

**Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut**

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at 3 Primrose Street.

D. Leidlein, Chair	J. Robinson
L. Roche, Vice Chair	L. Gejda
C. McCubbin, Secretary	R. Bienkowski
R. Gaines late	3 Staff
W. Hart	20 Public
K. Alexander	6 Press
J. Vouros	

Mrs. Leidlein called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Item 1 – Consent Agenda

Mrs. Leidlein stated that at the January 23 meeting when the Board voted to go into executive session a majority vote was needed but it actually requires a two-thirds vote by the Board so they were not in executive session during that time. She requested the January 23 minutes be removed for the next meeting. Mr. Hart would be submitting a statement regarding those minutes.

MOTION: Mrs. Roche moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of January 24, 29 and 31, 2013 and monetary and service-related donations to the school district and Sandy Hook School. Mrs. Hart seconded. Vote: 7 ayes

Item 2 – Public Participation

Tony Salvatore, middle school assistant principal, presented the gift he accepted on behalf of Sandy Hook School of a dream catcher from Red Lake High School in Red Lake Minnesota where they experienced a shooting tragedy on March 21 2009 where 10 lives were lost. This was given to them from Columbine High School to carry forward the kindness and caring during their difficult time. The Red Lake Ojibwe community has offered this to Newtown to show their support to our community, the survivors and for the families who lost their loved ones. The commitment was made to take this to the next community who suffers such a tragedy with the hopes that this would not have to be fulfilled. Our gift back to them was a banner of our Core Character Attributes signed by members of our middle school student council.

Joanna Zachos, 56 Clayton Road, said that last Tuesday the police were assisting with dismissal at Hawley School. A custodian brought a man into the office who wanted to speak with someone and she questioned how he got on campus and in the building. There needs to be a gate and guard at the front entrance of each school. Glass and windows should be bullet proof. Money has to be in the budget for what we need.

Sue Murray, 19 Parmalee Road, supports the increases in the town and education budgets to improve security. SROs should be at each school.

Mrs. Leidlein stated SROs are in the town budget and we have requested the town add them.

Michelle Hankin, Greenleaf Farm, wants to see a motion to support security. Regarding the budget certain things were put on hold in the past. This budget is larger than typical but everything is needed. She will personally advocate passing of the budget. Parents will

advocate for you but we want guidance from the board to stand by why we need. She wants the facts to be shared with other parents. People need to understand the bifurcated budget.

Laura Terry, thanked Mr. Hart, Mr. Gaines and Mrs. Roche for attending the PTA president's meeting. She requested that security be on the next Board meeting agenda.

Kinga Walsh, 21 Horseshoe Ridge, she requested information on when the grants expire so we know when what they cover will need to be funded. She asked for an executive summary for the budget.

Carla Barzetti, 16 Beaver Dam Road, spoke about armed guards. She was looking for clarity on how the decision was made that we only needed one armed guard at each school. She encouraged the PTAs to vote on things needed in their schools.

Item 3 – Reports

Correspondence: Mr. McCubbin said there were 48 emails. Four pertained to CMTs, 3 for Gates funding, 3 for the week break in February, 13 for school security, 15 were condolences and 10 regarding miscellaneous subjects.

Chair Report: Mrs. Leidlein has been following up on opportunities for funding.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Robinson attended the graduation ceremony for 20 seniors this evening. The National Child Traumatic Stress Team was here last week and conducted focus groups and worked on writing the Serv grant over the weekend. We had 3 well-known experts working with us. It is typically a 15-month grant but we decided to request a 4-year grant. She will call the Secretary of Education when it is in to look for support.

Mrs. Roche asked if we heard anything regarding the CMT waiver, to which Dr. Robinson stated we had not but would follow up and let the Board know.

Item 4 – Old Business

2013-2014 Budget:

Mr. Gaines stated that the security committee met and included the private schools in this meeting. There will be some training for SROs to help them deal with certain issues and we hope to provide training for all staff.

Mrs. Leidlein began the budget discussion by stating the current budget amount was \$68,555,794. Contractual obligations in the budget are non-negotiable and would be supported by the Board. The cost for full day kindergarten was verified at \$233,514. We have 8 security officers for \$165,200.

Mr. Gaines said the security committee has 10 officers on their list. The cost is \$21,000 for each.

Regarding NEASC, Dr. Gejda said the separate curriculum items include revisions to world language, fine arts, the nurtury program and culinary arts. The NEASC committee also has to take time to prepare their documents. In the summer of 2013 there will be several training sessions for staff.

Mrs. Leidlein stated there would be several more special education outplacements for next year for a total increase of \$541,470.

Mr. Vouros feels we should follow special education costs monthly so the public knows how fluid these costs change.

