

MINUTES OF MAY 10, 1974SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF 13TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 13th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Friday, May 10, 1974 (to be adjourned to the following Monday night, Monday, May 13, 1974) pursuant to a "Call" from the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., in the meeting room of the Board, second floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk, Mrs. Marilyn R. Laitman. All Board members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: The President led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CHECK OF VOTING MACHINE:

THE PRESIDENT conducted a check of the voting machine, which was found to be in good working order.

"CALL" OF MEETING:

The following is the "Call" of the meeting which was sent to all Board members:

TO: All members of the 13th Board of Representatives

FROM: President Frederick E. Miller, Jr.

SUBJECT: "CALL" of Special Meeting of Board of Representatives to consider the Operating and Capital Projects Budgets for the fiscal year 1974-1975.

I, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., President of the 13th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1974 and  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 1974

At the Municipal Office Building, Second Floor,  
429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut

at 8 P.M.

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the CAPITAL and OPERATING BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1974-1975, as transmitted by the Board of Finance

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On Saturday, April 20, 1974 pursuant to provisions of Chapter 613 of the Charter.

FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., President  
13th Board of Representatives

FEM:vf

PAGES: Cathy and Laura Gambino, Catholic High School and Holy Spirit School

TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1974-1975, as transmitted by the Board of Finance Saturday, April 20, 1974

THE PRESIDENT said he has a few comments to make at this time. He said although the meeting has been called for two nights - May 10th and May 13th, it is still possible to complete our business tonight, but in the event this does not seem feasible, we can carry it over to Monday, May 13th. He cautioned the members that they cannot restore any item that has been reduced by the Board of Finance.

He said during the meeting, as is our usual practice, it will be a continuing motion made by the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee on behalf of the Budget as recommended by the Fiscal Committee. He said, as always, the Fiscal Committee is making their recommendation to the full Board and the final action taken is up to the full Board.

He said if, as we go along, any member wishes to deny an item, or reduce an item, or restore an item that the Fiscal Committee recommends we deny, or to increase an item that the Fiscal Committee recommends we reduce, he or she is free to make a motion to that effect, always keeping in mind that we can NEVER REVERSE what has already been done by the Board of Finance.

He said he also wishes to note that all votes taken during the course of this meeting can be passed by a majority of those present and voting and therefore the only vote needed on individual items will be a majority of those present and voting. However, he said, the vote on the FINAL RESOLUTION adopting the Capital and Operating Budget, which must be filed in the Town Clerk's Office, does need an affirmative vote of 21 members of the Board but all other votes are carried by a majority of those present and voting.

STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF FISCAL COMMITTEE, MRS. MARILYN R. LAITMAN

This morning the Fiscal Committee concluded its series of budgetary work sessions and tonight we present to you our recommendations. This is my first year as Fiscal Chairman and it was truly a baptism under fire.

Costs have escalated to such an alarming rate that the Committee felt duty bound to cut deeply into many departments. We do not anticipate an appreciable loss of services, but what we have tried to do is to force a re-ordering of priorities and a re-examination of productivity levels. We tried to make these cuts in a responsible manner and as objectively as possible. We worked under certain general guide-lines -- for example, telephone accounts were all held to last years appropriation. Currently, a review of all stations is being undertaken. All special devices not crucial, should be removed, private lines reduced. Water bills were held to the past years level, fuel was raised 10%.

Where a department had over ten employees and where we felt the productivity level could be increased markedly, we reduced salary accounts. We placed the responsibility on the shoulders of the individual department head. It is he or she who must, through analysis and reassessment be accountable for the efficiency of the department. Some decreases will be absorbed through attrition. Adjustments were made where multiple vacancies exist in the department.

These proposed cuts can only be effective if the Personnel Commission assumes their responsibility and exercises judgment with respect to approving departmental requests for additional personnel and/or reclassification of its existing personnel.

I cannot speak strongly enough for the hard working Fiscal Committee, who labored night after night to present a budget to fund the city's needs. As devoted as we are, the time has come for the city to realistically face its need and for this Board to consider funding a research assistant who will assist in our legislative efforts.

