

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: James Clark, Chair; Mayor Harry Rilling; Gregory Burnett,
James Feigenbaum, James Page, Ann Yang Dwyer

STAFF: Robert Barron, Acting Finance Director; Erin Herring, Assistant
City Clerk; Thomas Hamilton, Chief Financial Officer,
Board of Education

OTHERS: David Davidson, Former member of the Board of Estimate and
Taxation

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 9, 2015

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Correct spelling of Ms. Yang Dwyer's name throughout.

Page 2: Transfers should read as follows:

Police:

From:	To:
01-3064-5110 Salary & Wages Reg.	01-3065-5120 Salary & Wages OT
01-3064-5110 Salary & Wages Reg.	01-3062-5120 Salary & Wages OT
01-3064-5110 Salary & Wages Reg.	01-3066-5120 Salary & Wages OT

Page 3:

Delete the following sentence:

Ms. Yang Dwyer asked about the details of the \$322,000. Mr. Barron reviewed the details with the Board members.

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Page 3:

Oak Hills Financial Status – July 2015, first paragraph, second sentence should read as follows:

Mr. Barron announced that the good news was that the restructuring plan was approved by the Council for the restaurant, the cart path and the sewer repairs.

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MAYOR RILLING
AND MR. FEIGENBAUM)**

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA

There were no special appropriations discussed this evening.

TRANSFER AGENDA

There were no transfers discussed this evening.

OTHER BUSINESS

**** MS. YANG DWYER MOVED THE APPROVAL OF FY 2014-2015
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$478,137**

Mr. Barron described the item and said that the specific items they are requesting to be reserved are for a Facility Utilization Study, School Security Evaluation and employee severances, payable in January 2016.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED THE APPROVAL OF FY 2014-15
UNEXPENDED BOARD OF EDUCATION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$573,607 DEPOSIT INTO A NON-LAPSING ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO
CONNECTICUT STATE STATUTE TITLE 10 EDUCATION &
CULTURE, CHAPTER 171 TOWN MANAGEMENT, SECTION 24a
UNEXPENDED EDUCATION FUND ACCOUNT**

Mr. Barron explained that the Board of Education is permitted to deposit up to 1% into a non-lapsing account for any unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year. The amount of \$573,607 is well below that cap. They are recommending approval of the full amount for uses as determined by the Board of Education.

Mr. Hamilton further explained the request and noted that the Board of Education has the ability to spend their budget as they see fit.

Mayor Rilling noted that over the past years the City was able to fully fund the Board of Education's requests, because they put together a reasonable and responsible budget.

Mr. Clark recognized Mr. Davidson. Mr. Davidson urged strongly that the surplus be put into a "rainy day fund". He said that the budget was fully funded and if there is a problem with special education, a special appropriation would be appropriate.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mr. Barron noted that the financial reports were in the meeting packet. He noted that they are on target to achieve the four key drivers. The fiscal year has started out very well.

Ms. Yang Dwyer asked for an update on the Manresa property revaluation. Mayor Rilling said that it is in the tax appeal process.

This item will be on next month's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. FEIGENBAUM MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

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