



**TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Board of Finance**

302 Main Street Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475-1741

BOARD OF FINANCE WORKSHOP WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 25, 2020 6:30 P.M.

CENTRAL OFFICE

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members

**Tara Barros
Karina Julius
Karen Brodeur
Eileen Baker
Alan Hyla
George Chang
Cindy Sultini (Arrived at 6:32PM)
Jan Furman
Jim Henderson**

Others

**Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Pendleton, Dir. Ops.; Facilities and Finance
David LaMay, Chairman of the Board of Finance
Carol Rzasa, Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance
Thomas Stevenson, Board of Finance
Donna Nucci, Board of Finance (Arrived at 6:59PM)
Barry O'Neill, Board of Finance
Paul Carver, Board of Finance
Rick Swan, Board of Finance
Gerri Lewis, Board of Finance Secretary
Carl Fortuna, First Selectman
Lee Ann Palladino, Old Saybrook Finance Director
Matt Pugliese, Selectman**

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Barros called the joint meeting to order at 6:29PM.

II. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Superintendent Perruccio and Director Pendleton presented an amended 2020-2021 academic calendar, highlighting a single change, which moves April vacation to the week of April 12, 2021, in an effort to be more in line with the regional academic calendar.

The Board discussed amendments to the calendar approval process for subsequent years.

Baker/Sultini

“Move to approve the 2020-2021 academic calendar, as amended”

MOTION: CARRIED (5-4-0)

Board Members Chang, Brodeur, Furman, and Julius opposed the motion.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST

A short presentation by Selectman Fortuna with regard to a previous meeting, motion was discussed and the following motion was made:

A motion by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Mr. Carver to approve an amendment to a previous board of finance motion with regard to the purchase of a municipal dump truck, a mason dump truck with plow and a roll off truck and allow the town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$380,000 over a term not to exceed five years, said loan to be paid from the department of public works reserve fund 3353, and to recommend said amendment to town meeting was so VOTED unanimously.

IV. JOINT WORKSHOP WITH BOARD OF FINANCE

2020-2021 Proposed Board of Education Budget Discussion

Superintendent Perruccio, Director Pendleton, and Director Goss gave a presentation to the Board of Finance regarding the Board of Education's budget proposal for 2020-2021. Among other things, Superintendent Perruccio outlined the District's Theory of Action and explained how that theory ties into the District's budget. Director Goss elaborated on how the Theory of Action has worked to improve classroom instruction, detailing academic gains in Math and English across standard state assessments. Director Goss and Superintendent Perruccio also discussed how improved scores have tied into this year's Next Generation Accountability Scores, which has Old Saybrook ranked as 9th in state. Superintendent Perruccio continued the presentation, highlighting reduced tuition in the Early Childhood Program and additional resources that would be needed to support Old Saybrook's changing demographics. Director Pendleton highlighted the District's per pupil expenditure figure against other regional school Districts and the state average. Director Pendleton also discussed proposed capital maintenance projects.

The Board of Education's budget proposal represents a .98% increase over last year's budget.

The Board of Finance asked questions related to construction services, capital maintenance, state mandates, early childhood program, health insurance, and magnet school enrollment.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Finance adjourned and exited at 7:49PM.

Submitted:
Gerri Lewis, Clerk