



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

BUDGET COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 24, 2021

Hybrid Virtual and Town Hall Meeting Room

Committee

Present: Leslie L. Tarkington, Chair; Andy Duus, Leslie Moriarty, Jeffrey S. Ramer

Staff: Roland Gieger, Budget & Systems Director; Jenny Larkin, IT Department, Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Megan Zanesky, Risk Manager Director

Board: Michael Mason, Chairman; Laura Erickson, Karen Fassuliotis, Miriam Kreuzer, Beth Krumeich, David Weisbrod

BOE/GPS: Peter Bernstein, Chair, Board of Education (BOE); Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent, GPS; Sean O'Keefe, Chief Operations Officer, GPS; Dan Watson, Director of Facilities, GPS

RTM: David de Milhau (D-12), Town Services; Lucia Jansen (D-7), Chair, Budget Overview Committee (BOC); Arline Lomazzo (D-6), Public Works; Rosalind Nicastro, (D-3), BOC; Dan Quigley (D-1), Finance; Molly Saleeby (D-8), BOC; Brian Raney (D-9), Town Services

Other: Ken Borsuk, Reporter, *Greenwich Time*; Jennifer Dunn; Sarah Klocinski; Horst Tebbe, GCTV; James Waters

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.

Requests for Budget Adjustments

Number	Department	Amount	Purpose
ED-13	BOE	\$2,597,912	Interim Appropriation
	B6801089 59560		North Mianus School Repairs

Ms. Tarkington commented that this was the second special meeting on the North Mianus School, the first meeting was to discuss an interim appropriation to ensure funding for the emergency response including reimbursement to the Department, and the second for an interim appropriation of \$2,597,912 as the bid for repairs has been received, and for additional alternate space-related costs. Mr. Bernstein thanked the Budget Committee for making themselves available for a second

meeting to facilitate the urgency of the BOE's timetable which included RTM approval and funds to commit to suppliers' contracts. Among the changes in the interim appropriation request, a reduction of the overall proposed contingency amount from 20% to 15%, and inclusion of anticipated change orders and funds for the facility rental.

In the discussion that followed, details about alternative education space rental of \$170,000 per month, school bus transportation, estimated cost of furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E), technology, security, the adequacy of the contingency, and the hiring of a Project Manager (\$72,000) were considered. The BOE noted that the goal was to complete the reconstruction by the end of December.

Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ramer, to approve the BOE Interim Appropriation request for \$2,597,912 and recommend it to the full BET.

Ms. Zanesky updated the Committee on partial insurance reimbursement already received for capital losses and interim transportation of \$541,077.54. The total outstanding reimbursable expenses are currently estimated to be \$973,759.98 less the \$100,000 deductible and partial reimbursement. Insurance would also reimburse the cost of transportation and a bus monitor during the period that work was being done to repair the damaged area.

Mr. Duus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to separate capital costs from operating costs and reduce the interim appropriation to \$824,789, which when added to the previous interim appropriation request of \$2,055,000 results in a total appropriated amount of \$2,879,789.

During discussion of the amended motion to separate capital from operating costs, concern was expressed about the timing impact of a delayed approval for the September facility rental. Concern was also expressed about approving a cost for a contract that is not yet finalized; although it was confirmed during the meeting that the rental cost of the alternative space lease was fully negotiated.

Mr. Duus and Ms. Tarkington withdrew the motion to amend.

The vote was taken on the original motion made by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Mr. Ramer, to approve the BOE Interim Appropriation request for \$2,597,912 and recommend it to the full BET as a Non-Routine Application. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

FI-7	Finance	\$2,597,912	Borrowing Resolution North Mianus School Repairs
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Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ramer, to approve the Bond Resolution of \$2,597,912 for the North Mianus School repairs.

The Committee considered financing the appropriation through either bonding or the Capital Non-Recurring fund. Several scrivener's errors to the Borrowing Resolution were discussed. Mr. Mynarski suggested that Robinson & Cole make language changes so that the Resolution, with the Minutes and an itemized list of expenses attached, be ready for both the BET and the RTM upcoming meetings. Mr. Mynarski was requested to review the Bonding Resolution for the first interim North Mianus School emergency repairs for scrivener's errors similar to those in the Borrowing Resolution under consideration.

Mr. Ramer made a motion to amend, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to make text changes and to approve the borrowing of \$2,597,912 for the North Mianus School repairs.

Mr. Duus made a motion to amend, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to reduce the Borrowing Resolution of \$2,597,912 by \$1,415,000 to \$1,182,886 for the cost of alternate space. The Committee voted 1-3-0. (Opposed: Moriarty, Ramer, Tarkington). Motion failed.

The vote was taken on the original motion made by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to approve the Bond Resolution of \$2,597,912, as amended for scrivener's errors, for the North Mianus School repairs and recommend it to the full BET as a Non-Routine Application. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

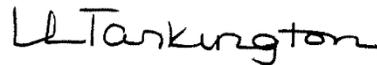
ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to adjourn the Budget Committee Special Meeting at 2:46 P.M., the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Leslie L. Tarkington, Budget Cmte Chair