

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
EAST HAMPTON, CT 06424
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Monday, March 25, 2019
EHHS T-Bell Room

Approved Minutes

Present: Richard Brown, Janine Jiantonio, Alannah Coshow, Bridget McLennan, Barbara Moore and Ted Turner, Eric Peterson

Other attendee(s): Jeffery Jylkka: Director of Finance, Michael Maniscalco: Town Manager, Paul Smith: Superintendent of Schools

1-2. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Remarks:

Prior to opening the floor for Public Remarks Chairman Brown made an opening statement (see attached for full statement).

Marc Lambert - 20 Brookside Ct.: Suggested that future meeting agenda's contain Public Remarks both before and after Budget Presentations.

Mark Kovacs - Clark Hill Rd: While he only lives part-time in East Hampton, he feels that too much is spent on education and not enough on town infrastructure (roads, especially Clark Hill Rd.)

Tania Sones - 17 Curry Ln: Hopes that everyone can work together to reduce the number of Referendums this time around. Emphasized that the BOE budget has no new positions.

Julie Foulis - 18 Fernwood Rd.: The mailing that came out seemed to have a negative tone towards Education. Praised every interaction/experience she has had at Memorial School.

Bob Hine – 19 Birchwood Rd.: Agreed that the mailing seemed to negatively highlight Education. Acknowledged that there is always something here or there that could be cut but good budget's put forth.

Karlene Brooks – Chestnut Hill Rd.: Wants to see what other income the Town has besides taxes.

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4. 2018-2019 Budget Presentations:

a) Town Manager Proposed Budget

Mr. Maniscalco provided an overview of the total budget (Town & BoE) referencing the Education components but detailing the Town Operations, Debt and Capital portions. A total budget request of \$47,301,187 which would equate to a Mill Rate increase of 1.86 mills was proposed. At the conclusion Mr. Maniscalco and Mr. Jylkka provided a brief review of the functionality available in the budget dashboard that is available on the town website for anyone to use in order to analyze different budget scenarios.

b) Board of Education Proposed Budget

Mr. Smith outlined a proposed BOE budget of \$31,424,508 (a percentage increase of 2.5%) which includes a modest increase that would allow the district to move forward, as well as a contingency of \$151,185 for the sole purpose of covering the Governor's proposed reduction of state funding of the Teacher's Retirement Pension Fund. The combined total being \$31,575,693. (a 3.05% increase). Highlights included:

- Realignment of teachers to meet students' needs
- Realignment of courses to meet student's needs
- Focus on robust regionalized partnerships (Learning Center and Nutritional Services)
- Marketed entrepreneurial opportunities and innovative programming (STARS program)
- Improved the quality of academic, artistic, and athletic opportunities for students.

5. 2018-2019 Budget Discussion

With no Board members wishing to comment, Chairman Brown confirmed the workshop schedule for the remainder of the week.

6. Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn made by Ms. Coshow was seconded by Mr. Turner.

Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Bafumi
Recording Secretary