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The Board Meeting began with Board Reports, which included information from individual Board Members on some of their latest activities. Included were the Building & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting attended by Gretchen Craft and Bill Herbert and the Town Board Meeting attended by President Bucky Jordan. The Superintendent reported on her trip to Albany last week. News from the State Lawmakers is bleak. The growing State deficit will most probably affect State funding of education. Governor Pataki's budget presentation on January 29th will contain vital revenue information for all School Districts and State supported agencies. Reported cuts to education could be as high as \$1 billion from previous years' levels. A reduction of State Aid of this magnitude would mean significant cuts to keep local tax rate increases in the single digits.

Because of the weather conditions an abbreviated business meeting was held. Questions on the Building Principal Reports will be forwarded to them and will be answered at future meetings. Case Summaries were approved and a group of policies received final approval. The Board also approved a Wicks Law Reform Resolution. The resolution, which will be forwarded to appropriate State government officials, asks for relief for School Districts on construction projects. If this law were to be reformed, it would mean significant savings for future capital projects, since one general contractor could be used, in lieu of multiple contractors.

After a short Executive Session, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.