Mr. Bienkowski said that information is in the monthly financial report.

Mrs. Leidlein added this request to additional data we will need.

The priority list of items for buildings and grounds was discussed and it was agreed to keep what was listed. Mr. Hart asked for a complete itemization of what we are taking out.

Mrs. Leidlein agreed and felt we needed another meeting. She was first looking at the budget drivers.

Mr. Hart was unable to meet on February 12 and hoped these would have been decided prior to tonight. The Board of Finance needs to have this by February 14 so there is not much time to finalize the budget if not approved this week.

Mrs. Leidlein said we can get smaller details at a subsequent meeting if necessary.

Most of the Board agreed to keep everything on the list for a total of \$1,074,000. She was reluctant to keep all of the items in one year and should spread some out to subsequent years.

Mr. Alexander didn't feel we needed anymore input from Mr. Faiella.

Mr. Vouros didn't want any reductions prior to going to the Board of Finance and wished to leave it up to the voters.

Dr. Robinson said that in the grant is back payment for the high school guidance counselor for this year. The security guards are for this year with back payment for 5.

Mr. Bienkowski said that preliminary numbers for the grant were for a logistics person to coordinate the day-to-day activities for donations and the like, a recovery coordinator responsible for the grand scheme of this incident, and a project coordinator. We also added 8 security people. There were 5 social workers, 1 psychologist and 4 guidance counselors for next year. Everything else was operational costs.

Dr. Robinson said we are looking for security from 7 am to 9 pm. The ones in our budget are for during the school day.

Mrs. Roche asked why the security officers wouldn't be part of the Serv grant.

Dr. Robinson responded that items funded by the grant are only temporary.

Mrs. Leidlein we will know the outcome of the Serve grant before the referendum and reduce the amount if they are funded. She feels if other groups are using our buildings they should share security costs.

Mr. Alexander said because we don't have the full recommendation from the security committee yet we are putting the security guards in as a holding place.

Mr. Hart feels we need at least 16 security guards including the 4 we have for an additional 12 which would be \$82,000.

Mr. Vouros asked if we were doing anything with the retirement package

Mr. Gaines said we lost money on the last package and feels it was not economical to approach it this year.

Mrs. Leidlein asked how much savings we would see with each retiree.

Mr. Bienkowski said \$25,000 to \$30,000 but we would need 7 or 8 teachers to retire.

Mr. Gaines read the Board budget goals.

- Adequate funding to meet the needs of our students and staff resulting from the events December 14, 2012

- Newtown School District's Strategic Plan including Full Day Kindergarten
- Our Increased Graduation Requirements
- NEASC Accreditation Artifact Preparation
- An Educational Infrastructure, including Professional Development, to support:
 - Maintenance of existing and expanding technology requirements (including BYOD*)
 - Mandated system requirements of Common Core State Standards (especially testing)
 - Implementation of recommended security measures that may exceed existing systems
 - Provisions for the new teacher evaluation plan

Further, the Board of Education will provide increased communication regarding the budget (increases, decreases, and new initiatives) both within the budget documentation and across our school and town communities with an expectation that expanding the reach of communication will reduce the questions and concerns regarding the proposed Education

* BYOD = Bring Your Own Device - which depends upon adequate wireless bandwidth to be available within the school environment

MOTION: Mr. Alexander moved to adopt the Superintendent's recommended budget for a total amount of \$73,042,343. Mr. Gaines seconded.

MOTION: Mrs. Leidlein moved to amend the motion to reduce the .5 elementary teacher to match the numbers in the budget book for a total of \$73,012,304. Mrs. Roche seconded.

Vote: 7 ayes

MOTION: Mr. Hart moved to amend the motion to add 4 security guards for adequate staffing for the hours the buildings are expected to be open. Mr. Gaines seconded.

Mr. Hart stated we need adequate properly trained staff to man these building.

Mrs. Leidlein said if we have some included in Serve grant we will be able to reduce some of this funding.

Vote: 7 ayes

Mr. Vouros stated that if the elementary guidance counselor positions are secured we should try to hire those with training in gifted education to be able to work with those students also.

MOTION: Mrs. Leidlein moved to reduce the building and site maintenance projects by \$400,000. Mr. McCubbin seconded.

She stated that looking at the 5-year plan we have a tremendous increase this year and then it drops off. She wants to make up that amount over 2 years and not to hit the community with the substantial increase all at once.

Dr. Robinson noted the justification on some of the projects are for safety and ADA compliance.

MOTION: Mr. Gaines moved to amend the motion to reduce the amount by \$150,000 which included items that could be put off for another year.

Mr. Hart said he would like the bulk of these items to go through and amended the motion to suggest a \$250,000 reduction.

