

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

MINUTES

Board of Finance Meeting

Saturday, March 1, 2008

10:00 AM

New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Joe Hart, Chairman
Lucy DiRocco (left 3:15pm)
Jane Landers
Al Mardis
Wes Marsh
Tom Wahlig
Art Azzarito, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate
Tony Sanches, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman
Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Linda Farinha, Finance Department
Ed Sbordone, Finance Department
Phil Cammarano, Town Treasurer
Dr. Joseph Castagnola, Superintendent of Schools
John Boccuzzi, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mike Santogatta, Director of Management Services
Phil Ross, Buildings and Grounds Director
Steve Merullo, Parks and Recreation Director
Alicia Roy, High School Principal
Dr. Dianne Hartman Chesley, Middle School Principal
Christine Baldelli, Middle School Assistant Principal
Sarah McLain, Meeting House Hill School Principal
Carrie Kilian, Meeting House Hill School Assistant Principal
Wendy Seeley, Consolidated School Principal
Lynn Fichtel, Consolidated School Assistant Principal
Aimee Turner, Elementary Special Education Supervisor
Kim Culkin, Secondary Special Education Supervisor
Karen Chance, BOE member
Vic Flagello, BOE member
Kevin Hearty, BOE member
Ralph Langham, BOE member
Ron Lyons, BOE member
Monika Thiel, BOE member

Call To Order Chairman Joe Hart called the meeting to order at 10:30am

Appointments None

Discussion of Board of Education Requested Budget 2008/2009

Members of the Board of Finance asked questions of Dr. Castagnola, Mike Santogatta and various administrators regarding the proposed budget for 2008/2009. Specific questions included the cost per pupil and the forecast of enrollment. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the need for an additional Student Resource Officer (SRO) at the High School. Members of the Board of Finance will send questions to the Board of Education and Dr. Castagnola to be answered at the Board of Finance budget meeting on March 12th at 7:30pm in the High School library.

Recess

Jane Landers made a motion to recess the meeting at 12:00 pm. Joe Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

The meeting reconvened at 1:07pm.

Public Comment on the Board of Education Requested Budget 2008/2009

Resident Mary Bahrens spoke of the bathrooms in the High School.

Resident Louis Braun from Bogus Hill spoke of the Shoreline Management Plan and the Candlewood Lake Authority.

Board of Education member Karen Chance spoke of the Capital and Nonrecurring budget for the schools.

First Selectman John Hodge spoke about the Permanent Building Committee

Elementary Special Education Supervisor Aimee Turner spoke of the Early Learning Center (ELC) and clarified that the ratio from special education to typical kids of 50/50 was state mandated.

Consolidated School Principal Wendy Seeley spoke of the EIP Program and announced that it is now called Early Learning Center (ELC)

Parks and Recreation Director Steve Merullo spoke of the most recent report of building projects in town.

Discussion of Board of Selectmen Requested Budget 2008/2009

Members of the Board of Finance asked questions of First Selectman John Hodge and Finance Director Jay Waterman regarding the 2008/2009 proposed Board of Selectman's budget. Town Treasurer Phil Cammarano spoke of interest rates and revenue generated from interest. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the boat docks in town and capital and nonrecurring projects in town. The Board of Finance will send questions to the Board of Selectman. Answers to these questions will be available to the Board of Finance at the next BOF meeting of March 12th. The Board of Selectman will come back to the Board of Finance on Wednesday, March 19th at 7:30pm in the High School library.

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Public Comment on the BOS Requested Budget 2008/2009 None

Budget Transfers

Joe Hart made a motion to make the following additional appropriation. (Town Meeting NOT required). Al Mardis seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved- Lucy DiRocco left at 3:15 and did not vote)

<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>		<u>Reason</u>
\$5,000	4450-810	Senior Center Program Expense	\$5,000	3400-012	Senior Center Revenue	Increase Senior Center Programs revenue and expensed to account for additional programs for the second half of fiscal year.
\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00			

Joe Hart made a motion to make the following transfer. Al Mardis seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

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<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>		<u>Reason</u>
\$40,000	4310-610-3	Snow Materials and Supplies	\$8,750.00	4164-431-05	Police-Equipment-Business Machines.	Potential funding needed based on information from Public Works Director
			\$7,000.00	4550-343	Library-automation	
			10,000.00	4164-431-06	Technology-Business Machines	
			6,250.00	4164-615	Postage	
			5,000.00	4160-260	Workers Comp	
			3,000.00	4160-220	Social Security	
\$40,000.00			\$40,000.00			

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<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>		<u>Reason</u>
\$5,000.00	4310-130	Overtime- Public Works	\$10,000.00	4310-110	Salaries- Public Works	Potential funding needed based on information from Public Works
\$5,000.00	4310-610-3	Snow Materials and supplies- PW				
\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00			

Adjournment

Joe Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved- Lucy DiRocco left at 3:15 and did not vote)