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Last night's Board of Education Meeting began with an extended Public Participation session. During that time, community residents spoke about the proposed budget cuts. After listening to the concerns voiced, the Board decided to hold an additional Work Session on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to consider various options.

The regular meeting began with reports from the Board on their recent activities. Board Member, Laurie Verbridge, reported on attending the High School Play the previous weekend. She praised both the cast and director for an outstanding production. Mrs. Larson reported on reviewing the claims for payment and Mrs. Craft reported on her attendance at the play the previous weekend.

Under Reports to the Board, the AFS Club from the High School reported on their recent visit to LeNoir, S.C. They visited for 3 days at the beginning of March. One of the biggest differences in programs they experienced was the block scheduling at the High School. They felt the science lab was enhanced through the block but that some other classes did not seem to benefit from this extension of class time.

Under Old Business a Health policy and a policy on fundraising were given final approval and the Superintendent's proposal for Special Education Reading was slightly modified. The Board asked to receive periodic updates on the implementation of this program during the 2002-2003 school year.

Next on the agenda was a Budget Work Session. During the presentation made by the Superintendent, an explanation of the revenue picture was shared. The Governor's flat state aid, as well as the absence of a State Budget, were highlighted as factors complicating the revenue side of the Budget. Under the expenditure side, the Superintendent proposed an additional \$172,000 of cuts, which were asked for by the Board at the last Work Session. These cuts included an administrative cut, an additional instructional cut and a support staff cut. By including these in the original budget, the budget increase would be approximately 2.5% and the tax rate increase would be reduced to approximately 6.0%. After a lengthy discussion, the Board asked for an additional Work Session on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will allow the budget to be adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Under New Business, Phyllis Stookey's resignation as Middle School Special Education Teacher was accepted with regret and Lorrie Pagano was given a one-year extension on her Child Rearing Leave. The 2002-2004 Faculty Association Contract was approved unanimously by the Board.

At the close of the regular meeting, the Board recessed to Executive Session to discuss personnel and the CSEA Contract negotiations.