Mrs. Leidlein accepted the \$250,000. Mr. McCubbin seconded.

Vote on amendment: 6 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Gaines)

These reductions bring the budget to a 6.26% increase for \$72,845,304.

Mr. McCubbin questioned being able to use the \$57,000 in donations.

Mr. Bienkowski said we don't count donations against the budget. If we had something specific in the budget and it was donated we could take that item out.

Mr. Hart asked if cash items could be carried over to the next year.

Mr. Bienkowski said they could. There are 2 funds. One is for Sandy Hook School and the other is the Board of Education general contribution donation fund.

Mr. Gaines asked if the Board of Finance ever answered questions about the reserve fund for the Board of Education. He was thinking of possibly be able to use that money for the contingency fund for special education.

Mr. Hart said that allows for the Board of Finance or Legislative Council to establish a fund to hold our excess money. The statute doesn't provide a way to get the money out of that account.

Mr. Alexander said that because this budget is a large increase we need to remind everyone that part is for security and initiatives we have to try to do for the education in this town.

Mrs. Leidlein feels it is important to help everyone understand the security needs and identify the costs involved.

Mr. Hart suggested that the communications committee prepare a document that speaks to those items.

Mrs. Roche said that was the plan of the committee and was in place to do so.

Vote on the budget: 7 ayes

MOTION: Mr. Hart moved that the business office prepare the final budget and authorize the Director of Business to make any technical changes. Mr. Gaines seconded. Vote: 7 ayes

MOTION: Mr. Gaines moved that the Board approve the following budget resolution.

Whereas, the Newtown Charter Revision Commission's recommendations for a bifurcated budget and advisory questions on the budget referendum ballot were accepted by the Newtown voters and are to be implemented by the Legislative Council in the April 2013 budget referendum and

Whereas, both the Newtown Superintendent of Schools and Newtown Board of Education will have performed extensive reviews of the proposed Education Budget in order to provide the most cost effective means of accomplishing the Educational Goals of the Newtown School District,

Be it resolved that the Newtown Board of Education will:

1. Present and explain its proposed Education Budget to the Board of Finance and
2. Urge the Board of Finance to honor both the commitment and expertise of the Newtown School District and Newtown Board of Education, both educational and financial, and the voters' desire to provide their own voice through the aforementioned Budget Referendum Advisory Questions by forwarding the Board of Education's proposed Education Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to the Legislative Council without reduction and

3. Urge the Legislative Council to offer the Board of Education's proposed Education Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to the voters without reduction in order to afford the public an opportunity to voice their approval or the direction for modification, increase or decrease, of the Board of Education's unaltered proposed Education Budget.

Mr. Alexander seconded.

Mrs. Roche questioned the wording "without reduction" in #2. If the Board of Finance finds monies that won't cut programs we should allow that process to happen.

Mr. Gaines said this states that the budget is what we want and just urges them not to reduce it. Mrs. Leidlein would not support this resolution. We need to have a good working relationship with the Board of Finance. Urging them not to make changes is urging them not to do their job. She does support the spirit in which it was made. Last year the Legislative Council passed our budget forward without making reductions.

Mr. Alexander asked for wording that she would prefer. He isn't asking to limit their function. Mrs. Leidlein wasn't sure they would take it that way. It is something more than urging them. It's making a statement for them not to follow what they should do in the budget process.

Mr. Alexander asked what she intended to tell them to get the point across to have them move it forward to the voters.

Mrs. Leidlein said there may be changes they would suggest and we are open to those.

Mr. McCubbin said they have their roles and we have ours. He doesn't want to dictate that kind of pressure.

Mr. Vouros said that when this is presented to them by Mrs. Leidlein she has the ability to be sure they understand the Board stands by it completely and can defend it. They now know what we would like them to do.

Mr. Gaines said this year is different as it is a bifurcated budget and includes advisory questions. This resolution supports the budget and charter revisions put these in place.

Mrs. Roche wanted to take out the wording so we aren't dictating what they do, Mr. Gaines agreed to take those words out to which Mr. Alexander seconded.

Mr. Hart said this resolution reinforces the Board's budget. It is different this year and we want the community to vote on it. He wants to take our budget to the people so they know what we need.

Mr. McCubbin felt we could communicate that to the Board of Finance without the resolution.

Mrs. Leidlein said if this goes through to the voters as is, and the voters vote no, the budget cannot go above the number we approved.

Mr. Alexander stated we have to make that clear to the public.

Vote: 3 ayes, 4 nays (Mrs. Leidlein, Mrs. Roche, Mr. McCubbin, Mr. Vouros) Motion fails

Item 6 - Public Participation

Chuck Hepp, 4 Winter Ridge Road, thanked the Board for their courage in adopting this budget. He would have liked to see the resolution pass. Passing the budget unanimously is a strong

message to the voters. He feels there will be cuts but hopes the Board will work hard to protect what goes into the classroom.

