Present: Mike Martello (via phone) Laurie Branch (via phone)
Eric Garvin John Bartimole
Colleen Taggerty Lynn Corder
Kathy Elser Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry

Guest: Paul Knieser

2013-14 Budget
Kathy discussed the following budget assumptions:
- Salary adjustments made per the committee’s recommendation
- One (1) know retirement – position will not be replaced
- PT technology to assist (on an “as needed basis”) in getting District ready for on-line testing
- Extensive discussions were held regarding full-day PreK verses half-day PreK; economic value/social value as well as academic data of students (in grades 3, 4, or 5) that previously attended either a full-day or half-day PreK program as well as data of students that did not
- Restore full-day PreK (2 teachers and 5 teacher aides – will not have coaches)
- Take back of two (2) BOCES classes
- Zero-based budgeting (savings will be used to resurface the track and tennis courts)
- Added in additional state aid
- Deb service
- Finance committee will recommend a 2.8% tax levy increase (let it be known that PreK will be reinstated to full-day for the 2013-2014 school year, however, it will be reduced to ½ day beginning with the 2014-2015 school year unless targeted grants are secured)

2013-14 Contingency Budget
- Kathy presented the 2013-2014 Contingency Budget Worksheet; Kathy will update it based on PreK discussions

Repair Reserve
- Kathy noted that a Reserve can be created through Board action without Voter approval
- Bernie Donegan’s office will review the creation of a Repair Reserve law in regard to any Voter approval requirement(s)

Four/Five-Year Multi-Year Budget Projects:
- Colleen asked Kathy to distribute copies of the multi-year budget that was created several years ago; show where the district is today

Other
Handicap Accessible Bathrooms at OHS
- Colleen noted that the work could be done with in-house maintenance staff (via a transfer to Capital Projects of $100,000 or less; the District will keep $70,000 as maintenance can do the work for less than what was budgeted)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting: April 18, 2013