

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Michael Cammarota
Tom Edwards
John Hodge
Jane Landers
Anthony Yorio
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate
Rick Salem, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

Evelyn Abraham, Finance Director
Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Correspondence and Announcements-None

Public Comment- None

Addition to agenda

Wes Marsh made a motion to add item #8A "Report and Discussion of the BOE Business Operations subcommittee." John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of Minutes

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

Vote: 4-0-2 (Motion approved- Tom Edwards and Jane Landers abstained)

Budget Transfers- None

Discussion of State Budget passed by Connecticut General Assembly

Finance Director Evelyn Abraham spoke of ECS and a handout that was given at the May meeting. Chairman Wes Marsh noted that reductions to CCM were accounted for in the 2016-2017 budget. It is unsure if these reductions will be made. There was a brief discussion of the Connecticut Governor vetoing line items for the State Budget.

Discussion of the BOE Business Operations subcommittee

Cheryl Reedy gave an update on the BOE Business Operations subcommittee that was held on May 19th. This subcommittee meets once a month. The update included:

- The subcommittee recommended the food service contract which was approved by the full BOE.
- The concept for a playground by the soccer fields was approved by the full BOE as long as the plans are approved and sufficient funds are received to build this playground.
- There was a discussion of the proposed practice turf field and field fees associated with it.
- A boiler at the Middle School had a crack that needed to be fixed at a cost of approximately \$6,000. All of the boilers in the Middle School were scheduled to be fixed in three years at a cost of \$35,000. Additionally, ceiling tiles needed to be replaced at the high school for a cost of approximately \$10,000. Cheryl Reedy noted that these two items were approved by the subcommittee at but not by the entire BOE. These two items were not included in the 2015-2016 budget but were paid for out of the operating budget via a transfer from payroll. There was a discussion among the members of the BOF regarding the roll of the BOE subcommittees. There was a discussion of the possibility of looking at transfers and purchase orders.
- The Year-to Date budget comparison was discussed at the BOE subcommittee meeting.
- There will be an update at the next BOE Operations subcommittee regarding the parking lot at Consolidated School.
- There was a discussion of the Health Insurance contract negotiations.
- It was noted that 14 teachers have retired and 6 teachers have resigned so far this year.

ONGOING UPDATES

Medical update- There is approximately \$2.8 million in reserves.

Legal update- Evelyn Abraham noted that there was a payment from CIRMA of \$16,000 from a claim that was originally thought not to be covered. First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the claim was for \$32,000 and CIRMA met the Town halfway and paid \$16,000.

Year to date expenses review- Cheryl Reedy thanked the Finance Department for all expenses being positive.

Current year revenue update- Evelyn Abraham noted that the Town is hopeful that the State will pay for LOSIP. There was a brief discussion of student tuition.

Cap & Non- The RFP for the Greenhouse will go out to bid next week. The floor will be repaired in the Social Services office in the Community Room and the carpet will be replaced in the Community Room.

Public Comment- Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of the roll of subcommittees of the BOE.

Future Agenda items

- The surplus for 2015-2016 will be discussed at the July meeting.
- 4th Quarter transfers will be discussed at the July meeting.
- Mike Cammarota will get a status of the Fire Dept. budget.
- BOE Health Insurance will be discussed.

Board member comments- None

Adjournment

John Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)