MOTION: Mr. Alexander moved to adjourn. Mr. Hart seconded. Vote: 7 ayes

Item 7 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cody McCubbin
Secretary

**Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut**

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at 3 Primrose Street.

D. Leidlein, Chair	J. Robinson
L. Roche, Vice Chair	L. Gejda
C. McCubbin, Secretary	R. Bienkowski
R. Gaines late	3 Staff
W. Hart	3 Public
K. Alexander	2 Press
J. Vouros	

Mrs. Leidlein called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Item 1 – Continuing Education Budget

Elissa Gellis, Director of Continuing Education, told the Board that a half day was added for kindergarten students in the summer school program. The summer program also ran for 16 days instead of 12. The middle and high school summer programs are self-supporting.

Item 2 – Benefits

Mr. Bienkowski reviewed some of the items under benefits which represents what is legally required and negotiated for the staff. The biggest portion is the medical component. The trend is running about 12%. We are putting in a 4% increase for our self-insurance fund which is managed by Anthem. The pension plan is administered by the town.

Mr. Alexander asked why we weren't trying to put in more money to get to the \$3M.

Mr. Bienkowski said the committee is comfortable with the amount we have. Usually the consultant will reaffirm the figures.

Mrs. Leidlein asked if an analysis has been done to see how we've done since 2009 regarding the early retirements. She asked to share it with the Board.

Mr. Bienkowski spoke about workers' compensation. We've had difficulty getting the adjustment for transportation insurance. The only separate policy is the school leaders policy. Otherwise everything is with the town.

The real fee for this year is \$15,952. Next year it will drop down to \$13,080. We always covered the maintenance vehicles. Moving away from insurance for the buses we should move the maintenance of the vehicles to the plant budget. He would increase the property and liability section of the maintenance budget and reduce the transportation insurance. The \$10,000 net reduction should be applied to workers comp.

Item 3 – Plant Budget

Mr. Faiella spoke about the Head O'Meadow generator. The cost to rent one per month is \$1,500. A new propane generator would cost \$23,750 and a diesel generator cost is \$31,350. These amounts don't include rigging fees and installation. The installation cost is approximately \$15,000. He would like this replacement as soon as possible and prefers the diesel.

Mr. Bienkowski said that at this time we could purchase a generator.

Mrs. Leidlein asked where the money would come from and would add it to the next agenda.

Mr. Faiella stated that we are getting to a precarious situation because we keep pushing off jobs. We need to act on all if we can.

Mr. Alexander asked how long the high school parking lot has been listed.

Mr. Faiella said 2 years. The paving would be for the old sections. Some of the cracks can't be repaired.

Mr. Faiella said that Chalk Hill School was approached by their parks and rec director in Monroe to ask if we could employ the person who took care of that building because she lost her job since we moved in. We picked up additional 30,000 feet of space in that building.

Mrs. Leidlein asked the cost of that position.

Mr. Bienkowski said it was a part-time position and was not sure of the rate of pay but it would be less than \$30,000.

Mr. Faiella asked if it could be a contracted position.

Mr. Bienkowski stated the contract could have a provision where we can hire someone for the balance of the year.

Mrs. Leidlein asked for a proposal for this position at the next meeting.

Dr. Robinson said this may be reimbursable.

Item 4 – Transportation Budget

Mr. Bienkowski said we have money in professional services which is for drug testing and training for the remaining owner/operators. Maintenance is for the van for the high school programs. Fuel is a big number but expenses have dropped from last year from \$5M to \$4.291M.

Mr. Alexander asked if they asked for any additional money for fuel since changing to Chalk Hill.

Mr. Bienkowski said there has been greater fuel utilization and he asked for their best estimate which he needs to know for the Serv grant. They indicated the buses are getting back to town 30 minutes later so they are paying their drivers more. This cost should be reimbursable through these programs and our insurance. The Serv grant goes out 18 months. We may need to consider an adjustment for fuel.

Mrs. Leidlein said the security committee is reviewing and creating a plan. If people are looking for SROs they come from town side of the budget which will fund them.

Mr. Gaines said the security committee is meeting next Tuesday.

MOTION: Mr. Alexander moved to adjourn. Mrs. Roche seconded. Vote: 7 ayes

Item 5 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cody McCubbin
Secretary

**Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut**

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at 3 Primrose Street.

