

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 22, 2013**

Present: Richard Hawley, Richard Jannelli, Co-Chairs; Gladys Cooper, Kathy Molinaro

Also Present: Sandy Steichen, Robert Taborsak, Phyllis Tranzillo, Annrose Fluskey-Lattin, Sal Pascarella, Bill Glass, Joe Martino, Kim Thompson, Deb Petersen;
City Council Members – Andrew Wetmore, Warren Levy, Colleen Stanley.

Absent: Gary Falkenthal

Mr. Jannelli called the meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. and turned discussion over to Mr. Martino. Mr. Martino discussed handout with particular attention to budget cuts. Mr. Jannelli asked for clarification of the \$1.7M that is being allocated from General Fund to Cost Sharing Fund. Will it cover our educational needs?

Ms. Stanley asked for clarification of the number of certified retirees and questioned self-insurance increase to premiums, classroom supplies and the amount of money to be spent on textbooks, and a discussion on safety advocates. Dr. Glass explained to Council Members regarding past expenditures of books versus supplies. Dr. Glass then began a discussion of additional student support and enrichment initiatives as handout explains.

Mr. Levy asked Mr. Jannelli as to what purpose was the Council invited to this Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Jannelli explained that the Board wishes a more harmonious partnership between the City Council and the Board of Education. Mr. Wetmore asked how Finance Meetings were structured.

Ms. Molinaro moved, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to adjourn the May 22, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Kathleen Molinaro, Acting Secretary