notified Trumbull, but Trumbull chose to wait one month before notifying anyone.

Ald. Bier stated they could go back and forth with this but commented it was unfortunate for the children.

Mr. Schaefer commented regarding the program and also noted they cannot be everything to everyone and then ask them to control expenses.

Ald. Bier referred to page 75 – Transportation and asked if the Board of Education every looked at doing the transportation themselves. He stated a lot of money could be saved.

Mr. Schaefer replied they pay \$36,000 a bus.

Ald. Bier referred to page 13 and asked if those buses are after school buses.

Mr. Schaefer explained during mid-term exam week they pay a fee for that particular week. He stated it is a large capital expenditure to purchase buses. He also stated there is the responsibility for hiring, training, etc. He stated it would be hard to duplicate that quality.

Mr. Russell added those school systems that start with their own drivers eventually, unionize, need benefits, etc.

Ald. Bier stated he was just looking at the numbers that seemed awfully large. He asked about security in the high schools and also that he has heard there are not doors on the stalls in the bathrooms.

Mr. Schaefer explained the program to replace broken doors, but because of the amount of vandalism it becomes difficult and very costly.

Ald. Rowland asked if the price for vandalism is not replacing the doors right away. She also asked about an earlier comment regarding that tactic and thinking it should be replaced right away. She also asked about periodicals on page 93 and commented about taking the authority from the principals or the schools. She asked if he could explain the discrepancies between the schools. She also suggested asking the teacher, principals or librarians to stay within.

Mr. Schaefer explained their philosophy is that it is a principal's job and in different years there can be difference properties. He also stated you cannot look at this across the board for a number of reasons. He also stated they have to look at the long term. He also commented PTA's, parents, etc, make donations.

Ald. Rowland asked about postage and referred to page 79 – Jonathan Law, \$19,000 and Foran \$11,000 and asked why such a discrepancy.

Mr. Schaefer stated he could not provide specifics without research. He stated one reason is report cards are mailed home as well as newsletters. Another example is the summer reading list, which is also mailed home.

Ald. Rowland stated there are ways to be creative and innovative to generate money. She also suggested making a better effort district wide to go electronic.

Mr. Schaefer agreed with making efforts to go electronic and explained the electronic grade book. He also noted at each high school they get less than 30% cooperation.

Ald. Rowland asked what is included in telecommunications, i.e. cell phones, etc.

Mr. Schaefer responded they have two cell phones. He also explained the phone system. He stated fax lines are the next major expense followed by computers. He also explained each principal has a cell phone ready for emergencies and that it costs \$5.00 per month. He stated that maintenance and central office crisis team, computer staff and himself and Mr. Russell also have cell phones at a cost of \$5.00 per month and they share a block of minutes.

Ald. Beckwith asked about the furniture account, specifically the circulation desk for Foran and asked if they can get reimbursement back from the State.

Mr. Schaefer stated that would be cut and that he did not realize that was in construction.

Ald. Beckwith asked about the ISO Program and it should continue being funded.

Mr. Schaefer replied yes. He explained they are continuously improving with that certification. He stated he would strongly recommend against taking away funding for the ISO. He stated they are always continuing to improve their operations because of it. He stated the cost is approximately \$3,000 for the outside evaluator. He stated the final decision of course would be the new Superintendent. Mr. Schaefer stated he believes it has made their operation better.

Ald. Beckwith stated he also wished to acknowledge Mr. Civitello who is present and thanked him for all the work he has done over the years.

Ald. Toohey referred to page 55 – Linens - \$27,000 and asked if he could define this.

Mr. Schaefer explained they are chemically treated mops.

Ald. Toohey referred to page 87 – Instructional Supplies and asked why some of the schools far exceeded last year's expenditures.

Mr. Schaefer gave an overview as to what is purchased and lengthy explanation how each school does this.

Ald. Toohey asked about Calf Pen and Orchards.

Mr. Schaefer stated each school gets a lump sum. He referred to pages 99 and then 75. He explained the varying accounts and what is spent and that each principal makes the decision. He also added they do not buy

textbooks every year. He explained this account is rearranged each year and that there are different deterrents each year. He also stated on a per pupil basis every principal gets the same. He reinforced the job of the principal is to educate the student.

Ald. Toohey asked if that is the same for East Shore Middle School with their increase.

Mr. Schaefer replied yes, but noted they had a very large enrollment increase. He also stated part of the need of the principal is to define the need.

Ald. Politi asked about special education costs and an explanation as to how we are reimbursed.

Mr. Schaefer explained the cost per pupil and excess and what is above normal. He stated it usually appears in the April payment and it makes up the deficit in that account. He also explained the roll of the State in reimbursement.

Ald. Politi asked about the Fast Forward Program and the benefits they have seen. She asked about the cost and what has been added.

Mr. Schaefer replied there is no cost and explained they own the license. He gave an overview of the program.

Ald. Politi thanked Mr. Schaefer for his many years of dedicated service. She also spoke as to the community attempting to advocate for Milford but seeing the same every year.

Ald. Blake asked if the State legislature and State appropriations had released their budget. He stated it was his understanding 12.6% for ECS grant and asked if that is a statewide figure. He also asked how the current proposed budget fairs for Milford getting more ECS Funding.

Mr. Schaefer responded he has not had a chance to look at it completely. He stated every municipality should get one half the cost of what they spend for every child. He also stated it is very frustrating and that he believes in educating all kids no matter where they live in the State.

Ald. Garbus asked about the increase for disabilities for autism. He asked if they are our own and coming into Milford.

Mr. Schaefer responded most of the kids are our own kids. He also commented Milford provides a high quality program and that does attract people to come here.

Ald. Garbus expressed his concern about pitting special education kids against VO Ag for example.

Mr. Schaefer stated they look at it as it affects every child and sometimes when you are in the middle that is when you have gotten the short stick.

Ald. Garbus thanked Mr. Schaefer for the great work he has done for Milford and also thanked Mr. Civitelli for all he has done.

Ald. Rowland commented it is her understanding their meetings are held in Parsons. She asked if they rent space.

Mr. Schaefer replied they train after school.

Ald. Rowland asked how many LCD/lap tops they have.

Mr. Schaefer explained they use central office and broke it down as follows: high school 4 or 5, middle school 2-3 and elementary school 2.

Ald. Rowland asked the cost.

Mr. Schaefer responded approximately \$1,000.

Ald. Genovese commented as to Mr. Schaefer that over her 18 years it has been a pleasure to work with him. He stated she has enjoyed working with him and that she respects the work he has done. She commented it is important to think of all the citizens of Milford, including the elderly and people with no children and that it is not easy for this Board to sit here. She stated they would go over the budget and do their best.

Ald. Toohey stated she too wished to acknowledge the hard work of Mr. Schaefer. She also commented people come into our community for the schools system and that sometimes it actually hurts us. She stated they continue to rise to the challenge over the years and that certainly it has not been an easy task.

Chairman Beirne thanked the Board of Education and stated he believed a lot had been learned tonight. He thanked the Board of Education for their hard work.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus made and seconded a motion to adjourn budget deliberations for 2007-2008 at 6:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Board Secretary