

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
WITH TOWN COUNCIL
WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
LOWER CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013**

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Special Operations Committee Meeting was called to order by Mrs. McKay at 5:25 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

K. Castelli, J. Cei, C. Mansfield, J. Marrone, R. McKay, C. Miller

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

S. Menzo, E. Cohn, J. Guarino, L. Winters, R. Backus, M. Deptula, S. Wong,
R. Mancusi, P. DeFilio, C. Burke

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

V. Cervoni, N. Economopoulos, C. Fishbein, T. Laffin, J. LeTourneau, R. Parisi,
R. Rascati, J. Sullivan

Mayor Dickinson was also present at the meeting

DISCUSSION OF THE 2013/2014 BUDGET

Dr. Menzo and Mrs. McKay gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining where the school system has been, what has been accomplished and what is being planned. The 2013/2014 Board of Education Recommended Budget is \$92,766,109. The Board of Education is requesting an increase of \$3,192,193 which is a 3.56% increase over the current budget. \$1,518,702 (48%) of the requested increase is directly attributed to State and Federal curricular, safety, and facility code mandates.

They reviewed the State and Federal Mandates which are: Curricular - \$786,434, Facility Code - \$146,000, and Safety Related - \$586,268. Dr. Menzo explained that Strategic Plan/Mandated items constitute only 2% of the proposed budget.

Dr. Menzo stated the 2013/2014 Board of Education Budget needs to address continued implementation of State and Federal Mandates, needs to increase student achievement in the areas of reading and mathematics, needs to address preparation for college and career readiness for students, and safety and school climate needs for students and staff.

Dr. Menzo pointed out that in the 2013/2014 Proposed Budget, the Board of Education budgeted \$34,000 for capital improvements in Maintenance for mandated equipment.

Dr. Menzo concluded the presentation stating that it is essential that we continue to strive to meet the vision of Wallingford Public Schools. Wallingford Public Schools, with families and community, will distinguish itself with innovative teaching and learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment. Our goal is to ignite learning and excellence in every child so that each becomes a life-long contributor to the local and global communities.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the Special Operations Committee Meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia DeFilio