

PRESENT Chairman John W. Sheehan, George Peteros, Ronald Fedor, Alan Wilensky, Rosalyn Dupuis
Kenneth Brown

ABSENT Cheryl Larder

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Thomas Dembek, Andrea Kanfer

ALSO Bernard Pisacich, Town Treasurer

MEDIA Stephen Chupaska, The Day

STAFF Ruth Beers, Finance Director; Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

He generally described the budget process and asked if any members of the public had comments regarding the budget process. There were none.

ITEM 1 Public Health Nursing

MOTION To tentatively approve the Public Health Nursing budget in the amount of \$91,960 as designated by the sub-total.
Fedor, Dupuis

Mary Lenzini was present and answered questions regarding programs offered in Waterford that may not be offered in East Lyme.

Vote: Final Total: \$91,960

Unanimous

ITEM 2 Conservation of Health

MOTION To tentatively approve the Conservation of Health budget in the amount of \$144,422 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Fedor, Brown

There was no representative in attendance.

MOTION To table this item.
Fedor, Dupuis

Unanimous

ITEM 3 Board of Education

Representing request: Dr. Randall Collins, Superintendent of Schools; Craig Powers, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Michael DeRay, Business Manager; Jay Miner, Building and Grounds Supervisor

MOTION To tentatively approve the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$40,482,280.
Fedor, Dupuis

The Board reviewed each section of the budget. Discussion was held regarding estimated operating revenue, the revenue summary, direct payment grants. Discussion continued regarding certified salaries and included guidance salaries, supplemental pay for athletics, per diem athletic director, art teachers at three elementary school, language arts, teacher degree changes.

The Board reviewed support salaries. Discussion continued regarding playground monitors, custodian salaries, crossing guards.

Dr. Collins answered questions regarding Contracted Services – teacher for the blind, NEASC accreditation.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding a stipend for the Human Resources Director as a result of the merger of the position for Town government and the Board of Education. It was noted that the Board of Finance reduced the stipend amount by \$16,000 at the March 16 budget hearing of the Finance Department.

Mr. Steward left the meeting at 8 pm.

During discussion of Tuition, Mr. Peteros requested a compilation of figures of the average cost per pupil for special education students.

During discussion of Other Purchased Services, Dr. Collins answered questions regarding field trips.

Instructional Supplies – Discussion of software licensing costs were reviewed.

Operation and Maintenance of Buildings – Discussion was held regarding electrical costs in the schools.

Equipment – Discussion of the Technology Plan Equipment.

MOTION To tentatively reduce the Board of Education budget by \$16,000, reflecting the reduction made by the Board of Finance at the March 16 regarding the stipend to the Human Resources Director as a result of the merger of the position for Town Government and the Board of Education.

Peteros, Fedor

Yes: Peteros, Fedor, Sheehan, Dupuis, Wilensky
Abstain: Brown

Final Total: \$40,466,280

Unanimous

MOTION To adjourn at 9:05 pm.
Fedor, Brown

Unanimous

Prepared and submitted by,

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

