

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 25, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Elaine Hammers called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Town Hall, Trumbull, Connecticut. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

Members present and absent were as follows:

**PRESENT**

Chairman, Elaine Hammers  
Paul Lavoie  
Andrew Palo  
Steven Lupien  
Dave Rutigliano  
Tom Tesoro  
Susan LaFrance, Alternate  
Vincent DeGennaro, Alternate  
Cindy Penkoff, Alternate

**ABSENT**

**Also present:** Timothy Herbst, First Selectman; Maria Pires, Finance Director

Mr. Lavoie moved seconded by Mr. Lupien the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 10-248a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, there shall be created in the fiscal accounts of the Town a non-lapsing account in the name of the Board of Education into which unexpended funds from one fiscal year may be carried over into the next fiscal year, subject to the annual approval of the Board of Finance for each such fiscal year in which such a carryover is to occur. The total amount, which may be deposited in any fiscal year, shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the total appropriation to the Board of Education for the fiscal year from which the unexpended funds arose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That effective July 1, 2012, the unexpended amount for fiscal year 2011-2012 shall be deposited, in accordance with section 10-248a of the general statutes, into a non-lapsing account, account #01-315400, and shall be assigned to the Board of Education for their exclusive use.

VOTE: 5-1-0 (against: Palo)

First Selectman Herbst thanked all who attended the meeting on such short notice, to bring some level of closure to an issue that is very important to our town. He indicated that this has been a very long and collaborative as well as a bipartisan process. The Board of Education voted unanimously to put in place FDK with funds that will become available under Section 10-248a of the General Statutes of Connecticut effective July 1, 2012. We are creating this account now so that parents can properly plan ahead for their children and families this coming school year and to give the Board of Education sufficient time to hire qualified teachers and paraprofessionals.

The Chair indicated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to establish the account into which the funds will be deposited. We cannot do anything more. At the end of the fiscal year, once the Board of Education determines the surplus, the Board of Finance will put up to 1% of the funds into this account.

We cannot tell the Board of Education how to use the funds; however, more than 1% cannot be put into the account for use as they see fit. This year they are requesting these funds for FDK. Technically, the law does not require that they come to the Board of Finance for prior approval of use. Any funds left in the account can be carried over from year-to-year; however, the Board of Finance has to vote on whether or not to put the funds into the account each year.

When asked, Mr. lassogna indicated that at this juncture the funds will be available; that accounts are being closely monitored and there will be at least \$875,000 available at the end of the fiscal year.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Phyllis Collier  
Board of Finance Clerk