Morrisville-Eaton Central School District
Board of Education Budget Workshop
Saturday, February 13, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Nichole Doroshenko, President Jacalyn Groves, Vice President Murry Ames, Member Les Ashcraft, Member Stephen Goodfriend, Member
ABSENT:	
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:	Michael Drahos, Superintendent Debra Everson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Support Services Debra Dushko, Elementary School Principal Christopher Brewer, Middle/High School Principal
VISITORS PRESENT:	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

The Budget Workshop of the Morrisville-Eaton Central School District Board of Education was held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 in the District Office Conference Room at the Morrisville-Eaton Middle/High School, Fearon Road, Morrisville, New York. Nichole Doroshenko, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Pro-Tem

Clerk Pro-Tem

A motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to appoint Ms. Everson, Clerk Pro-Tem. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

Financial Items

A. Discussion of 2016-2017 Budget

Mr. Drahos and Mrs. Everson reviewed the first draft of the district's 16-17 proposed budget. The revenue side of the budget is problematic. The executive budget again falls short with funding for our district. We know that legislature want an increase over what the governor is proposing, but firm aid numbers are not available.

Also, discussed was the district's fiscal stress status as designated by the comptroller. The key to improving the district's standing is to have a budget that does not depend on the use of reserves.

Based on this Ms. Everson and Mr. Drahos recommended to the board that the budget include overriding the tax cap limit. Discussion followed and at this point in the budget process the board agreed to override the tax cap.

The Board asked questions and provided input in terms of prioritizing program cuts in this year's budget. Some of the items that were discussed in length were needs of a computer teacher and reading specialist, the transportation department, athletics and the combinations with other districts, the music department, night school, e-rate and technology. *(A copy of the tax cap report and draft budget can be found in the District Clerk supplemental file.)*

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

At 11:45 a.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to adjourn. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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Debra Everson, Clerk Pro-tem

These minutes are pending Board of Education approval, which will be done at the regular Board meeting scheduled for March 21, 2016.