We hope you will consider the hours spent in deliberation and support our recommendations. It is obvious to every one of us that we must consider the taxpayer's pocketbook. While we do not set the mill rate, we know each mill is represented by One Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and if this Board follows the Fiscal Committee's recommendations, we will eliminate two mills. This was realized by a proposed reduction of Two Million Five Hundred and Eighty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars in the Operating Budget. Thank you.

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OPERATING BUDGET - 1974-1975

NOTE: The total amounts for each Department will be given, and only in the case of items voted upon separately, will any specific items be mentioned in that particular Department's Budget. VF

Page 3 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS:

Code 101.0101 - Salaries - REDUCED to \$40,200.00

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$93,424.00

Page 7 - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - Summer Youth (Neighborhood Youth Corps)

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$270,777.00

NOTE: The above approval was given ONLY on the provision that this is to be financed by a State Grant and not spent unless it has been received, under Section 618 of the Charter..

Page 9 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Code 106.0101 - Salaries - REDUCED to-----\$29,310.00

Code 106.0601 - General Materials & Supplies,  
REDUCED to----- 2,000.00

Code 106.2201 - New Equipment - REDUCED to----- 705.00

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$52,858.15

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Page 11 - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - Camps - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$96,223.00

NOTE: The above approval was given ONLY on the provision that this is to be financed by a State Grant and not spent unless it has been received, under Section 618 of the Charter.

Page 13 - MAYOR'S OFFICE:

Code 108.0101 - Salaries - REDUCED to-----\$86,207.00

Code 108.0501 - Telephone & Telegraph,  
REDUCED to----- 3,000.00

Code 108.1001 - Misc. Contingencies -  
REDUCED to----- 2,500.00

Code 108.2301 - Annual Report - REDUCED to----- 2,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$129,357.00

Page 17 - DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

Code 110.0101 - Salaries - REDUCED to-----\$149,227.59

Code 110.0501 - Telephone & Telegraph -  
REDUCED to----- 2,500.00

Code 110.0901 - Special Professional Services,  
REDUCED to----- 12,500.00

Code 110.1601 - New Equipment - REDUCED to----- 1,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$253,197.59

Page 21 - TOWN AND CITY CLERK:

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$156,689.00

Page 23 - DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM:

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$ 73,000.00

Page 25 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE:

Code 114.0801 - Transportation - DENIED

Code 114.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences - DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$57,188.00

Page 27 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS:

Code 116.0101 - Salaries - REDUCED to-----\$117,109.52

Code 116.0102 - Part-time help-  
REDUCED to----- 1,000.00

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Code 116.0107 - Seasonal - REDUCED to-----	2,000.00
Code 116.0301 - Stationery & Postage - REDUCED to-----	2,800.00
Code 116.0801 - Transportation-----	DENIED
Code 116.1201 - Maintenance of Equipment, REDUCED to-----	1,000.00
Code 116.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences---	DENIED
Code 116.2201 - New Equipment - REDUCED to-----	300.00
Code 116.5203 - Training School -----	DENIED
TOTAL APPROVED-----	\$127,209.52

Page 29 - DATA PROCESSING:

Code 117.0301 - Stationery & Postage - REDUCED to---	\$ 13,000.00
Code 117.0501 -Telephone & Telegraph - REDUCED to---	2,100.00
TOTAL APPROVED-----	\$326,537.00

Page 31 - BUREAU OF PURCHASES:

Code 118.0401 - Advertising & Printing - REDUCED to-----	900.00
Code 118.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences---	DENIED
Code 118.2201 - New Equipment - REDUCED to-----	125.00
TOTAL APPROVED-----	\$87,707.00

Page 39 - CENTRAL SERVICES:

Code 126.2102 - Dues and Subscriptions-----	DENIED
TOTAL APPROVED-----	\$76,990.97

Page 41 - PATRIOTIC & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION:

Code 128.5702 - Fourth of July - REDUCED to-----	\$4,000.00
TOTAL APPROVED-----	\$16,300.00

Page 43 - GENERAL INSURANCE:

