

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Special Town Council Meeting

APRIL 12, 2012

FY 2012 – 2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. A Moment of Silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Jason Zandri. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also in attendance at the meeting.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

B) Cafeteria

*In attendance: Sharlene Wong, Food Services Director
Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent, Wallingford Public Schools*

Sharlene Wong, Food Services Director, gave a report of the status of her department, stating that with increasing mandates from the State of Connecticut and the Federal Government and rising prices that she will be asking for subsidy from the town in future budgets. The Council discussed with Ms. Wong- a la carte; lunch prices; personnel costs; fund balance; aging equipment; hot lunches; free and reduced lunches and reimbursement; catering; banquets; Highland School garden; Wallingford model for the state and in a recent regional meeting, Wallingford was the only town not receiving a subsidy;

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE CAFETERIA BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: SULLIVAN

SECONDED BY: CERVONI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Economopoulos Yes;

Rascati Yes;

Laffin Yes;

Zandri Yes;

Cervoni Yes;

LeTourneau Yes;

Sullivan Yes;

Fishbein No;

Parisi Yes

8 Aye; 1 Nay

MOTION PASSED.

A) Board of Education

*In attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools
Roxanne McKay – Chairwoman, Board of Education
Linda Winters, Business Manager
Michael Brooder, Chairman, Operations Committee
Many other board members and teachers present*

Dr. Menzo gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Board of Education budget illustrating the history of funding, enhancements, educational improvements and the future which outlined unfunded mandates from the state and nationally. He spoke about certified staff reallocation and collaborative opportunities; no pre-purchasing; revenue areas; decreased enrollment; presentation and acceptance of new lacross program; crossing guard bids; out of district students; registration fees; instructional supplies; green chemicals; tuition rates - per pupil rate set by state; technology; develop revenue; special needs program; capital improvements; accomplishments –boilers, asbestos, safety units, driveways, bleachers, exhaust fan; stats of students who participate in sports, boys and girls; Sheehan Pool, Parks and Recreation and the town; magnet schools and Open Choice-Wallingford participation.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: SULLIVAN
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Economopoulos Yes; Zandri Yes; Sullivan Yes;
Rascati Yes; (stated off-mike); Cervoni Yes; Fishbein No;
Laffin No; LeTourneau No (stated off-mike);
Parisi “No; I was going to abstain but I’ll vote.”
5 AYE; 4 NAY

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

VOTE: Unanimous; 9-AYE

MOTION PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting digitally recorded

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date