

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN, CT  
EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FINANCE  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513  
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** MRS. VITALE, MR. DENUZZO, MR. FINKLE,  
MR. HAMMELL, MR. HENNESSEY, MR. INGLESE  
and MRS. GERACI-ANASTASIO

**ABSENT:** MRS. VINEYARD and MRS. PADUA  
MRS. MARY ACQUARULO

**ALSO PRESENT:** MR. ANTHONY SERIO, SUPERINTENDENT  
MR. FRANK MEOLI, ASSISTANT SUPT.  
MR. ARTHUR MARTORELLA, ADMIN. CONSULT.  
TO SUPT.  
MR. JOSEPH TRAVAGLINO, DIRECTOR OF  
BLDGS. & GROUNDS  
MRS. PATRICIA LEWIS, FINANCE MANAGER

**ARRIVED LATE:** MR. JASON LATHROP, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Vitale, Chairperson of the Board, called the Finance Subcommittee meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. in the Boardroom at the high school.

Mr. Hennessey asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNuzzo and seconded by Mr. Hammell.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

In addition to the Board Members, those in attendance during the Executive Session were Mr. Serio, Mr. Meoli, Mr. Travaglino, Mr. Lathrop and Mr. Martorella.

## **2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Discussion of Maintenance Contract Negotiations, EHHS

A discussion of the ongoing maintenance contract negotiations at EHHS ensued.

- Discussion of Legal, Contractual, and Personnel Issues

Mr. Serio recommended that this item be eliminated on the advice of the attorney. There was no discussion on these matters.

Executive Session adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Reconvened the Regular meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio left the room at 6:36 p.m.

Mrs. Vitale asked for a 5-minute recess at 6:37 p.m.

The Finance Subcommittee meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio returned at 6:41 p.m.

## **3. Discussion of Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

Mr. Serio addressed the Board of Education requesting that they approve the balanced budget the Business Director submitted to allow the opening of schools and to be sure that the schools would be adequately staffed. If this budget was approved this evening, he could restore some teaching positions. The nurses and some of the library aide positions would also be reinstated.

Mr. Lathrop went through his Power Point presentation explaining how the budget had been put together and the process for changes that needed to be made.

Mr. Serio spoke about the previous budget they had put together with the financial consultant and the shortfall and how they had gone to the Town stating they had a \$537,000 shortfall. The Town then came up with their own budget, but there were no additional monies allocated. They had a financial subcommittee meeting and reviewed the suggested budget. They were not comfortable with accepting that budget in full and decided to wait until Mr. Lathrop came on board.

Mr. Serio spoke about the shift in student populations and how they needed to use caution in bringing back non-certified staff.

Mr. Lathrop will provide monthly reports regarding any needed transfers in the budget. This would probably begin in September.

**4. Any other business that might rightfully come before this subcommittee**

There was none.

**5. ADJOURNMENT OF FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr. Inglese made a motion to adjourn the finance subcommittee meeting to start the Regular Board Meeting. Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**MR. THOMAS HENNESSEY, CHAIRPERSON  
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**