

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006

6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP

MINUTES

The following is a list of motions made and acted upon by the Wallingford Town Council at a Special Meeting held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Chairman Robert F. Parisi Called the Meeting to Order at 6:08 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Thompson were Councilors Michael Brodinsky, Lois Doherty, Gerald E. Farrell, Jr., Stephen W. Knight, Iris F. Papale, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, and Comptroller James Bowes were also present. Assistant Town Attorney, Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. arrived at 6:25 P.M.

There was a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kenneth Henrici, Superintendent
Linda Winters, Business Manager
Karen Hlavac, Board Member

Superintendent Henrici read a statement (*attached to the minutes*) to the Town Council regarding the Board of Education budget.

Ms. Doherty asked about the Board of Education's forecasted surplus. Ms. Winters responded that for the current year it is forecasted to be \$650,000. Ms. Doherty confirmed the Anthem Blue-Cross budgeted

increase to be 22%. Ms. Winter's said that the actual increase came in at 3.53% and in addition they budgeted 12% for HealthNet and the actual rate came in at 14%. The lower rates resulted in a reduction for health insurance of \$1 million compared to what is budgeted, and in addition insurance waivers can be reduced by \$191,977.

Ms. Doherty, referring to the proposed and recommended budgets, asked why the number of pupils, excluding special education, were so different, stating that in the recommended budget, there is a decrease of 117 pupils but in the recommended budget the decrease is noted to be 207.

Superintendent Henrici confirmed 117 less pupils next year saying the projected enrollment will be 6,835. Ms. Winters said that in the proposed budget book, the higher actual for the current year included 90 open choice students. She said that they budget on a per pupil allocation for elementary, middle and high school students so that those 90 students should not be included in the student count.

Mr. Knight asked about open choice students. Superintendent Henrici said that all levels have open choice students. Ms. Winters said that they are required to include the 90 students when reporting to the State Department of Education but that they are not included during the budget process when they budget the per pupil allocation. Superintendent Henrici said that they expect a continuing decline in future years to be about 35 to 40 students per year.

Mr. Knight asked about the \$1 million tuition. Ms. Winters said that tuition outplacements in that account are for special education outplacements, public and private, based on this year's outplacements, and they estimated a 3% increase in tuitions, and they included six additional spots. She said that they anticipate a reduction in this account as they have received higher revenues under their excess cost grant than they had anticipated, and included are tuitions in that account for gifted and talented, magnet schools and our vocational-agricultural school, the Sound School in New Haven but she said that most of it is Special Education. Ms. Winters continued saying that tuitions are about \$40,000 so that six additional would be approximately \$240,000, and in this special account they budget for public and private outplacements.

Mr. Knight continued questioning about the \$1 million line in the budget.

Joseph Bivona, 49 Cliffside Drive, Pupil Personnel Director, said that last year the account was hit very hard and in order to balance the budget that they cut about \$500,000 in the public account and over \$200,000 in the private tuition account so that the account was already in the hole over \$700,000. He said that when he does his estimate for the budget for the next year, he puts that money back in plus the 3% increase for tuitions so that is why it is \$1 million more projected for next year. He said that they started in arrears of about \$1 million. **Ms. Winters** added that the account at the present in the current year is the red \$214,000. **Mr. Knight** asked what they do when they cut that budget by that amount. **Ms. Winters** said that the line item budgeted for the new year is based on actual outplacements and that is the students that are currently outplaced, and **Dr. Bivona** estimates what students will not be returning, and then 6 additional slots, and then students that move either in or out of town.

Mr. Knight asked about major building improvements, and **Ms. Winters** listed plant maintenance, Lyman Hall track resurfacing, capital improvement at Lyman Hall – irrigating the football practice fields - and there are additional projects in the facilities budget. **Superintendent Henrici** continued listing building improvements -duct cleaning for Lyman Hall and Sheehan, replacing a rooftop unit for the Sheehan band and choral room, drapery and curtain replacements at Sheehan, a rooftop evac unit, gym mats at Pond Hill, replace concrete in the pool at Sheehan, replacing tile and abatement in the Administrative Offices and classrooms at Sheehan, at Sheehan a garage furnace. **Mr. Knight** asked about instructional supplies.