D. Leidlein, Chair	L. Gejda
L. Roche, Vice Chair	R. Bienkowski
C. McCubbin, Secretary	1 Staff
R. Gaines late	14 Public
W. Hart	5 Press
K. Alexander	
J. Vouros	

Mrs. Leidlein called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Item 1 – Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Budget

Michelle Hankin, 16 Greenleaf Farms, public safety needs have changed and she appreciates officers at the schools and supports SROs in the buildings.

Amy Roman, 58 Taunton Hill Road, was pleased that everyone supports protection in the schools but we also need parental support. She offered help at anytime.

Christie Hatcher, 14 Chimney Swift Drive, supports additional funding to address high achieving students for the Gates program. Students will be able to achieve more with specialized training. We need a program where advanced students can be challenged.

Michelle Ku, Platts Hill Road, thanked the Board for their work recently. At the September 4 meeting the Board voted against a .2 position to provide services for a gifted child and two months later that money paid for professional services. She asked the Board to designate \$12,000 to \$15,000 to the Gates program to reinstate programs lost a few years ago. She also requested Board commitment to those needs. She suggested the appointment of an advisory committee of administrators, parents and teachers to meet regarding the continuity of educators of the gifted program and to keep the students academically challenged. She read a letter from Juli Pankow, Hoseye Coach Road, who could not attend the meeting. She has a 6th grader in the Gates program and supports money to meet those needs. It should not be attached to a program.

Carla Barzetti, 16 Beaver Dam Road, spoke on behalf of security guards and having 2 armed guards at each school. Security is paramount. We have a lot of talented parents in the community who can volunteer to help in the schools so funds can be used for security.

Kinga Walsh, 21 Horseshoe Ridge Road, addressed the budget. There have been a lot of cuts in years past and now there are safety issues in the schools. It is good for the public to understand where the Board stands. One thought would be to send it through and let the public decide. She is proud of the way people have worked together.

Karyn Holden, 68 Berkshire Road, is the mother of a first grader at Sandy Hook School. She agrees that we need security officers at our school. We need cell service and a generator and they all fall under security. We lost a strong advocate for the full day kindergarten program. This is something the children and town can take advantage of and the Board should strongly

consider keeping it in budget. With all that we add to this budget we need to make sure the children can still be children and go out onto the playground. She wants her 6-year-old to be a 6-year-old again.

Item 2 – Budget Discussion

Mr. Gaines said a recommendation from the security committee would come to the Board at the meeting on Thursday to add SROs for the elementary schools. They also want them added to the budget and implement immediately additional unarmed security officers in the district with one at each elementary school.

Mrs. Leidlein suggested taking additional time to adopt the budget so there is time to review everything as they will be receiving additional information. She had requested an analysis of the past early retirement plan completed in the fall.

Mr. Vouros felt we needed to see who they are, what positions they hold and what the probability is of finding someone who will sustain the quality of education. Some positions can't be easily replaced. This retirement package shows us where we can possibly save money and we have to be careful that when we do this it shows that we honor these teachers and offer them something that comes close to measuring the success they have had and dedication to the children.

Mrs. Leidlein asked for additional costs since December 14.

Mr. Bienkowski stated he had a meeting the next day with the insurance representatives to see what we are eligible for.

Mrs. Leidlein asked for material on anything including substitutes so they can apply for grants where needed.

Mr. Alexander asked if the staffing information was just until the end of this school year would they be part of the grant and if we will need to pay for anything in the current budget.

Mr. Bienkowski said there are a lot of unknowns and has received bills for approximately \$90,000 so far from Board funds. There may be some positions he isn't sure of. Special ed funds will come from the IDEA grant for the TESOL teacher. Seven of the substitutes and the educational assistants are not in the budget for next year. The TESOL teacher will be in the budget for next year.

Mrs. Roche asked if there was more staff being requested for the end of the year.

Dr. Gejda said there were none she was aware of.

Mr. Vouros feels there should be a separate list of what we will need to add to the \$6.5M for next year. He feels no positions should be removed from the list.

Mrs. Leidlein referred to the enrollment information and stated she had requested actual enrollment figures for Reed and the middle school also, not Chung's numbers.

Mr. Bienkowski said there was no difference in the numbers. Looking at Reed there is very little change. He would provide a separate chart with actual numbers. He said we did a persistence rate on our own numbers and it was decided to use Chung's numbers for the budget.

Mrs. Leidlein didn't understand using Chung's numbers when the actuals are more accurate. They are higher than we've seen in our schools.

Mr. Hart asked about the variance at Head O'Meadow School.

Mr. Bienkowski said they suggest having 71 in grade 1 and 60 in kindergarten.

Mrs. Roche requested the enrollment information be part of the minutes and read a proposed bill regarding ESC grants amounts and the number of children enrolled in half-day kindergarten programs, which is also attached.

