

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

PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES

Board of Finance Meeting
Saturday, March 6, 2010
9:00 AM

New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Tom Wahlig, Chairman
Tom Edwards
Robert Klick
Jane Landers
Al Mardis
Wes Marsh
Ron Oliveri, Alternate

Members not present:

Tom Quigley, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

Dr. Joseph Castagnola, Superintendent of Schools
Alicia Roy, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Phil Cammarano, Town Treasurer
Mariana Coelho, High School Principal
Michael Chapleau, High School Assistant Principal
Dr. Diane Hartman Chesley, Middle School Principal
Christine Baldelli, Middle School Assistant Principal
Phil Ross, Buildings and Grounds Director
Jay Greenberg, Athletic Director
Sarah McLain, Meeting House Hill School Principal
Scott Bannon, Meeting House Hill School Assistant Principal
Lynn Fichtel, Consolidated School Assistant Principal
Aimee Turner, Elementary Special Education Supervisor
Kim Culkin, Secondary Special Education Supervisor
William Nemecek, Coordinator of Health and Physical Ed.
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman
Danielle Capalbo, BOE member
Karen Chance, BOE member
Ron Lyons, BOE member

Call To Order Chairman Tom Wahlig called the public hearing to order at 9:00am

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Announcements

Chairman Tom Wahlig spoke of the recent appointment by the Board of Selectman of BOF Alternate Ron Oliveri. Mr. Wahlig referred to a legal opinion sent to the Town Clerk from the

firm of Secor, Cassidy & McPartland on September 14, 1981 noting that the BOF decides the alternate replacements instead of the BOS. BOF member Jane Landers read the opinion letter into the record (Such letter to be attached to the minutes of this meeting).

Presentation of the Board of Education Requested Budget 2010/2011

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Castagnola presented the Board of Education requested budget for 2010/2011 and gave a power point presentation. The total BOE's requested budget for 2010/2011 equals \$36,756,796 for a 4.16% increase over the 2009/2010 budget. This percentage represents a dollar amount increase of \$1,468,282. Dr. Castagnola spoke of contractual obligations and noted that the 4.16% increase was due to debt service attached to the school building project. There was also a discussion of oil prices and health insurance as well as GASB 45.

Dr. Castagnola noted that this was his last budget process as superintendent and thanked the Town of New Fairfield for allowing him to serve as superintendent. Dr. Castagnola thanked all the teachers, administrators and the Board of Finance for all their help with the budget. Dr. Castagnola especially thanked Town of New Fairfield Accounting Manager Ed Sbordone for his hard work and for filling in during School Business Manager Craig McClain's absence.

More information about the BOE requested budget can be found at www.newfairfieldschools.org

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Tom Wahlig made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 9:36am. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Charter file

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September 14, 1981

New Fairfield - Town Hall
Helen S. Pettibone Town Clerk
New Fairfield, CT

Re: Board of Finance: Vacancies

Dear Ms. Pettibone:

At your request, we have reviewed Section 7-234 of the General Statutes and the Ordinance of January 6, 1976, regarding alternates on the Board of Finance.

It's our opinion that vacancies must be filled pursuant to Section 7-343, with the remaining members of the Board at a special meeting called by the Chairman for that purpose, appointing a successor to fill the vacancy until the next town election.

At the next election, a successor shall be elected to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term, if any.

Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding the above.

Very truly yours,

Pamela M. Taylor
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PMT:jaf

cc: John Fairchild