Ms. Papale asked what will happen at the Board of Education with the Mayor's cut to their budget. She wanted to know if it would effect programs or maintenance or staff or supplies. **Superintendent Henrici** responded by saying that they have to look at every aspect of the budget with school principals and parents. He said that they review maintenance bids. He said that they keep cuts as far from the classroom as possible and that sometimes it means cutting the maintenance budget, which is why they have requested the significant increase in that budget this year. He said that transportation costs are considered and contingency. He said that with this reduction, it will effect staff.

Ms. Papale asked about maintenance in consideration of the 11-school renovation project. **Superintendent Henrici** said that they have added about 60,000 additional square feet and that needs to be heated, cleaned, etc. and renovation related expenses that are unanticipated.

Mr. Testa asked about the benefit healthcare savings, and **Ms. Winters** said that they are estimating they could cut about \$1 million. **Mr. Testa** said that if you take the \$1 million and the \$200,000 from the waivers and the forecasted surplus that is around \$1.8 million, so that he is down to about \$2.2 million. He asked for clarification of the tuition line about the 3% increase. **Ms. Winters** said that they budget for actual outplacements in both public and private outplacements, so for each of those students, the tuition that they currently pay was estimated at a 3% increase, and that in addition to that they budgeted for additional, potential outplacements, private, and three public, and that the third line item applied against those 2 expenditures are our estimate of revenues from the state agency placement and the excess cost grant. She said that is how they arrive at that calculation based on actual outplacements when they put the budget together. **Mr. Testa** said that that only looks like to him \$300,000 from the 6 placements and the 3% and that he doesn't see how to get to \$1 million. He asked if their actual for this year was more than they appropriated. **Ms. Winters** said that yes their actual this year is in the red. She said that at this time as she pointed out earlier that she is projecting for the total budget a surplus of \$650,000, and that the tuition line item, is in the red approximately \$200,000. She said that those are the expenditures netting out the revenues that they are receiving. **Superintendent Henrici** said that as **Dr. Bivona** pointed out, the \$700,000 in the hole was compensated for in this next fiscal year along with the 6 outplacement slots or about \$270,000 plus the 3%, or \$30,000, equals about \$1 million. **Mr. Testa** said it seems to add up to \$500,000.

Dale Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, said that when this budget was put together in January and approved by the board that the budget has changed since then with new information that has come in.

Ms. Winters said for example, two months ago, they were break even and now they are in the red \$200,000, and she said in addition the state places caps on their grant and that this year under Governor Rell's proposed budget there is a reduction in what they receive that amounts to 16.5%, and that it could be 18%. She said that for the revenues for next year's budget, the State Department of Education told them to estimate a reduction of 20% in revenues.

Mr. Testa asked what the revenues were for this year and what the 20% reduction would represent. **Ms. Winters** said that the current year's revenues are \$1,266,187, including the 16.5% reduction and that the

reduction may increase by 1.5%, and next year we are estimating 20% reduction in revenues.

Mr. Testa asked if they had any more concrete numbers on the heating expenses. **Ms. Winters** said that for next year's budget the school system went out to bid in conjunction with the town and that they locked in a fixed price for #2 heating oil for \$1.97 per gallon and that the budget for next year is based on the bid price and their estimated usage. **Mr. Testa** said that the \$326,000 expected increase for heating is based on actual numbers that they are going to have, and **Ms. Winters** said that their only difference will be in degree days.

Mr. Testa asked about the requested 80% increase for maintaining what is there now. He wanted to know if that was prior to the savings that have been discussed. **Superintendent Henrici** said that yes it was. **Mr. Testa** said that it alarms him to think that we would be cutting to a point where they wouldn't have enough money to do what they did this year. He said that he thinks what they are looking at is impacting their ability to improve the programs and systems and do more maintenance.

Mr. Brodinski asked Superintendent Henrici if in his opening statement he was recommending that the Council adopt the Mayor's budget? **Superintendent Henrici** said that he was asking to restore funding to some degree to move closer to the original board-approved request of roughly \$81.5 million. **Mr. Brodinsky** asked if there was a specific number being requested that the Council add. **Superintendent Henrici** said that no, that they have not done that, and that he left that generally vague because that is the decision of the Council, and that he respects that, and that they are requesting additional funding, if that is possible.

