

Hudson City School District Board of Education
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

November 1, 2012

There was no review of the prior meeting's minutes as this was the first meeting of the Budget Committee in the 2012-2013 school year.

Old Business

Whittier Tax Revenue Shortage

Discussion of lease negotiations between the district's attorney and the interested party's attorney for the Claverack School building are underway. The proposed lease would be in the amount of \$110,000 per year, payable monthly. The tentative lease start date is December 1, 2012, which would result in seven months of rental income totaling \$64,166.67 to offset roughly two thirds of the revenue loss from the Whittier exemption.

New Business

The 2012-2013 budget calendar was established, with some public workshop topics being established and others left to be determined.

Spending Freeze: A spending freeze on all non-contractual and/or non-essential expenses will be added to the consensus agenda for the November 5, 2012 board meeting.

Next Meeting: The Budget Committee will meet next on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 5:30PM in the district conference room. The meeting will focus on special education and will include a detailed review and analysis of special education expenses.

The Committee discussed the challenges of obtaining Medicaid reimbursement for certain special education expenses. The possibility of amending the HIPAA authorization form (a form signed by parents allowing primary care providers to share information with the school district) to limit the information shared to only pertain to services coordinated by the district was discussed as a way to encourage parents to sign the forms, thereby facilitating the Medicaid reimbursement process.