

Good evening. Tonight's special board meeting is being held to answer the question – How did we get to a \$2.6 million dollar deficit? The presentation will go back to 2012 when we began spending more than we took in. You will see that there was no budget correction to bring expenses under revenue – What you will see tonight are the numbers that got us where we are today.

Mrs. Radley and Mrs. Rhone will also be giving you an overview of our budget history—including actual revenue and actual expenses, an explanation of what Fund Balance and Reserve accounts. You will also see specific information about over-budgeted revenue and under-budgeted expenses.

They will be more than willing to answer questions to help you better understand the information in the presentation, but we will not be able to entertain other questions this evening.

Lynn and Jessica started sharing the budget concerns as early as October this past year. They began a forensic audit. In the fall, Lynn reported to staff a \$1.1million dollar deficit and did the same at a Community Forum event held in November. More information became known as they continued the audit, which, as you know – brings our deficit up to \$2.6 million dollars as of today. We have confirmation of this deficit and the need to cut our expenses by \$2.6 million dollars with a veteran Business Manager who lives locally, as well as a with Dr. Rick Timbs, a state-wide expert in school finance.

If your questions can't be answered this evening, please call Mrs. Rhone at school and she and Mrs. Radley will do their best to answer any and all questions.