Mr. McCubbin explained that currently we have part time kindergarten students that are counted as full time students. We would get a reduced amount from the reimbursement grant when we have full day kindergarten.

MOTION: Mr. Alexander moved to adjourn. Mrs. Roche seconded. Vote: 7 ayes

Item 3 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cody McCubbin
Secretary

**Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut**

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at 3 Primrose Street.

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C. McCubbin, Secretary	10 Staff
R. Gaines	20 Public
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Mrs. Leidlein called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. She offered their condolences to Dr. Robinson on the loss of her father.

Item 1 – Items for Approval

MOTION: Mr. Gaines moved to approve the diesel generator for Head O'Meadow School. Mr. Hart seconded.

Mr. Bienkowski said we preferred to purchase the diesel generator for \$31,350. The total replace cost will be \$56,400 which will be charged to the emergency repair account.

Mrs. Leidlein questioned if we had to go out to bid to which Mr. Bienkowski said the policy allows the Board to approved emergency purchases.

Vote: 6 ayes

Position for Sandy Hook School:

MOTION: Mr. Gaines moved to establish a matron position for 35 hours per week for Sandy Hook School through June 30, 2013. Mr. Hart seconded.

Mrs. Leidlein explained that the person in this position at Chalk Hill School lost their job when we moved there. Because there is an additional 30,000 square feet in the school we have a need for this person who is familiar with the building.

Mr. Bienkowski said this position is 35 hours per week and with 22 weeks left the cost will be \$9,240. We have a balance in the custodial account so it won't have any negative impact and will also be eligible for the reimbursement from the insurance company because it is a larger building.

Vote: 6 ayes

The *Futures* contract will be addressed at a later meeting.

SROs for the Elementary Schools:

Mr. Gaines moved that the Board of Education request SROs to be provided by the police department for the elementary schools for 2013-2014. Mr. Alexander seconded.

Mr. Gaines spoke about the meeting with National Association of School Resource Officers. We currently have one in Reed, the middle school and the high school. This request is to add uniformed officers to the elementary schools providing police presence at all schools.

Mrs. Leidlein mentioned there would be a meeting the next day with state and federal legislators to explore resources to fund additional safety measures such as security guards or SROs.

Mr. Hart asked for the full recommendations of the security committee and if one officer in each school was enough.

Mr. Gaines said in discussions with Chief Kehoe and Captain Rios we determined to have unarmed security guards for our schools. The SROs would be non-Board of Education funded police officers. We don't have them in the elementary schools. We're comfortable with handling the need with a single uniformed officer and a security guard in each school.

Vote: 6 ayes

Mrs. Leidlein said members of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Network from UCLA have been here to address the needs in the community.

Item 2 – Public Participation

Laura Terry, HOM PTA president and Cynthia Iaropoli, co-president, made the following statements.

The Head O'Meadow PTA will advocate for increasing the town and Board of Education budgets to provide improved security measures at all schools.

The Head O'Meadow PTA will advocate for increasing the town and Board of Education budgets to provide improved security measures including but not limited to two School Resource Officers at Head O'Meadow School.

Mrs. Iaropoli said there is a lot of support for what the Board has done.

Mr. Gaines said school resource officers come out of the town budget. There is no time frame for security committee report as they are waiting for proposals to come back before any decisions are made.

John Bello, Glenmore Drive, thanked everyone for their work regarding security and asked for the proposed coverage.

Mr. Gaines explained that the SROs are police who are armed. We currently have 2 uniformed officers at each school. We will replace one with a security guard previously trained in law enforcement but not armed.

Mr. Bello asked why the second person would not be armed also.

Mr. Gaines said it had been recommended that we don't need 2 armed officers at each school and we don't want anyone besides police to have arms on campus.

Mr. Bello recommended that both be armed.

Mr. Gaines trusts the recommendation of the professionals that 1 armed officer will be a sufficient deterrent at this time as the police are not in specific locations in the schools.

Mr. Hart said someone who is armed needs retraining and needs to meet other criteria to be able to carry a weapon. In that case we would have to have multiple SROs.

Mrs. Leidlein stated we are carefully studying the best practices for our schools based on what other schools have done. There is also input from the state and federal level.

Neil Johnson, Abbotts Hill, is his wife's residence. He is currently with the Virginia State Police. Typically SROs give a false sense of security. They won't always be at the front. His concern is access into the schools. An SRO would have challenged the gunman at Sandy Hook School but he wouldn't have the same firepower. He wants to see better restricted access to the schools and a hard measure put in place. Unarmed security guards cannot challenge anyone with a weapon.

Mr. Gaines believes the SROs are more capable and there are other measures underway for controlling access to the schools.

