

Town of Wethersfield  
Town Council  
Special Meeting, April 24, 2014  
7:00 p.m.  
Stillman Building  
127 Hartford Avenue  
Wethersfield, CT 06109

**Minutes**

Present: Mayor Paul Montinieri, Deputy Mayor Steven Barry, Council Members Gerri Roberts, Donna Hemmann, Stathis Manousos, Jeff Kotkin, Mike Hurley, Tony Martino, Mike Rell.

Board of Education Members Present: Chairwoman Gina DeAngelo, Vice Chair Elaine Sterimiller-Paradise, Charles Carey, John Cascio, Tracey McDougall, Polly Moon, John Morris, Jodi Latina

Staff Present:

Board of Education – Superintendent of Schools Michael Emmett, Assistant Superintendent Tim Howes, Fred Bushey, Director of Facilities, Andrew Parker, Analyst.

Town Staff: Michael O'Neil, Finance Director, Jeff Bridges, Town Manager

Mayor Montinieri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was a discussion regarding the 2014-2015 Wethersfield Public Schools requested budget.

Superintendent Emmett went over the requested budget and discussed the financial obligation he saw the school system would have to address. He also stated that 49 non-renewal notices have gone out as required.

Mr. Emmett went over the reductions he felt he could recommend to the Board of Education at this time, those included \$135,000 for health insurance, \$40,000 for diesel fuel, and using projected ending balance funds to replace the burner at the Hamner Elementary School saving \$48,000 for a total savings of \$223,000.

The Board and Council also discussed legal fees, shared services opportunities, heat energy, retirements, the reductions in the use of para-professionals, security, and results of all-day kindergarten.

Chris Wardrop of USI Insurance, the Agent of Record for the Town for liability, auto, property, and worker's compensation insurance, discussed these issues with the group and the renewal information for next year.

On a motion by Tony Martino, seconded by Mike Hurley, with all present voting in favor the meeting adjourned at 9:13.

Minutes prepared by:  
Jeff Bridges, Town Manager

Approved by Vote of Council  
May 5, 2014