

Board of Education

February 06, 2016

The Wethersfield Board of Education met in Special session on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., in the Stillman Building, Lower Level Meeting Room, 127 Hartford Avenue. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Hughes Granato, Mr. Morris, Mr. Hill (arrival 9:40) Ms. Moon, Mrs. Steinmiller-Paradise and Mrs. Vasel. Also present were: Superintendent of Schools, Michael Emmett; Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Dastoli; Business Manager, Mr. Kozaka; Director of Special Services, Mrs. Daigle; Director of Technology, Mr. Rafaniello; Director of Maintenance and Operations, Fred Bushey; Mayor Montinieri, and Town Council members Mr. Martino, Mr. Rell, Mr. Hurley and Mr. Spinella.

1. Call to Order: 8:16 a.m.
2. Town Budget Update – Mr. Kozaka explained that the figure for health insurance was an estimate at this time pending confirmation by the town's insurance broker. It will in all likelihood be lower than estimated. The amount of pension contribution will not be available for two weeks and may be higher than last year. Mr. Montinieri advised that the newly proposed governor's budget includes an increase in ECS funding. That amount, however, will not be solidified until the state budget has been finalized. Also the projected cost for gas has not been confirmed.
3. Discussion of the 2016-17 School Operating Budget: Mr. Kozaka distributed an addendum to the budget packet, which included additions to the original draft as well as additional reductions.

There was further discussion by Board member and staff regarding long-term initiatives such as a gifted and talented program and expanded Pre-K followed by a presentation of the technology budget by Mr. Rafaniello.

4. Mrs. Steinmiller-Paradise MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 1:15p.m. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Hughes Granato and VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Morris, Vice-Chairperson - Secretary