

March 29, 2022
Board of Finance and Town Council Finance Committee
#2 Public Budget Hearing
2022-2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lainie McHugh called the virtual meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Finance members present / absent:

PRESENT

Michael Barker
Elaine Hammers
Marty Isaac
Lainie McHugh
Paul Timpanelli
Steve Chol
Vincent DeGennaro – Alternate
Marc Mascola – Alternate
Christine El Eris – Alternate

ABSENT

Town Council Finance Committee members present / absent:

PRESENT

Mary Isaac, Vice Chairman
Dawn Cantafo
Kevin Shively, Chairman
Nicole Satin

ABSENT

Joy Colon, Alternate
Steve Choi
Tony Scinto
Mike Buswell, Alternate

The Finance Committee did not have a quorum.

Also present:

First Selectman Vicki Tesoro; Ashley Gaudiano, Council Chairman; Kathleen McGannon, Administrative Chief of Staff

John Mastrianni
President of TEA

Please award the BOE the minimum required to keep from eliminating staff from our schools, since the teachers have not yet addressed the learning gaps, social and emotional gaps.

Gloria Manna
26 Westfield Drive

Has no faith in the Trumbull school system. Do not consider reinstating the BOE funds, if they are not going to enforce rules and hold teachers/staff/administrators accountable for their bad behavior, and make sure they serve all families equally.

Jonathan Dizney
43 Lafayette Drive

We need to fund the budget to the maximum capability based upon losses sustained during Covid 19 as well as during the previous administration.

Frank Squicciarro
509 Madison Avenue

Supports the BOE budget, along with the 17 individuals that wrote and signed the letter he presented at the last public hearing. Also, please do not put a dollar amount on the different types of assistance needed by or the diagnoses of special education students.

Rachelle Giordano
11 WinHall Lane

Supports the Board of Education proposed budget. It details everything that you would expect to find in our school system.

Jen Burke
40 High Ridge Road

Supports the Board of Education proposed budget and the increase, not decrease, of teaching staff.

Marylena Kourounis
163 Whitney Avenue

She indicated that she agrees with the others and the Board of Education proposed budget. This budget will allow the BOE to increase personnel in order to deal with the academic gaps brought about by the Covid-19 virus.

Laurel Walsh
5944 Main Street

We have not yet seen the effects of Covid-19 on our children. We do not have adequate staffing and cannot afford to take staff away. Please adequately fund the BOE proposed budget request.

Lisa Zelinski
9 Surrey Lane

I request you restore proposed cuts to the Board of Education budget to close the learning gaps, as well as the social and emotional gaps, created over the last two years.

Sara Broas
25 Dora Street

Supports the 4.45% proposed BOE budget. The last 2 years have been different and our children are different. The need for psychological support for our children is up and their academic achievement is down. We need to fund the budget in full.

Liz Buonicore
14 Echo Hill Road

Cannot replace good staff once you let them go and all we are seeing are the negative effects of the last 2 years. Please fully fund the BOE proposed budget.

Rita McDougal-Campbell
51 Sunrise Avenue

She is upset about the new assessment value of her home, an increase of \$41,000. The Board of Assessment Appeal denied her request. Please phase in the tax increases to help those who retired and those on a fixed income.

Shannon Diaz
415 Dayton Road

Supports the 4.45% increase in the BOE proposed budget. We need the funding for the public schools.

Ann Martorana
34 Clarion place

Supports the 4.45% increase in the BOE proposed budget. We need Intervention specialists since there are social and emotional deficits from Covid-19.

April Lang
Main Street

Supports the BOE budget request. She knows the teachers are working endlessly. She works in Special Ed and mentions that Special Ed needs funding. She is working hard to keep up with the emotional and social needs of her students, as well as with learning issues.

Mirella Broyles
79 undercliff Road

She lives in Trumbull because of the school system. We need the funding for the children and we need to make sure we do not cut any corners. She hopes the BOF approved the BOE budget request.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis C. Collier

Phyllis C. Collier
Board of Finance Clerk