

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Tom Edwards
Jane Landers
Robert Klick
Al Mardis
Norma Gyle, Alternate
Tom Quigley, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate
Members not present:
Tom Wahlig

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Susan Chapman, Selectman
Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools
Barbara Mechler, Superintendent of Schools
Mariana Coelho, High School Principal
Dr. Diane Hartman Chesley, Middle School Principal
Sarah McLain, Meeting House Hill School Principal
Wendy Seeley, Consolidated School Principal
Lynn Fichtel, Consolidated School Assistant Principal
Scott Rohwedder, High School Assistant Principal
Christine Baldelli, Middle School Assistant Principal
Scott Bannon, Meeting House Assistant Principal
Aimee Turner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman
Scott Akam, BOE member
Sean Loughran, BOE member

Call To Order Chairman Wes Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- Chairman Wes Marsh noted that Tom Wahlig will not be able to make tonight's meeting and has appointed Brian Shea in his place.

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Al Mardis made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$20,000. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Al Mardis seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$5,000.00	4161-332-2	Legal Tax	\$20,000.00	4121-110	Police-Salaries Officers
\$5,000.00	4161-332-5	Health Code Enforcement			
\$10,000.00	4161-332-7	Legal Zoning			
\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00		

Discussion of Medical Plan and Medical Reserve Funding for 2011-2012

Chairman Wes Marsh noted that the Board voted at the March 30th meeting to fund the medical plan with unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring funds. It has since been noted that this cannot be done under State Statute. There was a discussion among the board members on how else to fund the medical fund. It was noted that there will be approximately 22 freshmen students from Sherman for the next school year compared to approximately 5 to 7 Sherman students in previous years. The town receives \$11,700 per student per year. There was also a discussion of using the \$143,000 originally in the BOE Capital and Nonrecurring budget for 2011-2012 and putting it towards the Medical fund.

Wes Marsh made a motion to rescind the approved amended motion made a the March 30, 2011 Board of Finance meeting to take \$305,000 from the unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring fund and apply it towards the Medical Fund as amended to clarify that the \$305,000 from Capital and Nonrecurring is in addition to the \$300,000 already in the 2011-2012 budget for a total medial contribution of \$605,000 and the approved motion made a the March 30, 2011 BOF meeting to adjust the number from the previously approved motion regarding taking \$305,000 from the unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring fund to \$357,000, both approved at the BOF meeting of March 30, 2011. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Al Mardis made a motion to apply \$357,000 towards the Medical Fund in addition to the \$300,000 already in the 2011-2012 budget for a total medical contribution of \$657,000. The \$357,000 to be funded from the following sources: \$214,000 of additional Student tuition and \$143,000 from taxes to be raised. The \$143,000 of taxes to be raised to be freed up by transfer of \$143,000 from unappropriated capital and nonrecurring to appropriated capital and nonrecurring. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of sources of the \$100,000 of additional revenue added to the BOS budget

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the debt service for the Fire Dept was erroneously listed twice thus saving approximately \$78,000 from the 2011-2012 budget. Mr. Hodge also noted that the town will be receiving revenue from the cell tower.

Discussion of BOS requested budget for 2011-2012

There was a discussion of the Capital and Nonrecurring fund and a discussion of taking surplus money out of a project that not 100% complete.

Discussion of BOE requested budget for 2011-2012

Chairman Wes Marsh asked Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy to notify the BOF as soon as they get a final number of how many Sherman students will be coming to New Fairfield.

The board asked Dr. Alicia Roy to provide them with a copy of the Strategic School Profile.

Vote to bring Board of Finance recommended 2011-2012 budget to a Town Meeting

Wes Marsh made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting a BOF recommended budget consisting of the following: Municipal Expenditures totaling \$9,265,827 from the General Fund and Municipal Expenditures from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund of \$360,000 and \$851,811 from other governmental funds and Education Expenditures totaling \$37,926,750 from the General Fund and Education Expenditures from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund of \$143,000 which results in a Mil Rate increase of .67 or a 2.88% increase. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Electronic correspondence received from the public- None

Future agenda items- The board discussed having a discussion at a future meeting about funding various items such as the Medical Fund for future years. They would like to see a balance for the Medical Fund for next year's budget.

The board would like a final count on the number of incoming freshmen from Sherman.

The Planning Commission will be coming to the May meeting to discuss the "Plan of Conservation and Development" that is done in New Fairfield every ten years.

Board member comments

The Board of Selectmen will meet on Thursday, April 14th to schedule a date for the Town Meeting that will be adjourned for a referendum for the budget vote.

Board member Jane Landers spoke of the legal opinion regarding taking surplus money out of an unfinished project.

The board members spoke of the budget and encouraged everyone to get out and support it.

Adjournment

Al Mardis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)