Note: This includes Employees Medical & Hospital

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$195,000.00

CULTURAL EVENTS:

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$ 10,200.00

Page 45 - PLANNING BOARD:

Code 134.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences-----DENIED

Code 134.5203 - Training School-----DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$100,011.80

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY:

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$ 5,700.00

Page 47 - BOARD OF TAX REVIEW:

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$ 2,250.00

REGIONAL LEGAL SERVICES:

Code 137.0000- \$12,000.00

MR. RUSSBACH MOVED to delete the entire amount. He said he wants to give the reasons why. He said since the inception of Regional Legal Services, the cost to Stamford has not only been the dues to this thing, but all the other things involved in the program. He said the Board may recall that the former Majority Leader, Tom Morris and this Board created what they assumed to be a reasonably fair Ordinance concerning housing problems and the vacancy rate in the City of Stamford, and this was taken to Court. (by Regional Legal Services) He said the second instance, which was really absurd, was the time when Regional Legal Services again felt that our program of school bussing and integration was wrong and that was taken to Court. All of this time, he said, the City had to retain legal counsel with the end result that the net cost to the City was far in excess of the money that we had appropriated for the purpose.

Also, he said he feels that if the Bar Association so fervently believes that we should have this service, he is sure that in this "affluent" Fairfield County, that the Bar Association could conjure up the money to fund this program. He said he thinks the Bar Association has been remiss, because they have had certain frivolous cases taken to Court and he feels that they have not effectively controlled and disciplined certain people in this organization who have been so irresponsible as to cost the taxpayers of the City of Stamford a "helluva" lot of money and a great deal of pain and suffering and duress, and further, how do we know when this is going to end? He said he feels that if the Bar Association feels so strongly about this that they could find the money to fund this program. He said he does not feel that it is incumbent upon the taxpayers of the City of Stamford to continually find themselves in the position of defending themselves in Court with their own money opposing them, and this is a complete absurdity and the total cost has been far in excess of any benefit we have derived from it. Seconded.

MRS. PERKINS spoke against the motion for the reason that they have served 980 families and have done a tremendous job in the City of Stamford by aiding poor people who have no other means of obtaining legal services. Also, she pointed out, it is Federally and State funded.

MR. KNAPP said in 1973-74 we did not give it anything and it was his motion at that time to delete it. He said this year he is fully in favor of cutting it again for the same reasons that Mr. Russbach just cited.

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MR. DIXON pointed out that this service is badly needed in Stamford and what we are now doing is beating some 980 people or perhaps even more, over the head, and making them victims of our action here. He urged that we think in terms of the number of people that are being served by this service.

A ROLL CALL VOTE was requested and taken at this time and the motion to delete LOST by the following roll call vote of 14 in favor and 26 opposed:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION:

CONNORS, George (D)  
GAMBINO, Philip (D)  
GUROLAN, Armen (D)  
KELLY, James (D)  
KNAPP, Warren (D)  
MORABITO, Joseph (D)  
PERILLO, Alfred (D)  
RAVALLESE, George (D)  
ROSS, Salvan, (D)  
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)  
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)  
SANDOR, John (D)  
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)  
WALSH Peter (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BLOIS, Julius (D)  
BOCCUZZI, John (D)  
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)  
COSTELLO, Robert (D)  
CROSBY, Robert (R)  
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)  
DeROSE, Joseph (D)  
DIXON, Handy (D)  
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)  
FLANAGAN, William (R)  
FORMAN, Barbara (R)  
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)  
LITMAN, Marilyn (D)  
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)  
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)  
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)  
MARTINO, Vincent (D)  
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)  
MILLER, Frederick (D)  
PERKINS, Billie (R)  
PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)  
ROSE, Matthew (D)  
SAINBURG, Richard (R)  
SERRANI, Thom (D)  
TRESSER, Michael (R)  
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$12,000.00

Page 49 - ZONING BOARD:

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$14,864.00

Page 51 - BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS:

TOTAL APPROVED:-----\$ 2,150.00

Page 53 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

TOTAL APPROVED;-----\$14,834.00

Page 55 - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Code 144.0501 - Telephone & Telegraph -