Donna Lorenz, 6 Wedgewood Court, has a daughter in Head O'Meadow. We should go over and above to protect our children. She is not comfortable with one SRO and feels we should have 2. She urged the Board to recommend to the Board of Selectman to have 2 in the elementary schools.

Kathryn Singer, 10 Alberts Hill Road, asked the Board to look at the process and procedures from coming on school grounds. There is a lot of anxiety for the parents because there is not a lot of information coming out. We need piece of mind.

Michelle Hankin, Greenleaf Farms Road, asked the Board to look at the correct personnel for each building and put money into the best practices. Regarding the budget we need the Board to be our advocates to put forward what we need. Please consider putting forward what the children need and consider not cutting the budget.

Kinga Walsh, 21 Horseshoe Ridge, said that being taught by police officers has helped her children get to know them. She heard a rumor that security guards at the high school are carrying tasers to which Mrs. Leidlein said that would not be answered in a public forum. She asked about the grant which Mrs. Leidlein said there were multiple grants to explore which is why we were bringing in legislators.

Mrs. Walsh asked if there was a threshold for the budget which would be helpful for the public to know.

Amy Roman, Taunton Hill Road, appreciated the progress so far. We may want to consider what the public needs along with what the experts recommend. Other PTAs are making this issue a priority also. An SRO and a security guard are the absolute minimum for the schools. Parents support the Board of Education in making schools safe.

Item 3 – Budget

Mrs. Leidlein said we were still receiving information and she was not prepared to adopt budget this evening. The Board agreed.

Mr. Gaines stated that regarding the Head O'Meadow security issue, on Monday installation of cell repeaters will be started so the school will not be without cell service.

Pupil Personnel Budget:

Mr. Vouros wants to add counselors for the elementary schools to address the needs of the students who are beginning to show needs that should be addressed and also wants to add 2 positions for the gifted program. It would be good to find counselors with a background in gifted education.

Mrs. Haggard said the UCLA visitors are part of the decision making process for support.

Mrs. Leidlein asked if a school psychologist would be able to understand and identify any sort of possible mental illness.

Mrs. Haggard said a guidance counselor supports the bigger picture for students and are more involved in student success planning and providing emotional support. The school psychologist has a higher level of training regarding educational evaluations and also has mental health training. Counselors would not identify mental health concerns but are an important part of the process for students in kindergarten through high school.

Mrs. Roche called CAFE to see if there were any policies written about alternative ways of funding special education.

The principal was ill so Reed School would be discussed at the next meeting.

Elementary Schools Budget:

The principals from Hawley, Head O'Meadow and Middle Gate spoke about enrollment for next year. Middle Gate requested an increase to 5 sections in grades 3 and 4. Hawley and Head O'Meadow Schools requested 2 additional teachers for full-day kindergarten if enrollment necessitates.

Technology Budget:

Mrs. Leidlein requested the list of technology donations be sent to the Board before Tuesday.

Mr. Alexander asked about computer obsolescence.

Mrs. Amodeo stated it would eliminate all 7-year- old equipment.

Dr. Gejda asked for any questions for Reed School.

Mr. Vouros said that the project adventure position would free up the rotation schedule and asked the intention of that schedule.

Dr. Gejda would get that information.

Transportation Budget:

Mr. Bienkowski said there is a question of extra transportation costs to Chalk Hill School. The balance for this year is 7,500 gallons more for about \$26,000 but this should be covered by insurance. If we stay there next year we will have to increase our fuel budget.

Mrs. Leidlein questioned the number of gallons we budgeted for with All Star.

Mr. Bienkowski stated the total we budgeted for was 122,000 gallons which is 1,200 per vehicle. We ended up using close to 1,700 gallons in the past. The buses are getting back later so we have 2.5 hours extra which they are paying for labor. If that continues there will be additional costs. Between fuel and driver costs it would be an additional \$20,000.

Mrs. Leidlein asked about answers from the insurance company.

Mr. Bienkowski said they gave us an advance of \$100,000 to help us out. We need to detail the purpose of the individual expenses and they will rule upon it. The town is also in this claim process.

Mrs. Roche asked for the number of buses All Star had.

Mr. Bienkowski said 30 plus buses. They had to add on another run to Chalk Hill.

Mr. Hart thought we may have to renegotiate their contract if we will be there next year. He asked if Chalk Hill was included in this budget.

Mr. Bienkowski said Chalk Hill was not in this budget except for fuel. We won't build that into the budget until we get an answer from the insurance company for coverage next year. If there's not enough then we will have to put money in the budget. Also, some Sandy Hook School costs will be minimal. We don't have to renegotiate the All Star contract because we already have the rates.

Mrs. Leidlein referred to other post-employment benefits. We have \$190,000 and the Board of Finance removed \$100,000 last year. She asked if we paid the \$90,000.

