

BOARD OF FINANCE
Minutes
July 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Elaine Hammers called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Trumbull, Connecticut. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT

Chairman, Elaine Hammers
Steven Lupien
Cindy Penkoff, Alternate
Alex Remson, Alternate
Paul Lavoie
Ken Martin, Jr.
Tom Tesoro

ABSENT

Perry Molinoff, Alternate
Andrew Palo

Also present: Maria Pires, Director of Finance

The Chair indicated that Ms. Penkoff would be voting for Mr. Palo.

FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Mr. Lavoie moved, and Mr. Tesoro seconded, to reconsider the supplemental appropriation to the Board of Education passed on Thursday July 14, 2011 in the amount of \$512,056. Vote: 6/0

Mr. Lavoie moved, and Mr. Tesoro seconded, to amend the supplemental appropriation from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to the Board of Education account 01060000-522205 - Board of Education Program Expenses to \$477,056, an amount consistent with the Board of Education's request. Vote: 6/0

Mr. Lupien indicated, for the record, that he would encourage the Board of Education to come to us with a supplemental request for that money. He knew that they voted on it and it failed but it certainly can be revisited in other forms by the Board of Education, so if this is important to the public, or anyone watching, then this is the correct route to go.

The Chair indicated that Mr. Lupien was correct; the Board of Ed may come back at any time to ask for a supplemental or the Board of Education may decide to take the \$477,056 and reallocate it. These funds are theirs now to do with, hopefully as they indicated, but they do have the right to move them around if they decide that is what is more wanted by the public.

The Chair indicated that she was informed by the Charter Revision Committee that they have in fact proposed an amendment to this section of the Charter, which would allow us to take a supplemental increase, decrease, or disapprove. They are looking to give us a little more latitude. In its current form, when it hit the Town Council, they would not have taken it up because it would have been an improper item before them.

Mr. Lavoie moved, and Mr. Lupien seconded, to approve the supplemental appropriation 7-11-01 from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to account 01060000-522205 - Board of Education Program Expenses for \$477,056. Vote: 6/0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Board of Finance adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:05.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis Collier