

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 9, 2016**  
**7:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

Wes Marsh, Chairman  
Michael Cammarota  
Jane Landers  
Anthony Yorio  
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate

Brian Shea, Alternate

***Members not present:***

Tom Edwards  
John Hodge  
Rick Salem, Alternate

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Evelyn Abraham, Finance Director  
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Jason McKinnon, Ass't Superintendent of Schools  
Kim Hanson, Selectman  
Mariana Coelho, High School Principal  
Christine Baldelli, Middle School Principal  
James Mandracchia, MHHS Ass't Principal  
Karen Gruetzner, Consolidated Ass't Principal  
Craig McClain, Business Manager  
Phil Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Sean Loughran, BOE Member  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager/BOE Member  
Samantha Mannion, BOE Member  
Susan Starr, BOE Member  
Amy Tozzo, BOE Member  
Jay Voss, BOE Member

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**

Tom Edwards was not able to attend and asked that Brian Shea serve in his place for the purposed of tonight's meeting.

**Correspondence and Announcements**- None

**Public Comment**

Tom Weisenberger spoke of the BOE budget and test scores in the district.

Patrick Bower spoke of test scores in the district and compared them to surrounding towns.

**Approval of Minutes**

Jane Landers made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting as presented. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Anthony Yorio made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2016 meeting as presented. Michael Cammarota seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers**

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfer of \$19,000.00. Michael Cammarota seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

**Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$19,000.00	1-4310-130	Public Works-Overtime	\$10,000.00	1-4160-260	Unclass. P & B-Workers Comp.
			\$9,000.00	1-4163-520	General Ins.- Property & Casualty
<b>\$19,000.00</b>			<b>\$19,000.00</b>		

**Discussion of the Board of Education’s Requested budget for 2016-2017**

Chairman Wes Marsh printed out a list of questions for the BOE that were discussed at the March 5<sup>th</sup> budget hearings. Main topics of discussion included attrition and new positions added for this year. There was a discussion of the need for two more school safety advocates and a STEAM Director and Behavior Analyst. There was a discussion of the challenge of predicting the cost of payroll in regard to retirement and Family Medical Leave Act. The BOF expressed their concern over the BOE having an approximately \$900,000 surplus in payroll in recent years. This surplus was used for non-payroll items. Chairman Marsh asked for actual budget numbers for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

A discussion of capital improvement projects included parking lot improvements at Consolidated School and renovations to the High School Family Consumer Science and art rooms. It was noted that the proposed parking lot project at the high school has been put on hold. Instead, parking fees will be used to hire safety monitors to control traffic during the drop off and pick up times.

**Discussion of the Board of Education’s Requested budget for 2016-2017**

This will be discussed at the next BOF meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment**

Tom Weisenberger spoke of the BOS budget and specifically budget surpluses and asked that the town be held to the same standards as the BOE in regarding to their surplus.

Douglas Dorito spoke of the AAA Bond rating in New Fairfield

### **Future Agenda Items**

Agenda items for the near future include the Medical Fund and the BOE and BOS budgets.

### **Board member comments**

Brian Shea spoke of board members responding to Public Comment. There was a brief discussion of the General Fund in regards to the percentage of the budget.

### **Adjournment**

Anthony Yorio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**