



MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in person at Havemeyer Board Room and via Zoom, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Dan Ozizmir called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Dan Ozizmir, Chairman

Nisha Arora, Clerk

William Drake

Laura Erickson

Karen Fassuliotis

Miriam Kreuzer

Leslie Moriarty

Jeffrey S. Ramer

Stephen Selbst

Leslie L. Tarkington

David Weisbrod

Absent: Michael Basham, Vice Chairman

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

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

Call to Order

Chairman Ozizmir introduced the Special BET meeting as an opportunity to support the BOE with necessary funds for Central Middle School temporary repairs and provide funding to accelerate the renewal process of CMS's school building. He thanked BET members for making themselves available for the meeting on short notice.

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

Ms. Tarkington reported that the Special Budget Committee Meeting of February 28, 2022, the Committee discussed adding an additional appropriation of \$940,000 to cover the cost of BOE emergency repairs 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 \$671,000; a total of \$1,611,000 is needed. 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.

The additional appropriation is requested for executing a 5-year Repair Plan during summer recess. The interim repairs will enable Central Middle School use, while plans are developed for the building's renewal or replacement. The appropriation covers Labor & Materials, Architectural & Engineering Consulting, Contingency estimate, as well as other related costs (Emergency Cost balance, student temporary relocating Transportation, and Police Overtime).

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Selbst, to amend request ED-8, the additional appropriation of CMS repairs, from \$940,000 to \$1,611,000. The Board voted 11-0-0. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Selbst, to approve as amended ED-8. Specifically, the motion is to approve the transfer of \$671,000 cost of emergency repairs from capital to the operating budget plus the \$940,000 additional appropriation request for a total request for of \$1.611 million. The Board voted 11-0-0. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Tarkington reported that the Budget Committee considered an additional appropriation of \$150,000 separated into two sub accounts for the preparation of Central Middle School education specifications and environmental analysis. The Budget Committee voted to approve 4-0.

Upon a motion to amend by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Mr. Ozizmir, to separate the \$150,000 into two separate votes of \$15,000 for Ed Specs and \$135,000 for Environmental Testing. Board voted 2-8-1. (Opposed: Kreuzer, Erickson, Weisbrod, Arora, Moriarty, Drake, Selbst, Ramer) (Abstain: Tarkington)

Upon a motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Ms. Moriarty to approve the additional appropriation of \$150,000, as proposed. The Board voted 10-0-1. (Abstain: Fassuliotis)

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Ozizmir commented that the BOE indicated at the Budget Committee meeting that they will be changing their FY23 budget request for CMS – specifically, to eliminate the \$250,000 for feasibility, request \$2,500,000 for A&E and reducing masonry request by \$2,500,000 as part of the 5-year repair plan for CMS. He reminded the Board that the appointment of the CMS building committee should be accomplished for approval at the RTM's June meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Weisbrod, seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Board voted 11-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 A.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Nisha Arora, Clerk of the Board



Dan Ozizmir, Chairman