REDUCED to-----\$1,700.00

Code 144.0901 - Special Professional Services----- DENIED

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Code 144.1601 - Spring Water---REDUCED to-----\$ 250.00

Code 144.1701 - Auto Operation & Maintenance-  
REDUCED to-----\$1,120.00

Code 144.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences----- DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$179,075.96

Page 57 - TAX COLLECTOR:

Code 146.0501 - Telephone & Telegraph -  
REDUCED to-----\$ 900.00

Code 146.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences----- DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$112,304.00

Page 59 - BOARD OF FINANCE:

Code 150.0101 - Salaries - REDUCED to-----\$14,343.00

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$65,276.00

Page 61 - Code 153.0000 - CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES - REDUCED to-----\$940,000.00

Code 158.0000 - FIREMEN'S PENSION RESERVE FUND-  
REDUCED to-----\$446,000.00

Code 159.0000 - MAJOR MEDICAL -- REDUCED to-----\$350,000.00

Code 160.0000 - SOCIAL SECURITY -- REDUCED to-----\$635,000.00

Code 161.0000 - HOSPITALIZATION -- REDUCED to-----\$600,000.00

Code 162.0000 - GROUP LIFE INSURANCE -- REDUCED to-----\$110,000.00

Code 163.0000 - POLICE PENSION RESERVE FUND-  
REDUCED to-----\$300,000.00

Code 171.0000 - CUSTODIAN PENSION RESERVE FUND -  
REDUCED to-----\$228,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$ 3,705,936.00

Page 63 - PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

Code 174.0101 - Salaries ---REDUCED to-----\$130,000.00

Code 174.0501 - Telephone & Telegraph -  
REDUCED to----- 1,000.00

Code 174.0901 - Special Professional Services-  
REDUCED to----- 2,000.00

Code 174.1702 - Automotive Fuel----- DENIED

Code 174.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences---- DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$138,640.00

Page 65 - PROBATE COURT:

Code 188.0403 - Printing --- REDUCED to-----\$ 3,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$10,920.00



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Page 67 - SEWER COMMISSION:

Code 190.2101 - Conventions, Dues & Conferences-----DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$15,365.00

Page 69 - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

Code 192.0101 - Salaries ---REDUCED to-----\$47,659.00

Code 192.0802 - Car Allowance --REDUCED to----- 1,660.00

Code 192.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences----- DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$52,749.00

Page 71 - CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Code 194.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences----- DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$775.00

Page 73 - COMMISSION ON AGING:

Code 195.5207 - Program Services -

REDUCED to-----\$ 2,700.00

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$89,609.00

Page 77 - FAIR RENT COMMISSION:

Code 198.0101 - Salaries --- REDUCED to-----\$25,247.00

Code 198.0501 - Telephone & Telegraph-

REDUCED to----- 250.00

Code 198.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences----- DENIED

Code 198.2201 - New Equipment----- DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$27,317.00

Page 77 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$8,286,434.99

Page 79 - DEBT SERVICE:

TOTAL APPROVED-----\$13,070,766.00

Page 81 - BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Code 302.0000 - BOARD OF EDUCATION

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED that the Board of Education's Budget be REDUCED to the figure of \$31,000,000.00. He said the Fiscal Committee came out with a recommendation of \$31,310,000.00 and what he is saying - make that appropriation a flat \$31,000,000.00. Seconded, by Mr. Perillo.

MRS. LAITMAN said she wished to emphasize that most of these figures in the

budget tonight do not contain salaries. However, the Board of Education already has their salary contract in their budget.

MR. MORABITO said since we do have teachers on the Board, he would like to know if they are going to abstain, or are they going to vote on their budget.

THE PRESIDENT informed the speaker that this is up to each individual involved.

MR. GUROIAN said his latest information from up state is that the teachers are the employees of the Board of Education and the word is that the position of voting for their own budget which contains their salaries is an untenable position and we would urge that the teachers on the Board refrain from voting for their own budget.

