

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

MINUTES

**Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**  
**7:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

Wes Marsh, Chairman  
Don Blackwell  
Doug Connelly  
Tom Edwards  
Jane Landers  
Michael Cammarota, Alternate  
Keith Landa, Alternate  
Brian Shea, Alternate

***Members not present:***

Tom Quigley

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Jay Waterman, Finance Director  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Susan Chapman, Selectman  
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools  
Craig McClain, Business Manager  
Barbara Mechler, Ass't Superintendent of Schools  
Phil Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Mariana Coelho, High School Principal  
Scott Rohwedder, High School Assistant Principal  
Christine Baldelli, Interim Middle School Principal  
Scott Bannon, Interim Middle School Ass't Principal  
Sarah McLain, Meeting House Hill School Principal  
Laura Olson, MHHS Interim Ass't Principal  
Wendy Seeley, Consolidated School Principal  
Lynn Fichtel, Consolidated School Ass't Principal  
Aimee Turner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Various teachers and paraprofessionals

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**- Chairman Marsh noted that Tom Quigley appointed Keith Landa to serve as a full member in his absence

**Correspondence and Announcements**- None

**Public Comment**

Many members of the public including teachers, administrators and BOE members spoke of the potential cuts to the BOE budget.

**Approval of Minutes**

Jane Landers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Keith Landa seconded the motion.

Jane Landers made a motion to amend the previous motion to correct the attendance portion of the minutes to include Brian Shea as being present at the meeting. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

**Vote to amend motion: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

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

**Vote to recommend to a Town Meeting**

Wes Marsh spoke of a lawsuit involving First Light and the value of Candlewood Lake. Expert witnesses are needed for this lawsuit and an additional appropriation needs to be done for this.

Wes Marsh made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting the following Additional Appropriation. Don Blackwell seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

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

<u>\$</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	
50,000.00	4161-332-2	Prof. Services- Legal-Tax	50,000.00	2-001-3300- 030	Revenue-Municipal Aid Funding
<b>50,000.00</b>			<b>50,000.00</b>		

**Sherman student tuition**

Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of \$109,640 received from Sherman for tuition for their high school students. This money is in considered non-tax revenue in the budget. The board discussed using this money to offset the BOE budget by \$109,640.

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve adding the additional revenue from Sherman student tuition to partially offset the BOE budget reduction by \$109,640. Keith Landa seconded the motion.

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

**Vote on BOS requested 2012-2013 budget**

Chairman Wes Marsh spoke of the possibility of taking money from the unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring fund to fund the Cap & Non budget for 2012-2013. There was a discussion of the operations budget for the town for 2012-2013.

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the town operations budget, including GASB in the amount of \$8,361,337, and funding Capital and Nonrecurring with \$174,857 from taxes and \$175,000 from the unappropriated Cap & Non. Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

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

### **BOE Budget**

Wes Marsh spoke of the BOE budget for 2011-2012 and noted that there will mostly likely be a surplus. There was a discussion of using putting this surplus into a non-lapsing account for the BOE.

Wes Marsh made a motion that the Board of Finance approve the transfer of any unexpended funds from the Board of Education budget to the BOE non-lapsing capital expenditures account beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 provided such amount does not exceed 1% of the total budgeted appropriation for education. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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

There was a discussion of the BOE budget and increases for 2012-2013 after the adjustments have been made. It was noted that there will need to be additional cuts of \$372,000 in order to keep the budget under a 3% overall increase.

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the BOE operating expenditures in the amount of \$30,539,580 which is a reduction of \$372,000 from the recommended budget. Doug Connelly seconded the motion

**Vote: 5-1-0 (Motion approved-Tom Edwards opposed)**

### **Public Comment**

There were further comments regarding the BOE budget and cuts made.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Chairman Wes Marsh noted that the BOF meeting scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> is cancelled.

### **Board member comments**

Members of the BOF spoke of the BOE budget cuts and the budget process.

### **Adjournment**

Jane Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Doug Connelly seconded the motion.

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

**TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD**

**FISCAL 2011-2012**

**Additional Appropriation - Town Meeting Required**

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<b>50,000.00</b>		<b>50,000.00</b>	

*To be submitted at the BOS meeting on 3/8/12*  
*To be submitted at the BOF meeting on 3/14/12*  
*To be submitted at a Town meeting*