



**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, February 28, 2022
Town Hall Meeting Room

Committee

Present: Leslie L. Tarkington, Chair; Nisha Arora, Laura Erickson, Leslie Moriarty

Staff: Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Systems Management, Finance Department; Agnes Kawai, Assistant Manager, Budget & Systems Management, Finance Department; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller

Board: Dan Ozizmir, Chairman; William Drake, Miriam Kreuzer, Jeffrey S. Ramer, David Weisbrod

BOE/GPS: Toni Jones, Superintendent, Greenwich Public Schools, Sean O'Keefe, Chief Operating Officer, GPS; Kathleen Stowe, Chair, BOE; Dan Watson, Facilities Director, GPS

Other: Don Conway, GCTV.

Ms. Tarkington called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

Request for Budget Adjustments

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
ED-8	Board of Education	\$940,000	Additional Appropriation
	A640 Various		Central Middle School Repairs

Mr. O'Keefe explained the need for an estimated additional appropriation of \$940,000 for masonry repair of Central Middle School (CMS). Emergency repairs were completed so students could return to school on February 22, 2022. The Board of Education (BOE) funded \$674,000; a total of \$1,611,000 is needed. Preliminary emergency costs included installation of scaffolding and netting and additional bridging to stabilize the walls, plus cost of construction management for preparation and managing a bid package. The Additional Appropriation of \$940,000 is requested for a repair plan to extend the useful life of the affected area by 5 years which will be executed over a 6-week period during summer recess. Interim repairs will enable Central Middle School use while plans are developed for the building's accelerated renewal or replacement.

The Budget Director recommended that all repairs utilize operating budget funds rather than capital budget. The BOE agreed to close out the equivalent transfers (\$671,000) from capital appropriations.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Erickson, to approve the \$940,000 as requested and in addition move the \$671,000 cost of Emergency Repairs to the Operating Budget from capital for a total Additional Appropriation of \$1,611,000. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

ED-9	Board of Education	\$150,000	Additional Appropriation
	Z680 59560		Central Middle School- Education Specifications & Environmental Analysis


Mr. O'Keefe explained that an additional appropriation of \$150,000 was being requested for the preparation of education specifications and environmental analysis to confirm that the potential location could accommodate the weight of a new building. The Committee questioned whether the education specifications and environmental analysis documentation could be accelerated for submission by June 30, 2022 to meet the State deadline for school bonding for future reimbursement of the new building. Dr. Jones and Ms. Stowe commented that it would be difficult to meet the June 2022 deadline but would consult with the full Board of Education. The Committee asked whether the Ed Specs Committee could include a broader representation of members similar to a Feasibility or Building Committee. Mr. Gieger was requested to set up a major account with sub accounts to separate funds for education specifications (\$15,000) and for environmental analysis (\$135,000). Unused funds would be available for future Building Committee use.

Upon a motion by Ms. Arora, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to separate the additional appropriation of \$150,000 into two sub accounts, the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Ms. Arora, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Budget Committee at 10:59 A.M., the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Leslie L. Tarkington, Budget Cmte Chair

The next Regular Meeting of the BET Budget Committee will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room