

**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