

APPROVED MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING
April 1, 2008
7:30 PM-Town Hall-Room 206

Chairman Murry Stegelmann called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. All members of the Board of Finance were present except for Peter Hovell. Kate Clarke Buch, Finance Director, was also present. Board of Education Chairman John Boulton and other members of the Board of Education were present, as well as several Board of Education officials. Several members of the public were present. The meeting was taped and was broadcast on Channel 79.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The following persons spoke about the Board of Education Budget and answered questions from the Board of Finance members.

- Board of Education Director of Finance Richard Huot explained the schedule detailing Special Education spending and the calculation of excess costs reimbursement by the State.
- Dr. Judith Pandolfo, Assistant Superintendant for Elementary Education, reviewed the progress of the technology plan. Dr. Pandolfo noted that a key element of the plan for next year was to put more mobile laptop labs in the schools. Superintendent Don Fiftal also addressed the issue.
- Mr. Paul Engemann, Director of Facilities and Construction, discussed the capital budget requests.

DISCUSSION OF STADIUM LIGHTS:

Mr. Boulton supplied the members of the Board of Finance with a memo requesting that the Board of Finance take action on the proposed Gift of Lights at the Darien High School Stadium Field. The memo had two other memos attached, one a memo to Mr. Fiftal from Mr. Engemann reviewing the cost estimates for the operation of the lights and the other, a memo from Mr. Fiftal to the Stadium Lights Committee regarding anticipated Event Supervision for Non-Football Night Games. The Request and accompanying memos are incorporated into these minutes by reference.

The Board of Finance agreed to put the Request on its Agenda for the April 3, 2008 meeting.

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BUDGET:

The Board returned to a discussion of the Budget, including possible budget cuts, the mill rate and the outlook for debt levels and debt service over the next several years.

There being no other business, Tom Volpe moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved 6-0. The Chairman therefore adjourned the meeting at 10:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Smith Mao, Clerk