Mr. Brodinsky asked if the surplus of \$650,000 would go into pre-payments, and **Ms. Winters** said that it would as has been past practice. Referring to the budget book on the one-page summary, **Mr. Brodinsky** said that it indicates that the actual expenditures in 2005 were roughly \$70 million and that his research shows that approximately \$1.2 million were pre-payments. He wanted to know if that was correct. **Ms. Winters** said that pre-payments in 2005 were \$1,874,849. **Mr. Brodinsky** asked if that was their surplus. **Ms. Winters** said that was the surplus last year, yes, for fiscal year ending 2005. **Mr. Brodinsky** asked what pre-payments for 2005-2006 are being planned on or contemplated. **Ms. Winters** said that they are in the process of discussing that with the Central Office and with Administration and that it has not been determined yet. **Mr. Brodinsky**

asked isn't the \$650,000 the anticipated surplus for 2005-2006? **Ms. Winters** said that is the anticipated surplus for the current year and that following past practice they will use that to help balance the budget. **Mr.**

Brodinsky asked that if when they prepared the budget for 2005-2006, did they contemplate making pre-purchases. **Ms. Winters** said, "No."

Mr. Brodinsky said that in this budget it looks like they are planning pre-purchases of \$1.8 million and asked if he understood that right.

Ms. Winters said that they do not anticipate that the year-end balance will be anywhere near the balance that they had last year and mentioned that when they met with Mayor Dickinson and Jim Bowes that they fully disclosed what their projected year-end balance is. **Mr. Brodinsky** said that in the budget that they are submitting this year in the book at number 12 that it seems to reflect roughly \$8 million of budget increase that was then cut back to about \$4 million and asked if that was right and that this was another way of how you arrived at your budget increase.

Ms. Winters said that that is showing a breakdown of the proposed increase. **Mr. Brodinsky** said that in that \$8 million that they are looking for, wasn't there \$1.9 million of pre-purchases, and if not, to just tell him what that means. **Ms. Winters** said that if we had not pre-purchased those items that were primarily instructional supplies and other items were in the plant and maintenance budget and the budget would have been higher so that they are trying to give everyone a useful breakdown of their expenditures for the budget, so the current year's budget was reduced by that amount.

Mr. Brodinsky said that in the budget request for 2006-2007 following past practices that they expect to make some pre-purchases (because) they do it every year. **Ms. Winters** said, "Absolutely. That's correct." **Mr. Brodinsky** asked if those would be about \$1.9 million. **Ms. Winters** said, "No, that's not correct." **Mr. Brodinsky** asked what number should that be. **Ms. Winters** said that's reflecting the pre-purchase that was made last year, and that they correspondingly cut it from this year and to answer the second question, based on the direction of the superintendent and the Board of Education, they may elect to have a pre-purchase. She said that their balance right now is approximately \$650,000 and that they do not anticipate having a balance in the neighborhood of \$1.9 million. **Mr. Brodinsky** said that when the Council is here next year or the year after, and they look back on **Ms. Winters'** experience of the year 2007 that they will not have made any pre-purchases. He asked if that was what she was saying. She said that was not what she was saying. She said that every year at the May Operations Committee meeting that she presents to the Board of Education

an updated forecast for the current year and that 80% the budget is salaries and benefits, and they are updating all of the major areas, and the Board of Education may elect to have a pre-purchase.

Mr. Brodinsky pointed out that he was using that notebook that he got asked that if in their budget request of \$81.5 million, was there one penny allocated or contemplated as a pre-purchase? **Ms. Winters** said that they do not have a specific line item. **Mr. Brodinsky** said that he knew that and asked if in the planning, are there any plans in the 2006-2007 budget to have money set aside for pre-purchase. **Ms. Winters** said that they would correspondingly cut the items from 2006-2007, and they would pre-buy them from the year-end balance for the year that they are ending, 6-30-05. **Mr. Brodinsky** asked if there are any revisions to other numbers that she can share with the Council. He said, for example, in certified salaries, he asked if there was a re-estimate or re-calculation on that number, either up or down based on current information. **Mr. Wilson** said yes. **Mr. Brodinsky** asked for a number. **Mr. Wilson** said that to go back to the pre-purchase, the \$1.8 million, that next year at this time when they come to the Council, that line will be whatever the surplus is this year; it may be \$800,000 or \$900,000. He said that right now it is \$650,000 and that is the pre-purchase, and every year it's different, and that they won't know this year until June what the surplus is. **Mr. Brodinsky** said that why he is confused is that he is looking at a page that says 'budget increase', and that he thinks that is the way they got to the budget increase and the last item, part of that budget increase, which is roughly \$8 million, is \$1.9 million, so he thinks that is what it is about. **Mr. Wilson** said the reason for that is that they pre-purchase in June and took the money out of this year's budget to bring it back to the base that they need, they have to add \$1.8 million in this year's budget for next year. **Mr. Brodinsky** said, "And it's already in." **Mr. Wilson** said, "That's correct. It's part of the \$10.79 (million)". **Mr. Brodinsky** said asked if there was a revised number for certified salaries. **Mr. Wilson** said that there is some savings there because of additional retirements since they put this budget together and that as of today they have six additional retirements, and they average about \$35,000 savings on each of the retirements and that will be about \$200,000. He said that is an example of some type of savings. He said that they have two full months.