THE PRESIDENT informed the speaker that he can urge this, but the Chair does not have the power to order any individual member to vote any particular way.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he would like to speak to that point. He said this same point has been raised over the last number of years and he thinks that the answer is always the same one - that teachers are certainly NOT second class citizens and they certainly have an obligation and a responsibility to their constituents and he, for one, intends to live up to his responsibility. He said this question has been ruled upon by the Board of Ethics and also by the Corporation Counsel and he would rely on that opinion.

MR. EXNICIOS asked the Chair -- in the event Mr. Boccuzzi's motion is carried, will the Board be able to take another vote on a different figure. He asked for clarification of this point.

THE PRESIDENT said each motion must be treated, in effect, as an amendment to the Budget and if you take a vote on one item, you can still take a vote on another motion afterward.

MR. FLANAGAN said he is opposed to cutting this figure beyond what the Fiscal Committee recommended and if we ruin our educational system, then what is this all about - then, our houses won't be worth much anything - it might make people who don't have children happy, but it certainly won't make him happy.

MR. RUSSBACH said if he had been making the motion, he would have recommended a lower figure. He said he believes Mr. Boccuzzi's figure is a very liberal one.

MRS. PERKINS spoke in favor of NOT cutting the Board of Education budget. She asked the members to please remember that the Teacher's contracts are INCLUDED in the Board of Education Budget, while in the case of other departments this is not the case.

MRS. FORMAN said since we cannot act on the Board of Education budget line by line, she does not think it is fair to cut it below what the Fiscal Committee has recommended. Further, since the teacher's salaries are included in the Board of Education budget, she does not think it is right to cut it any further.

MR. TRESSER said he is opposed to cutting the Board of Education budget beyond what the Fiscal Committee has recommended - that we keep asking for quality education and can only get it if we have the money to pay for it.

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MR. HOFFMAN asked through the Chair, if the Fiscal Committee Chairman knows what percentage of our tax dollar is spent on education.

MRS. LAITMAN said it is about 49% but it is only an approximate figure.

MR. HOFFMAN said he fails to tie in how much money is spent to the type of education that is received and said he believes it will bear a little more cutting.

The debate went on for some time, when a motion was made for a recess.

RECESS declared at 12:35 A.M. and declared over at 12:50 A.M.

A ROLL CALL VOTE was requested. Enough members having signified their intention to have one (more than one-fifth of those present), a roll call vote was taken on Mr. Boccuzzi's motion to REDUCE, Code 302.0000 - Board of Education to \$31,000,000.00. LOST by the following vote of 18 in favor and 22 opposed:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION:

BLOIS, Julius (D)  
BOCCUZZI, John (D)  
CONNORS, George (D)  
COSTELLO, Robert (D)  
GAMBINO, Philip (D)  
GUROIAN, Armen (D)  
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)  
KELLY, James (D)  
KNAPP, Warren (D)  
MORABITO, Joseph (D)  
PERILLO, Alfred (D)  
RAVALLESE, George (D)  
ROSS, Salvan (D)  
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)  
SAINBURG, Richard (R)  
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THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)  
CROSBY, Robert (R)  
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)  
DeROSE, Joseph (D)  
DIXON, Handy (D)  
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)  
FLANAGAN, William (R)  
FORMAN, Barbara (R)  
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)  
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)  
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)  
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)  
MARTINO, Vincent (D)  
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)  
MILLER, Frederick (D)  
PERKINS, Billie (R)  
PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)  
ROSE, Matthew (D)  
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)  
SERRANI, Thom (D)  
TRESSER, Michael (R)  
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

MR. KNAPP MOVED that the Board of Education Budget be REDUCED to \$30,748,272.00. Seconded.

