



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance
May 15, 2012 – Special Meeting
Town Hall – Room 1
127 Norwich Avenue**

Members Present: Chairman Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, Art Shilosky and Cathy Pompei

Members Absent: John Ringo and Thomas Kane

Others Present: Ron Goldstein, Karen Loiselle, Brad Bernier, Don Kennedy, Maggie Cosgrove, and other citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tarlov called this Special Meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Joyce Main voiced her concern regarding the amount of teachers that have actually been eliminated over the course of six years. She said in her calculations she is not coming up with the same numbers that the Board of Education has stated and she also questioned the size of the support staff.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FY2012-2013 BUDGET

Ron Goldstein presented the Board members with the Board of Education proposed budget cuts totaling \$350,000. Discussion followed on the items presented.

Karen Loiselle commented regarding the teacher reduction concern. She stated that as of next year they will have reduced their teachers by 24.7 which is one teacher per 14 students. She will put together a chart that will support this figure. M. Cosgrove stated that the data Joyce Main was referring to includes all certified staff not only the teachers.

The Board of Finance will hold a meeting tomorrow night to finalize the proposed budget figures.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tarice Peters had a question regarding how it is determined which teachers are cut. Karen Loiselle addressed this question.

5. ADJOURNMENT

C. Pompei made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by R. Esteve. All members present voted in favor, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Santos
Clerk

Note: This meeting was recorded by a digital audio recording system and is available through the Colchester First Selectman's office in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.