

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TOWN HALL, 43 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Operations Committee Meeting was called to order by Mr. Brooder at 6:08 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Brooder, Castelli, Cej, Hlavac, Marrone, McKay, Miller, Shortell, Votto

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

S. Menzo, L. Winters, C. McNamara, R. Mancusi, M. Deptula, S. Wong, E. Napolitano

DISCUSSION OF 2014-2015 BUDGET

Mr. Brooder stated that at the last meeting the proposed budget was 6.06%. He reported that the consensus was split with three and three on the all-day kindergarten so more discussion and another consensus needs to be reached. There was discussion about Phasing in the preschool and full-day kindergarten. Other options were proposed including a two year phased in full day kindergarten. Dr. Menzo reported that if the \$500,000 was taken out of the educational budget and submitted separately it would bring the budget to 5.51%. He said with a two year implementation it would bring the increase to 4.71% and for a three year implementation of Pre-K it would bring the budget increase to 4.42% for the first year of it. This would not include the Lyman Hall Athletic Complex in the budget.

A consensus was reached to have a phase in over a three year period with Pre-Kindergarten and full day kindergarten beginning in year two. This would make the budget increase by 4.36 percent for a total budget of \$95,231,505 to be presented to the Mayor for approval.

A discussion also ensued about having the Capital Improvements and maintenance on the Lyman Hall Athletic Complex be a separate item. Dr. Menzo reported that other towns do this so that it doesn't take away from the educational budget.

A consensus was reached to present a \$500,000 Capital Improvement Project solely for the Lyman Hall Athletic Complex.

These items will go to the full Board for a vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brooder adjourned the Operations Committee meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Elizabeth Napolitano