Mr. Brodinsky said that in non-certified salaries, it says the number is roughly \$10 million and asked if anything is changed there. **Mr. Wilson** said that they don't know and that they are still working on and looking at paraprofessionals and are hoping for a reduction in the paraprofessionals. There may be a savings in the non-certified.

Mr. Brodinsky asked about employee benefits and that the old number was roughly \$9 million. **Ms. Winters** said that number goes down by \$1 million. **Mr. Brodinsky** asked about professional educational services and that the old number was \$78,000. **Ms. Winters** said that those are in-service workshops for staff development and that they are required to give CEUs, and that there are no changes to that line item. **Ms. Winters** said that the superintendent is meeting with central office administration, principals and that they are getting input from the PTOs, and that they are in the process of trying to identify where there could be savings through attrition and increases in grants. Plant and Maintenance is one budget and they are going out to bid for line items that they don't have information for all of the different objects yet. She said that information will be available to the Board in June before they adopt the budget. **Superintendent Henrici** said that they are trying to look at all of these items.

Mr. Brodinsky said that it's very hard to determine if there will be adverse educational consequences as was pointed out by many parents who were here last night, and that if there will be, that now is the time to tell the Council. He also said that if there are not going to be (consequences), then what is the Council supposed to do? **Superintendent Henrici** said that with a reduction of \$4 million. **Mr. Brodinsky** said but it's not \$4 million now and asked again what is the 'harder' number. **Superintendent Henrici** said if you factor in the medical benefit savings, the medical waivers, the health benefit savings, possible grant revenues for tuitions that are higher than they anticipate, etc., that it's fair to say that there are still going to be reductions that are going to have an impact on the educational mission whether it's staffing, proposed new programs, etc. He said that they have about \$450,000 in master plan items -music in sixth grade, a proposal to add PE the second day of the week to be consistent with the new vision of the state and locally for better physical fitness and health. He said that those could be in jeopardy if they don't have appropriate funding. **Mr. Brodinsky** said that every year there is the same discussion like every superintendent in the country or in the state gives the same answer to the financing body when they say what is going to happen.

Chairman Parisi asked what is the dollar reduction, and he said that he keeps hearing that question and that he hasn't heard the answer and that he wants to know the exact dollar reduction. **Ms. Winters** said that the exact dollar reduction is \$4,091,118. **Chairman Parisi** said that he didn't think so and asked if it could be netted out. **Superintendent Henrici** said take the \$4 million and take out \$1 million, \$200,000 for the medical waivers. **Ms. Winters** said that would bring them to a reduction of \$2,900,000 and

from that they will, based on the Board's direction, pre-purchase from the year-end balance and that balance right now is reflected at \$650,000 so that brings them to \$2,250,000. **Chairman Parisi** asked what if they don't pre-purchase. **Ms. Winters** said that it would be \$2.9 million. **Chairman Parisi** said that if they don't pre-purchase that it is \$2.9 million, and **Mr. Brodinsky** said that if they do, then it's a lower number, and if there is a larger surplus that it will be below that. **Ms. Winters** said, "Yes."

Mr. Brodinsky said that there was a comment at the Public Hearing that parents were contributing school supplies and asked if they were aware of that. **Superintendent Henrici** said that every school has an allocation account and said that he believes that at the elementary level that it's \$107 per pupil, and \$127 at the middle school level and \$177 at the high school level and the aggregate is around \$950,000. He said that they believe that allocation account does provide for the instructional supplies for the individual schools; however, he said that all of the schools have very, very active PTO organizations that work very hard at fundraising to provide additional supplies to the schools. **Ms. Winters** said that the school system has had a budget freeze in place because of shortfalls in heating and special education primarily since the early fall, and she said that consumable instructional supplies were exempt from the freeze.

