

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 1, 2009**  
**7:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield High School Library**

***Members present:***

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

***Members not present:***

Tony Sanches, Alternate

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Dr. Joseph Castagnola, Superintendent of Schools  
Alicia Roy, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
John Hodge, First Selectman  
Jay Waterman, Finance Director  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Phil Cammarano, Town Treasurer  
Pete Viola, PBC Chairman  
Craig McClain, Director of Management Services  
Phil Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Steve Merullo, PBC Member  
Paul Bruno, PBC Member  
Mariana Coelho, High School Principal  
Mike Chapleau, High School Assistant Principal  
Scott Rohwedder, High School Assistant Principal  
Diane Hartman Chesley, Middle School Principal  
Christine Baldelli, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Sarah McLain, Meeting House Hill School Principal  
Carrie Kilian, Meeting House Assistant Principal  
Wendy Seeley, Consolidated School Principal  
Lynn Fichtel, Consolidated School Assistant Principal  
Aimee Turner, Director of Elementary Special Education  
Kim Culkin, Director of Secondary Special Education  
Karen Chance, BOE member  
Vic Flagello, BOE member  
Ralph Langham, BOE member  
Ed Siebert, BOE member  
Scott Pellman, BL Companies  
Ken Biega, O&G Industries  
Matt Spoerndle, Phoenix Advisors

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**- None

**Correspondence and Announcements**- None

**Public Comment**

Many members of the public including several BOE members, PBC members and First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the potential school building projects.

**Potential Conflict of Interest**

Joe Hart made a motion to add item #5A “Discussion of potential conflict of interest” to the agenda. Lucy DiRocco seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-1-0 (Motion approved- Al Mardis opposed)**

There was a discussion among the members of the Board of Finance regarding whether or not a conflict of interest exists due to the fact that BOF member Jane Landers’ husband is a teacher at New Fairfield High School.

Joe Hart made a motion that the Board of Finance feels that no conflict of interest exists between BOF member Jane Landers and the Board of Education budget of the potential school building project due to the fact that Ms. Landers’ husband is an employee of the New Fairfield school system. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

**Vote: 4-0-2 (Motion approved)  
Al Mardis and Jane Landers abstained**

**Approval of Minutes**

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting as presented. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

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

**Discuss and review potential school building projects**

A lengthy discussion ensued among the members of the Board of Finance regarding the potential school building projects. Specific topics included the cost of construction and what the projected enrollment will be in upcoming years. Ken Biega from O&G Industries spoke of the timing of the referendum and construction. Scott Pellman from BL Companies spoke of the construction and answered questions from BOF members. Town Treasurer Phil Cammarano and Matt Spoerndle from Phoenix Advisors spoke of interest rates and bonding costs.

PBC Chairman Pete Viola spoke of the project and current interest rates. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joe Castagnola thanked the Board of Finance for all their hard work.

**General budget discussion 2009-2010**

Joe Hart made a motion to table agenda item #8 “General budget discussion 2009-2010” until the BOF meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

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

**Budget Transfer**

Joe Hart made a motion to make the following Inter/Intra-Departmental transfer. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

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

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$92.86	4155-110	BOAA-Salaries	36.84	4198-610	Hist. Prop.-Mat. & Supplies
			36.87	4155-610	BOAA-Mat. & Supplies
			19.15	4155-105	BOAA-Elected Salary
<b>\$92.86</b>			<b>\$92.86</b>		

**Public Comment**

PBC Member Paul Bruno spoke of a PBC ordinance and also thanked the Board of Finance for all their hard work.

BOE member Ed Siebert spoke of enrollment studies and the school projects.

**Board Member Comments**

Brian Shea apologized to anyone that attended the meeting but did not get to be heard due to time constraints and the tabling of the “General budget discussion of 2009-2010”

**Adjournment**

Joe Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55pm. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

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