

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on June 30, 2010 in the Auditorium of Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

Members Attending: Barbara McGrath, Thomas DeVivo, Charles Pennewill, Anita Sebestyen, Leo Santucci, Jeffrey Smith

Chairman, Barbara McGrath called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discussion and possible action on the 2010-2011 Board of Education Budget

Upon a motion by Jay Handfield, seconded by Leo Santucci to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$225,000.

Anita Sebestyen questioned the Board of Education on what this reduction would mean. Doreen Fuller replied there could be a change in the walking distance for students; kindergarten could change to half days, and a possible reduction in professional development days.

Jay Handfield questioned what effect the reduction will have on the mill rate.

Tom Pesce replied approximately a 1/3 reduction in the mill rate.

Barbara McGrath asked if the Board of Education has heard from the teachers union.

Mark Doyle replied they have not heard from them.

Jay Handfield and Leo Santucci approved the motion.

Barbara McGrath, Jeffrey Smith, Thomas DeVivo, Charles Pennewill, and Anita Sebestyen opposed.

The motion did not pass.

Upon a motion by Thomas DeVivo, seconded by Jeffrey Smith to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$149,000.

Thomas DeVivo commented we need to maintain the school district.

Charles Pennewill commented he does not want to make any cuts.

Jay Handfield commented he does not think this is enough and we need to get the budget passed.

Thomas DeVivo, Jeffrey Smith, Charles Pennewill, Anita Sebestyen, and Barbara McGrath approved the motion.

Leo Santucci and Jay Handfield opposed.

The motion passed.

Upon a motion by Thomas DeVivo, seconded by Jeffrey Smith, moved to set the Board of Education budget at \$41,993,511.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on the time, date, and place of the Budget Meeting

Upon a motion by Charles Pennewill, seconded by Thomas DeVivo to have the Budget Meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Town Hall.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on the time, date, and place of the referendum vote

Upon a motion by Thomas DeVivo, seconded by Charles Pennewill to set the referendum vote for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 with the time and place to be determined by the registrar of voters.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Lawrence Kellogg commented on the substitute custodians in the Board of Education budget and would like to see that cut out.

Upon a motion by Thomas DeVivo, seconded by Jeffrey Smith the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest: _____
Karen Williams, Clerk