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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING
February 3, 2011

Budget

We are continuing to have meetings with the Town of Bow Budget Committee. The meetings have been informative with great questions being asked by the Committee.

The Budget Hearing is scheduled for February 8th starting at 7PM in the Bow Memorial School Music Room. After one year at the Bow High School Auditorium, the Committee has decided to return to its traditional location at Bow Memorial School. The Town Budget Hearing is scheduled for February 10, 2011 at the same time and place as the school hearing. The snow days on both hearings are one day later than the proposed hearing date.

Warrant

The current draft 2011 Bow School District Warrant will be sent with the Board meeting documents for discussion at the upcoming meeting. The warrant includes only four articles at this time. It does not include proposed articles for negotiated agreements with BESS or BEA.

At this time, the closing of the New School Construction or Additions Capital Reserve Fund and subsequent use of approximately one half of the current balance as a deposit to the Bow School District Capital Reserve Fund are split into two distinct and separate warrant articles. This was the decision of the Board at our budget meetings and the proposed warrant currently reflects that decision. The Budget Committee has raised concerns with this process and some members of the Budget Committee would like to see the two articles combined into one article that closes the capital reserve fund and addresses what is done with the proceeds. Ultimately the warrant is the decision of the Bow School Board and the issue of combining the two articles rests with the Bow School Board.

The deadline for citizen petitioned warrant articles is February 7, 2011. Collective bargaining cost items need to be finalized as of that date as well.

Audit

The final audit report has been issued. It is being sent electronically to all Board members as part of the Board meeting documents. In the past, lead auditor Greg Colby has been invited to attend a Board meeting to go over the audit high points and answer any questions the Board may have. Last year the Board felt that this was not needed and any questions the Board had were sent to Greg through the SAU. After reviewing the audit document the full Board can decide if they would like to have Greg attend an upcoming Board meeting.