

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**MINUTES**

**Board of Finance Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2009**  
**9:00 AM**

**New Fairfield High School Library**

***Members present:***

Joe Hart, Chairman  
Jane Landers  
Al Mardis  
Wes Marsh  
Tom Wahlig  
Art Azzarito, Alternate  
Brian Shea, Alternate  
Tony Sanches, Alternate

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Dr. Joseph Castagnola, Superintendent of Schools  
Alicia Roy, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Jay Waterman, Finance Director  
Ed Sbordone, Finance Department  
Phil Cammarano, Town Treasurer  
Craig McClain, Director of Management Services  
Mariana Coelho, High School Principal  
Scott Rohwedder, Assistant High School Principal  
Phil Ross, Buildings and Grounds Director  
Jay Greenberg, Athletic Director  
Sarah McLain, Meeting House Hill School Principal  
Carrie Killian, 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  
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman  
Karen Chance, BOE member  
Vic Flagello, BOE member

**Call To Order** Chairman Joe Hart called the public hearing to order at 9:00am

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentation of the Board of Education Requested Budget 2009/2010**

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Castagnola presented the Board of Education requested budget for 2009/2010 and gave a power point presentation. The total BOE's requested budget for 2009/2010 equals \$35,876,576 for a 2.79% increase over the 2008/2009 budget. This percentage represents a dollar amount increase of \$972,432. Dr. Castagnola spoke of the status of the economy and noted that the 2.79% increase was needed to fund all current services and no additional money is being requested for the 2009-2010 school year. Dr. Castagnola spoke of the \$200,000 for attrition and noted his concern

that teachers are not as likely to leave the school district in this economy. Dr. Castagnola also noted that New Fairfield received the Carol White Pep Grant for Physical Education and thanked former Assistant Superintendent of School John Boccuzzi for securing this grant.

Dr. Castagnola introduced all the administrators and thanked the administrators, the teachers, the Board of Education and everyone involved for all their work in putting the budget together.

The Board of Education will answer more questions concerning the budget at the Board of Finance meeting on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the High School library. More information about the BOE requested budget can be found at [www.newfairfieldschools.org](http://www.newfairfieldschools.org)

### **Public Comment**

Resident Rudy Bahrens spoke about the Board of Education budget.

Board of Education member Vic Flagello spoke the education budget.

Resident Mary Bahrens spoke of the global economy.

Board of Education Chairman Kim Hanson spoke of the budget and noted that New Fairfield is in a strong fiscal position.

Board of Education member Karen Chance spoke of the quality of the school system in New Fairfield and thanked Dr. Castagnola and all the administrators for making the school system great.

### **Adjournment**

Al Mardis made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 9:50am. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**