

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on **September 23, 2014 at 8:30 p.m.** in the **Bellingham Auditorium at Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT 06226**

Members Attending: Lynne Ide, Ken Folan, Tyler Griffin, Thomas White, and Paula Haney

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lynne Ide called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m.

2. Public Comment

James Flores commented he did not support the budget because the money is not going to the children. The problem is the lack of leadership at the Board of Education.

3. Board of Finance Comment

Lynne Ide commented the Board of Education budget passed by 67 votes.

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt revenues for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Paula Haney, the following direct revenue estimates were adopted for the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

General Government Budget:	\$ 6,960,119
Board of Education	\$24,605,048

The motion passed unanimously.

5 Discussion and possible action to set the Mill Rates for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Upon a motion by Tyler Griffin, seconded by Kenneth Folan, the following mill rate was adopted for the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

Town Gov't and Board of Education	32.41 mills
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The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on sending out tax bills

Thomas White commented there will be a burden on tax payers around the holidays if the car tax bills and real estate tax bills are sent out in December so he would like the tax bills to go out as soon as possible. Lynne Ide commented on the notice that was included in the tax bills in August. Kenneth Folan commented he would like to know what the tax liability is before the holidays.

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Kenneth Folan to send out motor vehicles tax bill by November 1st with a due date of January 1, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment

James Flores commented he did not support the Board of Education budget. There are 350 teachers and only 60 are minorities. Only 3% of the community came out to vote. He will not support the Board of Education budget until he sees more minorities teaching in the school.

Thomas White commented he agrees with James Flores that more minority teachers are needed. He does not want to see the \$200,000 reduction the Board made hurt the children of the school system.

Tracy Lambert thanked the Board, teachers union, and parents for supporting the budget.

Henry Crane commented we do need more Latino teachers. The education system needs improvement.

8. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Kenneth Folan the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Attest: _____
Thomas Pesce