

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

Present: Richard Hawley, Co-Chair; Gary Falkenthal, Sandy Steichen

Absent: Richard Jannelli, S. Chilian

Also present: Gladys Cooper, Kathy Molinaro, Bob Taborsak, Bill Glass, Ed Arum, Kim Thompson,
Joe Martino, Shuana Tucker

Mr. Hawley, Co-Chair of the Finance Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and asked Administration to please come in with no more than a 4% increase to give to the City.

Mr. Arum gave information to the Committee regarding DRG-H expenditures per pupil. Mr. Arum also gave information to the Committee on end of fiscal year expenditures. Mr. Arum will put all items in question in writing for both the Board of Education and the City Council.

Mr. Arum distributed a copy of the Superintendent's proposed budget. Discussion topics included grants, web teaching tools, insurance, early retirement incentives, etc. Mrs. Cooper addressed the Committee and asked that they decide on most important priorities to give to Cabinet to move forward. Mrs. Steichen asked that we keep money in K-12 only and asked administration to look into money spent on outside programs. Mr. Falkenthal asked that web teaching be looked into as a cost savings. Mrs. Steichen asked for a breakdown of grants. Mr. Arum asked for a clear direction from Committee to move ahead.

Discussion regarding the 2020 Task Force results and enrollment increases ensued.

Mrs. Steichen moved, seconded by Mr. Falkenthal, to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Kathleen Molinaro, Secretary