A ROLL CALL VOTE was requested. Seconded. Enough members having signified their intention to have one, the following roll call vote was taken. The motion was LOST by the following vote of 12 in favor and 28 opposed:

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THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)  
GAMBINO, Philip (D)  
GUROIAN, Armen (D)  
KELLY, James (D)  
KNAPP, Warren (D)  
MORABITO, Joseph (D)  
PERILLO, Alfred (D)  
RAVALLESE, George (D)  
ROSS, Salvan (D)  
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)  
SANDOR, John (D)  
WALSH, Peter (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BOCCUZZI, John (D)  
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)  
CONNORS, George (D)  
COSTELLO, Robert (D)  
CROSBY, Robert (R)  
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)  
DeROSE, Joseph (D)  
DIXON, Handy (D)  
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)  
FLANAGAN, William (R)  
FORMAN, Barbara (R)  
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)  
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LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)  
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)  
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)  
MAITINO, Vincent (D)  
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)  
MILLER, Frederick (D)  
PERKINS, Billie (R)  
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ROSE, Matthew (D)  
RYENICK, Gerald (D)  
SAINBURG, Richard (R)  
SERRANI, Thom (D)  
TRESSER, Michael (R)  
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)  
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED that there be no further motions in regard to Code 302.0000 and that we go on to Code 304.0000. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED -----\$31,310,000.00

Code 304.0000 - Non Public School Transportation -

REDUCED TO -----\$ 287,000.00

MR. BOCCUZZI said he would like an explanation as to why this account was reduced by the Committee.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said this was done because they have added several new buses mandated by State law which says they shall have the same type of transportation given to public school students. She said they have added a couple of late busses and they have had to add 3 new bussess because of the consolidation of some of the parochial schools into one. She said the Committee kept the amount per bus at the \$9,000 figure that it was at. She said they anticipated the new contract.

Code 305.0000 - Cafeteria Program

MRS. LAITMAN called attention to the figure approved by the Board of Finance, namely, \$1,832,867.00. She said there is no recommendation from the Fiscal Committee, so this item is open to a motion from the floor.

MR. RUSSBACH said in view of the fact that there is no motion, in order to bring it on the floor, he MOVED for approval, and would like to speak against his motion.

THE PRESIDENT said all we need is a motion, and asked if there is a seconder to the motion. Seconded.

MR. EXNIGIOS said this is a "moot" point and thinks that Mr. Russbach might move to reduce the figure, but it is not necessary to move for approval of the figure that the Board of Finance has approved.

THE PRESIDENT said he cannot agree with the speaker, but to be on the safe side, we should have a motion on the floor. He said we now have a motion for approval of the Board of Finance figure, which has been seconded.

MR. RUSSBACH spoke against the motion and said the members of this Board who have been on the Board for more than one term realized what the problem has been in the past. He said he thinks it is a little strange this year, when we are trying to keep the budget as low as possible and cutting salary accounts, that we even contemplate a program where we would be hiring 135 more or less new people, with salaries, with fringe benefits, which is the very thing that is killing us now. Also, he said, there is absolutely no demand in the City of Stamford, except for a few people, who have their own "axe to grind" for a Cafeteria Program, particular in view of the very high tax increase that is facing us. He said no one wants it - the parents don't want it, most of the teachers don't want it because of the problems it causes and a lot of the kids don't want it. He said if everyone here has read the Cafeteria report which originally led to the demise of the program, the same things that were true then, are more true now, in that all of the problems have been enhanced by time - food costs have escalated astronomically and if we wind up with the Union operation that we have there, everyone knows that the salaries and fringe benefits and everything else has gone up. Another very interesting point, he said, regarding the Milk Program - people say there is no comparison - but he submits that there is - we now have a \$180,000 milk program in the schools which is running a deficit of approx. \$56,000. He said they are talking about a program which is only one-tenth of a projected Cafeteria program of a million eight hundred or more thousand, and we have been given figures of a potential deficit of only \$37,000 and if anyone tries to analyze it, this is extremely hard to believe.

He said another point is the hidden costs, such as the cost of light, heat and power and addition Custodian maintenance help in the Cafeteria program once it is initiated. He said again, we must not forget that we are cutting salary accounts very drastically and by attrition, there won't be as many people in the City employ as there was before. He said this Cafeteria program is totally contrary to the trend of thought this year of holding the line, to turn around and initiate a new program this year and hiring 135 or more new people while we are laying off others, and thus wiping out all that we have been trying to do for the City of Stamford tonight. He said this is not the time to start a new program that is going to cost us so much.

