

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

**MINUTES
Board of Finance Meeting
Wednesday, March 31, 2010
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room**

Members present:

Tom Wahlig, Chairman
Tom Edwards
Robert Klick
Jane Landers
Al Mardis
Wes Marsh
Tom Quigley, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Members not present:

Ron Oliveri, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

Dr. Joseph Castagnola, Superintendent of Schools
Alicia Roy, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Craig McClain, School Business Manager
Susan Chapman, Selectman
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman
Karen Chance, BOE Member
Vic Flagello, BOE Member
Ron Lyons, BOE Member
Michelle Rhyce, BOE Member
Various teachers and administrators

Call To Order- Chairman Tom Wahlig called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Change to agenda

Tom Wahlig made a motion to switch items #9 (Discussion of the BOE requested budget) and #10 (Transfers) on the agenda. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Board Comments

None

Public Comment

Various members of the public including BOE member Vic Flagello and BOE Chairman Kim Hanson spoke in favor of the BOE requested budget.

Board Comment

Members of the Board of Finance thanked everyone involved in putting the BOE requested budget together. There was a brief discussion of the town budget and the funding for GASB 45.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Wahlig made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 meeting as presented. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Transfers

Tom Wahlig made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer. Al Mardis seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$60.76	4155-105	BOAA-Elected Salaries	\$200.41	4215-530	Comm. Center-NW-PSCC
\$139.65	4155-110	BOAA-Salaries			
\$200.41			\$200.41		

Discussion of the Board of Education requested budget for 2010-2011

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Castagnola thanked everyone involved in putting together the budget and all who attended tonight’s meeting. A spreadsheet was provided that showed the impact of cutting \$895,734.00 from the requested budget. Dr. Castagnola spoke of the impact of these potential cuts. There was a lengthy discussion of these potential cuts with the main topics of conversation being class size, reduction of teachers and/or administrators and attrition. Fuel Oil and diesel fuel was discussed as well as pay for play and elimination of certain activities and sports.

Board Comment

Chairman Tom Wahlig thanked Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Castagnola and the entire Board of Education and administrators for all their hard work in putting the budget together. Mr. Wahlig noted that the next BOF meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7th to discuss the BOS requested budget and also the medical fund with consultant Steve Rinaldi. There was a discussion of a possible workshop to go over the budget on Monday, April 12th. The final mark-up will be on Wednesday, April 14th at 7:30pm in the Community Room.

Adjournment

Al Mardis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)