

**Wiscasset Budget Committee
Meeting Room
March 20, 2014**

Chairman Blagden called WBC to order at 18:10.

Members Present: Dick Hanson, Cliff Hendricks, Neil Page, Bill Barnes, Ray Soule, Norman Guidoboni. Absent: John Merry, Todd Travis.

Chairman Blagden asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 3rd meeting. Ray Soule so moved, Bill Barnes seconded. 7-0.

Guests: Wayne Dorr, School Superintendent; Steve Smith, Vice-Chairman; Tim Merry, Selectman.

Chairman Blagden introduced School Superintendent Wayne Dorr. Superintendent Dorr informed the Board that the School Committee will meet Saturday 9-4.

1st round of cuts \$365,000.

A totally new budget must be built from scratch.

Large percent of students qualify for free lunch. Wiscasset offsets some costs by joining a food co-op.

Percentage of labor costs are in a high bracket due to longevity. Top tier 35% 59-61k. (Veterans Death?)

Possibility of two teachers and two Principals retiring.

Two person health premium 16k, four 21k.

Some government help for Special Ed.

Workers Comp insurance, 49k.

Firm commitment from Alna, no so-Westport.

State subsidy for Elementary, 7k, High School, \$9,300. To educate a Wiscasset student, \$10,732.

Key is: How much to charge tuition students?

Hot lunch personnel are at the top of the scale. 94 professional instructors, backed by 54 support staff.

April 28th School Budget hearing. District vote set for May 14th.

Chairman Blagden thanked Superintendent Dorr for an update on the School Budget.

Chairman Blagden entertained a motion to adjourn. Ray Soule moved, seconded by Bill Barnes.

Meeting closed at 20.42

Next meeting May 5th.

Respectfully,
N. Guidoboni, Clerk