

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Finance Meeting  
Monday, April 12, 2010  
7:00 PM  
New Fairfield High School Library**

***Members present:***

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

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Dr. Joseph Castagnola, Superintendent of Schools  
Alicia Roy, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
John Hodge, First Selectman  
Susan Chapman, Selectman  
Jay Waterman, Finance Director  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Craig McClain, Director of Management Services  
Steve Rinaldi, Everett James, Inc.  
Mariana Coehlo, High School Principal  
Michael Chapleau, High School Assistant Principal  
Scott Rohwedder, High School Assistant Principal  
Dr. Diane Hartman Chesley, Middle School Principal  
Christine Baldelli, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Sarah McLain, Meeting House Hill School Principal  
Scott Bannon, 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  
Phil Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Jay Greenberg, Athletic Director  
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman  
Vic Flagello, BOE member  
Kevin Hearty, BOE member  
Ron Lyons, BOE member  
Michelle Rhyce, BOE member  
Various teachers and paraprofessionals

**Call To Order** Chairman Tom Wahlig called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**- None

**Public Comment**- None

**Board Member Comments**-None

**Medical update**

Steve Rinaldi from Everett James, Inc. and Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of the medical fund and the cost for 2010-2011. There was a discussion of how much can be dipped into the medical reserve fund in order to fund GASB 45. There was a lengthy discussion of the plans especially 110% vs. 120% aggregate stop loss.

Jane Landers made a motion to take \$273,000 out of the medical reserve fund and put into the GASB 45 fund. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

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

**Transfers**

Al Mardis made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting the following Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$37,500. Tom Edwards 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 # |                  |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| \$18,600.00        | 4310-423     | PW-Contracted Services  | \$18,600.00        | 3300-001       | Revenue-Town Aid |
| \$10,000.00        | 4310-742     | PW-Truck & Equip. M & R | \$10,000.00        | 3300-001       | Revenue-Town Aid |
| \$8,900.00         | 4310-451     | PW-Road Repair          | \$8,900.00         | 3300-001       | Revenue-Town Aid |
| <b>\$37,500.00</b> |              |                         | <b>\$37,500.00</b> |                |                  |

**Discussion and vote of 2010/2011 proposed budget**

A lengthy discussion ensued among the members of the BOF regarding the percentage increase for the proposed 2010-2011 budget. There was a discussion of what would pass among the voters the first time. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Castagnola spoke of the impact of the cuts to the school system. It was noted that a percentage of the budget increase would go to debt service for the school building project that was previously approved by the voters. First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the budget for the town for 2010-2011. There was a lengthy discussion of the Unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring account.

Al Mardis made a motion to reduce the proposed budget by the following amounts: \$320,000 (Unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring Account) \$80,000 (Town budget) and \$300,000 (Board of Education budget). Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Robert Klick made a motion to amend the previous motion to change the amounts to \$380,000 (Unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring Account) \$80,000 (Town budget) and \$240,000 (Board of Education budget). Jane Landers seconded the motion.

**Vote to amend motion: 4-2-0 (Motion approved)**

**(Tom Edwards, Jane Landers, Robert Klick and Tom Wahlig in favor)**

**(Al Mardis and Wes Marsh opposed to amending the motion)**

**Vote on motion as amended: 5-1-0 (Motion approved-Wes Marsh opposed)**

### **Adjournment**

Al Mardis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

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