Mr. Brodinsky said that if he interpreted that parent right and he said that they were contributing some supplies to the school system and that would be consistent with what happens, that that is what goes on.

Superintendent Henrici said that parent groups do purchase supplies for school systems but that they feel that the schools have an allocation account that does sufficiently meet the needs of the schools.

Mr. Brodinsky asked about the maintenance budget and said that someone else came to the mike and talked about the health of the physical plant and asked of they knew what was being referred to. **Superintendent Henrici** said that with the school renovation project the major upgrades were with heating and ventilation so that the air quality in all of the schools is much better than previously, and **Mr. Brodinsky** inquired if there have been any complaints of mold spores. **Superintendent Henrici** said not to his knowledge lately since the renovation project. He said that a couple of years ago, there were issues at Rock Hill but that recently with the heating and ventilation upgrades, air quality is significantly enhanced at all schools. **Mr. Brodinsky** said, "So that's not a problem anymore."

Superintendent Henrici said that the only problem is that they are still trying to balance the units that noise is still an issue.

Mr. Brodinsky said that another parent asked about the financial impact of the No Child Left Behind Act. **Superintendent Henrici** said assigning an exact dollar amount would be difficult and that in order to meet the mandates in a particular amount of time, and if schools don't meet them in that time frame, then a school can be identified as a school in need of improvement. There are significant items in the budget dealing with tutorials for the high school CAP tests; he said that they have math learning centers in the high schools, particularly at Sheehan, and a summer writing enrichment program at Lyman Hall and Saturday tutorial in reading and writing, purchases of CAP workbooks, test materials, compensatory education teachers to address NCLB needs, so that there are a significant costs involved with the NCLBA. **Mr. Brodinsky** asked if those costs would have been incurred otherwise. **Superintendent Henrici** said most likely not and that most of the changes that are made are institutional changes when you are dealing with trying to improve student achievement, and he said that NCLB has exerted a great amount of pressure on school systems to produce test scores that are within proficiency levels and that the school system has done everything that they could to purchase appropriate materials and provide tutorials, primarily for those most at risk in the four sub-groups. He said that as a whole our schools do exceptionally well but that in the schools where there are sub-groups, they have to provide for additional resources.

Mr. Brodinsky asked about Advanced Placement and where the program is trending. **Superintendent Henrici** said that AP classes at the high schools have increased since he has been in Wallingford from 4 to 16-17 per high school with doubled enrollment and scores that have increased every year. **Mr. Brodinsky** wanted to know if this budget would impair the trend. **Superintendent Henrici** said that it could in relation to staff, which depends on enrollment.

Nick Econopoulous, Farm Hill Road, Board Member, spoke to **Mr. Brodinsky** and said that he recalled from a Board meeting certain things that might be cut from the BOE budget and listed an improved parking situation at Moses Y, an intercom system at one of the elementary schools, Lyman Hall gym painting, gym floor refinishing.

Ms. Doherty asked about anticipated grant revenues. **Superintendent Henrici** said he believes that to be the excess cost grant and the agency placement grant with special education. He said there is a formula and that they can anticipate revenues but that it is a fluid situation dependent on how many students are outplaced and the formula. He has heard that the Connecticut General Assembly may reduce the threshold from 4.5 times the per pupil expenditure to 4 times the per pupil expenditure. **Ms. Winters** said that they receive reimbursement for those two grants that the Superintendent mentioned. The first is the state agency placement grant reimbursement for any costs of transportation and tuition that exceed the per pupil expenditure, which is approximately \$9,000 per year. The second is the excess cost grant for high cost special education students for reimbursement for costs of tuition and transportation, and it could include an aide. Reimbursement is for actual costs that exceed 4.5 times the per pupil expenditure. **Ms. Doherty** commented that what they were saying was they don't know if it will increase or decrease. **Superintendent Henrici** said that they could make a projection but it is fluid based on outplaced students that can happen during the year when students are placed by the agency. **Ms. Winters** said that the Pupil Services Department submits two reports to the State Department of Education, one in December 1 and one in March 1. They are expecting notification shortly of the final revenues for the current year.

