

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012**

A public hearing of the East Haven Legislative Town Council was held Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Haven Senior Center located at 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Vice Chairman Robert Sand, conducting the meeting in the absence of Chairman Richard Anania, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: 10 Present – 5 absent (Parlato, Depalma, Riolino, Mansi and Anania). Councilman Parente arrived at 7:03.

A quorum is present.

Vice Chairman Sand announces that this is the public hearing for the Board of Education and that the same guidelines are to be followed as in the past, he asks that all speakers sign in and state their name and address.

Public Comment:

- Sam Giglio- 41 Robert Drive, East Haven, CT. Mr. Giglio states that he attended some of the workshops and is a member of the school building committee and thinks having a long range plan is very important. He discusses the use of solar panels at the Middle School being used to save energy and there a window units in the building defeating the purpose. The school building committee did a study which included surrounding towns with similar populations; North Haven spends approximately \$1 million less a year on energy and maintenance of their buildings. He states the only way for the town to get money is through bonding.
- Andy Esposito- 8 Ann Street, East Haven, CT. Mr. Esposito expresses a concern with the lack of fiscal controls within the Board of Education and the fact that a substantial amount of money cannot

be found. He asks the Council to look at the money that was given to faculty and other things that are not directly educationally related to determine where that money is going. He further expresses a lack of confidence that the budget will be managed properly by the Board of Education.

- James Farrell-7 Erico Drive, East Haven, CT., board of education member and co-chair of the finance subcommittee. Mr. Farrell addresses the Council and states that the Board of Education is looking diligently at all expenditures and they are in the process of looking for the \$657,000 that was under spent. He further guarantees that all funds given to the Board of Education will be accounted for.
- Donna Richo- 67 Charnes Drive- East Haven, CT. Ms. Richo informs the Council that she did an analysis on the entire proposed budget. Her concerns are the line items for building, director of building management for \$340,000 and \$569,000 for a building maintenance contract. She offers copies of her prepared budget that the Council could go through because there has to be a way to save money. The money being spent to adhere to mandates takes away from the education of the students.

No additional public comment.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Paul Carbo seconds the motion.

Voice vote- all in favor- none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council

