

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Erin Badillo
Michael Cammarota
Jane Landers
Anthony Yorio
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Members not present:

Tom Edwards
Rick Salem, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director
Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jason McKinnon, Ass't Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Rich Sanzo, High School Principal
Christine Baldelli, Middle School Principal
Andrea Einhorn, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Craig McClain, Business Manager
Phil Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Peggy Katkocin, BOE Chairman
Rick Regan, BOE member

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments

Wes Marsh noted that Tom Edwards will not be available for tonight's meeting and asked that Brian Shea serve in his place.

Correspondence and Announcements

Wes Marsh noted that the BOF received five emails since the last meeting. Five of the emails were regarding school safety and specifically in support of School Resource Officers. One of the emails was a thank you for the article recently published in the Town Tribune explaining the budget process. The last email was regarding the tax surplus and the opinion that a budget surplus is overtaxing and the money should be refunded to the taxpayers.

Public Comment

Lisa Weisenberger spoke in support of officers in the school and encouraged the BOF to vote in favor of the proposed transfer to police overtime for police coverage for the remainder of the school year.

Samantha Kennedy thanked the BOF members for their service and spoke in support of school security but urged the BOF members to not lose sight of the other needs of the school district.

Laura Consiglio spoke of the need to increase test scores and spoke in support of instructional coaches especially for 4th-12th graders. She also spoke of New Fairfield’s ranking in the DRG.

Olga Nanocchio asked about the total budget increase and noted that she didn’t feel that additional town positions are necessary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Anthony Yorio made a motion to change the agenda for tonight's meeting to read "Approval of the Minutes of March 3, 2018" instead of "March 7, 2018". Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Anthony Yorio made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2018 regular meeting with the following correction: Under Public Comment- Change the sentence "Selectman Kim Hanson noted that he was in favor of the budget even though he did vote for it" to read "Selectman Kim Hanson noted that he was in favor of the budget even though he did **not** vote for it." Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfer

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$70,000.00. Erin Badillo seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting) **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$70,000.00	4210-317-3	Police-Resident Trooper OT	\$56,000.00	4210-130-1	Police Overtime
			\$9,700.00	4160-230	Unclass P &B-Pension
			\$4,300.00	4160-220	Unclass P &B-Social Security
\$70,000.00			\$70,000.00		

Investment Policy and Procedures

Wes Marsh referenced the new Investment and Policy procedures for the Town Treasurer and noted that this was recommended by the town’s auditors.

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Investment policy as presented. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Discussion of the BOS and BOE requested 2018-2019 budgets

The BOF members discussed the requested budgets for both the BOS and the BOE. Main topics of discussion for the BOE included Math scores, test taking strategies, buildings and grounds projects, special

education contingency fund and outplacement for special education students. There was a discussion of New Fairfield's ranking in the DRG. There was also a brief discussion of attrition and the number of administrators for the district. Cheryl Reedy asked that the charts for scores be clearer and that there be measurable assessments for both the BOE and BOS budgets. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jason McKinnon, High School Principal Dr. Rich Sanzo and Middle School Principal Christine Baldelli spoke of test scores and test taking strategies.

Director of Buildings and Grounds Phil Ross discussed Capital and Nonrecurring projects.

The BOF discussed the Town's proposed budget and specifically additional positions and hours for town employees and the salary of the Fire Marshal. Capital projects including a new roadside mower were discussed.

Public Comment

BOE Chairman Peggy Katkocin thanked the BOF for working with both the BOE and the BOS on school security and safety.

Laura Consiglio spoke of the ranking of New Fairfield in their DRG and explained the difference between DRG B and DRG C.

Future agenda items

The BOF will discuss the requested 2018-2019 budget at their next meeting on March 21st.

Board member comments

Anthony Yorio spoke of the Public Hearing regarding School Safety on Monday, March 19th at 7:00 pm in the High School cafeteria. He suggested forming a joint commission to look at school security and encouraged everyone to attend.

Erin Badillo noted that she supports school security but also wants to focus on all points of the education system.

Brian Shea asked for an accounting of surpluses for the last few years.

Cheryl Reedy noted that she agreed with Anthony Yorio regarding school security and urged him to include a Behavioral Health Specialist in the joint commission.

Wes Marsh noted that he was encouraged that residents have taken the time to email the BOF.

Michael Cammarota thanked everyone that sent emails and noted that they were clear and brief.

Adjournment

Jane Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 pm. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**