

Town of New Fairfield
Board of Finance
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

MINUTES
Board of Finance Meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 2007
7:30 PM
New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Joe Hart, Chairman
Bob Burke
Michael Cockburn
Lucy DiRocco
Wes Marsh
Art Azzarito (Alternate)
Robert Carbone (Alternate)
Roger Wise (Alternate)

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman
Dr. Joseph Castagnola, Superintendent of Schools
John Boccuzzi, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Jay Waterman, Finance Department
Mike Santogatta, Director of Management Services
Steve Rinaldi, Everett James, Inc.
Phil Ross, Buildings and Ground Director
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman
Ron Lyons, BOE
Ed Siebert, BOE
Al Mardis, BOE
Diane Hartman, Middle School Principal
Sarah McLain, Meeting House Hill School Principal
Lynn Fichtel, Consolidated School Assistant Principal

Call To Order Chairman Joe Hart called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Appointments Joe Hart announced that Ron Graiff will not be able to attend tonight's meeting and has appointed Roger Wise in his place.

Correspondence and Announcements Lucy DiRocco inquired about the attendance record of Ron Graiff and asked if he would be attending the upcoming budget meetings.

Approval of Minutes

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2007 meeting as presented. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Amendment to the Agenda

Joe Hart made a motion to amend the agenda to move item #6 (Presentation of the Health Insurance plan by Steve Rinaldi) to item #4A. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation of Health Insurance plan

Steve Rinaldi from the firm of Everett James, Inc. spoke of the Health Insurance plan for 2007/2008. Joe Hart opened the floor to the Board of Finance members to ask questions of Mr. Rinaldi. Topics discussed were Open Access Plans. Mr. Rinaldi spoke of HSA Plans and high deductible plans. There was a discussion of the IBNR fund balance.

Review of proposed budget for 2007/2008 for the Board of Education

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Castagnola spoke about the proposed Board of Education budget for 2007/2008. Dr. Castagnola thanked Bob Burke, Steve Rinaldi, Kim Hanson and Al Mardis for their hard work with the negotiating process. Dr. Castagnola also thanked BOF Chairman Joe Hart for his input with the budget process.

Joe Hart opened the floor to the Board of Finance members to ask questions regarding the proposed Board of Education budget. Director of Management Services Mike Santogatta, Buildings and Grounds Director Phil Ross and Dr. Castagnola answered questions from the BOF members. Main topics discussed were maintenance of the schools and the maintenance budget.

Medical Update

Joe Hart noted that the Medical fund balance is trending ahead of budget.

Legal Update

Jay Waterman stated that the legal report is not up to date since they are waiting for a bill from February. No change from last month.

Public comment

Resident Rudy Bahrens spoke of the proposed Board of Education budget for 2007/2008

Adjournment

Roger Wise made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. Joe Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)