MR. LOUGHRAN said it is indeed the mood of this Board and of the City to cut and to hold the line and one of the magic numbers that we have been thinking of as we have deliberated on this Budget is the number of 1.2 million dollars which roughly represents a one mill cut. He said it has been suggested to him that if we cut out the Cafeteria Program we are cutting one and a half mills from the Budget. He said he hopes we realize by denying this appropriation that we are NOT cutting one and a half mills from the Budget.

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MR. DIXON said it appears that there are two motions on the floor and wants to know which one we are talking to.

THE PRESIDENT said Mr. Russbach is speaking against his own motion, and if we were to take a vote right now a "yes" vote would be for the cafeteria program and a "no" vote would be against it and we have only one motion on the floor.

MRS. LAITMAN said she wants to elaborate on what Mr. Loughran just said, because when you do vote, you should have the full story. She said the Committee has checked this with the Controller and with the Commissioner of Finance and with the Board of Finance — the amount we are being called upon to vote for at this time has no impact — and the only tax impact would be the deficit expected to be \$37,000. She said the Contract to be signed would be for one year, and we have already warned the Board of Education that we will not stand for anything that would "give away the store" so to speak. She said it was suggested by the Board of Finance that we ask the Board of Education for a resolution so that all money transactions go through the City as a separate account and this resolution was recently voted upon by the Board of Education, so the accounting procedures have been ironed out.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he is quite certain that everyone by now has his mind made up as to how he intends to vote, therefore, he would ask for a ROLL CALL VOTE and also MOVE THE QUESTION.

THE PRESIDENT informed the speaker he cannot do both.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he therefore requests a ROLL CALL VOTE. There being sufficient members in favor, it was decided to vote by roll call.

MR. HOFFMAN said there are many people in his district who do favor this particular program because there are children who come to school without any breakfast and also miss out on their lunch. He said for this reason he urges more consideration be given to this program.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said according to the figures, we are only to expect a \$39,000 deficit in the Cafeteria Program, so he MOVED TO AMEND that the Board of Education accept all deficits OVER \$39,000. He said we just gave them more money than they should have received, and if they are so "hopped" up on this program, then they should be willing to accept the deficit. He said they hired consultants and gave us all the paper work, so if they want the Cafeteria Program, they should then accept everything over \$39,000 and if they don't want to accept it, then we don't need a Cafeteria Program. Seconded.

MRS. LAITMAN said she cannot accept that.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he wants to know why not.

She said because you are involving another Board and you cannot bind another Board to that.

MR. BOCCUZZI said if we pass this appropriation, then he wants it passed with this amendment — that's all.

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THE PRESIDENT said the speaker is entitled to make his motion; however, the question as to whether or not we can legally bind another Board to make our passage of the Cafeteria Program contingent upon the acceptance of the amendment, is a question that can't be answered here this evening.

MR. HOFFMAN asked, through the Chair if Mr. Boccuzzi would consider revising his amendment to a figure of \$100,000.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he would accept that the same way he accepted the \$31,000 NO!

MR. EXNICIOS said it appears to him that if the figure of \$1,832,867 is approved that we are giving the Board of Education this money, and they have given us a sense of their Board resolution that they would turn the receipts in -- however, when they run out of money and get past the \$39,000 deficit, they would then come back to us requesting an emergency appropriation -- isn't it the prerogative of this Board to then turn them down for that emergency appropriation? He said he does not see the need for this amendment, because the need for discipline rests with this Board and he feels the amendment is really not binding.

MR. BOCCUZZI said that when a department comes to this Board for more money and say that they have already spent the money, then what do we do then -- if they have already spent it, then we have to reimburse the account -- we have to then make it good -- we have accepted a service and we then have to pay for it. He said we say "no" and they say "we've already spent it" so then where are they going to get the money from? Who then is responsible to pay the bill? The City has to pay it and I don't want to pay it.

MR. EXNICIOS said he does not want to get into a debate with Mr. Boccuzzi, and in fact, he agrees with him, but on the other hand he fails to see how such an amendment can be binding on the Board of Education. Actually, he said he is against the whole program.