Mr. Knight asked about contingency stating that he doesn't see any numbers in either 2005 or 2006. **Superintendent Henrici** said that they budget in contingency for 4 additional teachers and 15 paraprofessionals, negotiations, increases in cleaning services due to increased square footage, special education equipment, additional bus runs, adult education grants, the answering service bid, and finally the Title 1 teacher at Moran because Moran is likely to not be a Title 1 school next year because they have fallen behind in the federal government bench marks for Title 1. **Mr. Knight** asked what the biggest ticket items were in the contingency. **Superintendent Henrici** said that the 4 additional teachers \$260,000, 15 paraprofessionals \$225,000 and additional cleaning services \$225,000. another would be additional bus runs \$75,000.

Mr. Knight asked about lease purchase request. **Ms. Winters** said that is computer leases, our lease for copiers and the new master plan proposal for computers. **Randall Backus, IT Director**, for the schools said that the proposed master plan would be for 125 desktops, \$100,000, strictly for student use and 75 laptops, \$97,500, for student use and 125 replacement

Laptops, \$162,500, for teachers, replacement of servers, \$25,000, and reusing some of the 4 year old teacher laptops and giving them to students. Batteries and memory for them is \$25,000 and miscellaneous network switching equipment for \$4,800 for the total for the purchase of those would be \$419,000 and the three year lease \$153,500 per year for three years. **Mr. Knight** also asked about the tuition numbers and asked if in addition to sending the computer information to the Council Office, if they would also please include a tuition breakdown. So that's three things for more information –the contingency, the tuition breakdown and the lease purchase.

Mr. Testa said that every time he works the numbers the comes up with the same number, which he thinks is \$1.9 million, and that the way he sees it is that through their own budgeting and their own bidding that they are able to reduce their budget request by about \$2.2 million and that leaves them about \$1.9 million short with the Mayor's cut. He looks at the supplies because that's what is given to the schools to spend. He said that the pre-purchases in effect resulted in them having a \$735,000 increase in that line item. He said that out of the \$1.9 million \$700,000 plus or minus is to maintain your principals' allocation and that they have chosen to maintain. He said he sees the \$450,000 in master plan items. He liked seeing \$200,000 increase in textbooks and \$400,000 in building improvements. Adding all of that, he said that it still comes to the \$1.9 million, and so if you have to absorb a reduction, it has to be in those areas. He mentioned frugality, history, finding a way to save to offset the principals' allocations. He acknowledged that they choose where the money goes.

Ms. Papale asked about making motions tonight, and **Chairman Parisi** said as we go along but suggested that the Council let the requested information come in.

Chairman Parisi asked how they determine the need for paraprofessionals, and **Dale Wilson** responded that the major need for paraprofessionals comes through PPTs. He said that there are special ed students that need a para in the classroom and that this process is beginning now, which is why there are 15 paras in the contingency. Final determinations are in June with changes in the summer. There is a review of that in the fall, and **Chairman Parisi** said that he hears that they are in danger and that happens every year- is it budget constraints or is it teaching constraints? **Mr. Wilson** said that 10 years ago, there were about 85 paraprofessionals and now there are about 180 paraprofessionals. The number is not determined by the budget but by what the needs are.

Superintendent Henrici said that due to the Included Transitional Program that paraprofessionals may be added.

Roxanne McKay, Ivy Street, Board Member, made a comment about the T-1 program and its need for paraprofessionals and also English as a Second Language Program and our changing student population demographic.

Motion

Mr. Testa made a motion to add \$735,000 to the Board of Education Budget.

Ms. Papale seconded.

Motion to Table

Mr. Brodinsky made a motion to table the question.

Mr. Knight seconded the motion to table. **Chairman Parisi** asked for discussion and there was none. The vote was taken. All Councilors said aye. **Chairman Parisi** said the motion is tabled.


Chairman Parisi announced that there would be a five minute break before the start of the regular Town Council meeting.

Motion

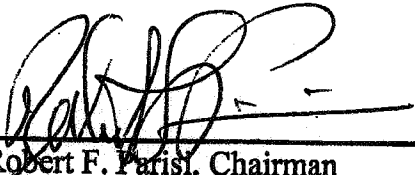
Mr. Farrell made a motion to adjourn and **Ms. Doherty** seconded. The Council responded with all 'ayes'. The motion passed.

The budget workshop meeting with the Board of Education adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary

Meeting recorded and transcribed by Sandra R. Weekes



Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

5-23-06

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

5/23/06

Date