

- PRESENT Chairman Ronald Fedor, George Peteros, Norman Glidden, John W. Sheehan, Rosalyn Dupuis, Alan Wilensky, G. Brian Vachris
- OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward
- RTM Thomas Dembek, Andrea Kanfer, Robert Brule, Richard Muckle
- ALSO Dr. Randall Collins, Superintendent of Schools; Craig Powers, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Michael DeRay, Board of Education Business Manager; Bernard Pisacich, Town Treasurer
- STAFF Ruth Beers, Finance Director; Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

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

He asked if anyone wished to comment on the budgets. There were no comments.

ITEM 1 Public Health Nurses

- MOTION To tentatively approve the Public Health Nurses budget in the amount of \$64,350 as designated by the sub-total.
Sheehan, Dupuis

Mr. Sheehan inquired why there is a large reduction in this request. Director Mary Lenzini said they are working with UConn student nurse trainees visiting home clients at no charge. There are fewer visits, the cost and length of visits has increased. There is a difference between the Board of Education budget and the Nursing budget and it's related to purchasing supplies.

Vote: \$64,350 Unanimous

ITEM 2 Conservation of Health

- MOTION To tentatively approve the Conservation of Health budget in the amount of \$142,816 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous

ITEM 3 Board of Education

- MOTION To tentatively approve the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$41,826,612.
Sheehan, Dupuis

Mr. Vachris made the following motion: In order to arrive at a bottom line budget for the Board of Education, I move that the Board of Finance resolve itself into THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD, that this committee examine the Board of Education budget in approximate order of the BOE budget as outlined in the Executive Budget Summary on page 11, that if MOVED, this committee may by majority vote recommend a cut to a specific item code, that the DIRECTOR OF FINANCE keep a running tally of voted recommended cuts, that at the end of the examination of the BOE budget, this COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD obtain a total of proposed cuts from the DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, resolve itself back into the BOARD OF FINANCE, and then vote on a single line item BOARD OF EDUCATION budget with a single dollar figure cut, if any, and then by statute, the Board of Education in their own public meetings, may resolve our allowed budget total in any way they see fit.

No second. Motion failed.

Dr. Collins appreciates the acceptance of two furlough days that help toward the increase in health insurance costs. He also that the Board requests that private birthday parties not

be scheduled in the schools and that schools not be used during paid holidays so as to not have to pay overtime to custodians. Finance Director Beers will not accept the stipend of \$4,000 for work on the school system.

Decrease in projected revenues is because the State is shifting responsibilities to the towns. The Board reviewed the Direct Payment Grants including ARRA grant and teachers hired under this grant and the programs to be eliminated when the grant runs out. Finance Director Beers explained how ARRA is handled. Mr. Vachris is concerned about unfunded state mandates.

Discussion was held regarding Instructional Services Staff Plan. Dr. Collins answered questions regarding Curriculum Coordination and various positions as well as in school suspensions. The Technology Coordinator duties were explained.

Support Services

Discussion was held regarding paraprofessionals, monitors at high school, custodian substitutes.

Contracted Services

Discussion included Other Professional/Technical Services including \$463,301 for nursing service contract for nursing services and supplies in all five schools. Legal Services – Special Education was discussed.

Transportation

Discussion regarding Pupil Transportation. Dr. Collins noted that the Board is analyzing bus runs at the high school and the merits of installing seat belts.

The Board reviewed Insurance, Communications and Tuition.

Other Purchased Services

Conferences – Upon inquiry of attendance at conferences, Dr. Collins noted that this is under the control of the principals.

Instructional Supplies

Software – all district software licensing costs for administrative and educational purposes.

Operation and Maintenance of Buildings

Discussion regarding water usage at the high school, repair to HVAC to high school, middle school and Quaker Hill. Propane gas is used for heating in certain areas, not just for cooking.

Textbooks, Library Books, Other Supplies

Mr. Vachris inquired if textbooks at high school can be postponed. This item is based on projected enrollment and needs.

Equipment

Technology Plan Equipment – to upgrade or replace technology equipment that is at least five years old or not cost effective.

Equipment Science – CLMS Mr. Wilensky questioned \$1,400 for conductivity meter for Environmental Study Group.

Operating Capital Improvement

Discussion regarding Copier Replacement – Copiers are covered under a district-wide replacement program.

District Summary Profile