MR. MAYNOR MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT conducted a machine vote on Mr. Boccuzzi's amendment. LOST by a vote of 8 in favor and 31 opposed.

The President said the vote will now be taken on the main motion -- to approve or disapprove the \$1,832,867.00 appropriation for the Cafeteria Program. The QUESTION WAS MOVED and CARRIED by a vote of 20 yes and 18 no.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken and the appropriation was DENIED by a vote of 12 in favor and 28 opposed:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)  
DIXON, Handy (D)  
FORMAN, Barbara (R)  
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)  
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)  
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)  
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BLOIS, Julius (D)  
BOCCUZZI, John (D)  
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)  
CONNORS, George (D)  
COSTELLO, Robert (D)  
CROSBY, Robert (R)  
DeROSE, Joseph (D)

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THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

MILLER, Frederick (D)  
PERKINS, Billie (R)  
ROSE, Matthew (D)  
THRESSER, Michael (R)  
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

EXNICIOS, Robert (R)  
FLANAGAN, William (R)  
GAMBINO, Philip (D)  
GURDIAN, Arman (D)  
KELLY, James (D)  
KNAPP, Warren (D)  
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)  
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)  
MARTINO, Vincent (D)  
MORABITO, Joseph (D)  
PERILLO, Alfred (D)  
PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)  
RAVALLESE, George (D)  
ROSS, Salvan (D)  
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)  
RYENICK, Gerald (D)  
CAINDURG, Richard (R)  
SANDOR, John (D)  
SERRANI, Thom (D)  
WALSH, Peter (D)  
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

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TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$31,597,000.00

Page 83 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

Code 410.0101 - Salaries - Reduced to ----- \$ 171,839.00

Code 410.0301 - Stationary & Postage -  
Reduced to ----- 3,900.00

Code 410.2101 - Conventions, Dues & Conferences ----- DENIED

TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$ 285,909.00

Page 85 - OTHER INSTITUTIONS - Code 424.0000

TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$ 46,000.00

SUNSET HOME:

Code 430.0101 - Salaries - REDUCED TO ----- \$ 47,131.26

Code 430.0102 - Part-time help - REDUCED TO ----- 1,500.00

Code 430.0103 - Overtime - REDUCED TO ----- 5,000.00

Code 430.0111 - 5% Salary Differential - REDUCED TO- 3,040.00

Code 430.1201 - Maintenance of Equipment - REDUCED to 1,500.00



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Code 430.2101 - Conventions, Dues and  
Conferences \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED

Code 430.6002 - Provisions - REDUCED TO \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 13,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 87,011.26

Page 87 - SMITH HOUSE:

Code 440.0101 - Salaries - REDUCED TO \_\_\_\_\_ \$496,351.00

Code 440.0111 - 5% Salary Differential - REDUCED to 28,000.00

Code 440.1501 - Light, Heat & Power - REDUCED TO --- 20,540.00

Code 440.2101 - Conventions, Dues and Conferences - DENIED

Code 440.5512 - Household Supplies - REDUCED to --- 7,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ \$711,206.00

Page 89 - TOTAL WELFARE & OTHER INSTITUTIONS APPROVED --- \$1,130,126.26


ADJOURNMENT:

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for adjournment at 2:10 A.M. Seconded and CARRIED.

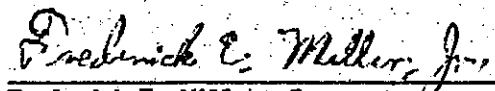
THE PRESIDENT said this adjournment will be until Monday night, May 13th at 8 P.M. and at that time we will have to finish the Budget no matter what.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked the President if we can be sure to start the meeting on time.

THE PRESIDENT said the meeting will have to start at 8 o'clock on Monday, sharp, and if there are to be any caucuses to be held, that they will have to be held at an earlier hour.

  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

  
Frederick E. Miller, Jr.,  
President, 13th Board of  
Representatives

Note: The above meeting was broadcast  
over Radio Station WSTC until  
11 P.M. vf