

Regional School District 12  
Public District Budget Hearing Minutes  
Shepaug Valley School  
April 6, 2015

The Public District Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015 by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were Board members: Tony Bedini, Alan Brown, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, Emily Hibbard, Susan Stumpf and Peter Tagley. Patricia E. Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent was also present. Valerie Andersen, Kelly Lott, Jennifer Pote and Michael Sinatra were absent.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

The notice was read by Greg Cava.

Notice is hereby given to all those entitled to vote in town meetings in the towns of Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Shepaug Valley School, 159 South Street, Washington, CT to present the Annual Budget for the year 2015-2016, prepared by the Regional Board of Education for Shepaug Valley Regional School District 12, copies of which will be available at the Public Meeting.

SHEPAUG VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 12  
BRIDGEWATER – ROXBURY – WASHINGTON  
By – James Hirschfield, Chairman  
Board of Education  
Washington Depot, CT 06794

**OVERVIEW PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET PROCESS AND THE 2015-2016 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR RSD 12**

Dr. Cosentino gave an overview of the budget process which began in October. After meeting with administrators and department chairs, she adjusted the budget with Director of Finance and Operations Bob Giesen. Meetings were then held with the Board Finance Committee members and the towns' Finance Board Chairs. In March, Dr. Cosentino presented her budget proposal to the Board. The Board has debated and made some changes over the last several weeks bringing the current budget proposal at .26% decrease over last year or \$21,561,447 which is an increase over the Superintendent's proposal of negative .46% or \$21,517,624.

**QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE BUDGET**

Chairman Hirschfield opened the floor to the public for questions and comments.

There were no questions or statements from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Hirschfield adjourned the hearing at 7:05 p.m.