Mr. Bienkowski stated we did and our budget has \$190,000 for next year. That number is on a report commissioned by the town and remains that amount for the short term.

The Board was asked to email any questions to Dr. Gejda.
Mr. McCubbin asked for a prioritized list for technology and building and site.

Item 4 – Budget Resolution

This would be discussed after the budget is adopted.

MOTION: Mr. Hart moved to adjourn. Mrs. Roche seconded. Vote: 7 ayes

Item 5 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cody McCubbin
Secretary

P.O. Box 770001
Cincinnati, OH 45277-0053

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December 26, 2012

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Ms. Christine Gaither
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Cmgaithern@yahoo.com

Grant amount: \$25.00

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Date: 01/14/2013
Grant Reference #: 21220587
Grant Amount: 25.00
Grant Recipient: Newtown School District
Check #: 341258

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Anonymous Redeemer

Grant amount: \$25.00

Anonymous Redeemer

Grant amount: \$100.00

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Date: 01/09/2013
Grant Reference #: 21220211
Grant Amount: 25.00
Grant Recipient: Newtown School District
Check #: 340550

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Date: 01/09/2013
Grant Reference #: 21220212
Grant Amount: 100.00
Grant Recipient: Newtown School District
Check #: 340551

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**NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

2012-13 Approved Operating Budget	\$68,355,794
2012-13 Capital & Non Recurring Fund (for BOE)	\$200,000
<u>2012-13 Approved Expenditures for BOE</u>	<u>\$68,555,794</u>

Total Superintendent's Estimate for Expenditures 1/15/2013 **\$73,042,343** **6.54%**

2/5/2013 **BOE Adjustments to the Superintendent's Estimate of Expenditures:**

<u>FTE</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>% + or -</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>	<u>% -</u>
-0.50	Elementary Teacher	-\$30,039	-0.04%	-\$30,039	-0.04%
4.0	Security guards	\$83,000	0.12%	\$52,961	0.08%
	Building & Site projects	-\$250,000	-0.36%	-\$197,039	-0.29%
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Total Board of Education Adjustments **-\$197,039** **-0.29%** **\$72,845,304** **6.26%**

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Total Increase	\$4,289,510
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Total Board of Education Requested Budget **\$72,845,304** **6.26%**

BUILDING & SITE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS - BY PRIORITY

PRIORITY	LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	COST
1	HAWLEY SCHOOL	CONTINUE DOOR REPLACEMENT-PHASE III	SECURITY/SAFETY	\$ 20,000
1	HAWLEY SCHOOL	UPS BACK-UP FORT VOICE AND DATA	SAFETY	\$ 10,000
1	MIDDLE GATE SCHOOL	UPGRADE ELECTRICAL/GEN BACK-UP FOR PHONE SYS	SAFETY	\$ 18,000
1	HEAD O'MEADOW SCHOOL	UPGRADE ELECTRICAL/GEN BACK-UP FOR PHONE SYS	SAFETY	\$ 20,000
1	MIDDLE SCHOOL	ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AND UPS BACK-UP PHONE SUPPORT	DISTRICT/TOWN INITIATIVE	\$ 20,000
1	MIDDLE SCHOOL	INSTALL ADA LOCKSETS-KEY TO MASTER	SAFETY	\$ 30,000
1	HIGH SCHOOL	CONNECT CULINARY REFRIGERATION TO GENERATOR	HEALTH/FOOD LOSS	\$ 30,000
1	HIGH SCHOOL	EXPAND SERVICE FROM GENERATOR TO F WING CRITICAL	SAFETY	\$ 15,000
				\$ 163,000
2	MIDDLE SCHOOL	INSTALL ADDITIONAL EXTERIOR LIGHTING	SAFETY	\$ 20,000
3	MIDDLE GATE SCHOOL	CARPET/FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	SAFETY	\$ 20,000
3	MIDDLE GATE SCHOOL	PAINT GYM AND REFINISH FLOOR	UPGRADE	\$ 25,000
3	HEAD O'MEADOW SCHOOL	CARPET/FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	SAFETY	\$ 20,000
3	MIDDLE SCHOOL	CARPET/FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	SAFETY	\$ 30,000
				\$ 95,000
4	MIDDLE SCHOOL	PAVE REAR ACCESS ROAD	SAFETY/DETERIORATED	\$ 13,500
5	HEAD O'MEADOW SCHOOL	REPAINT EXTERIOR DOORS,FRAMES,WINDOW FRAMES	RUSTING AND WORN	\$ 20,000
6	HEAD O'MEADOW SCHOOL	INSTALL ACCESS TO REAR OF BUILDING//STONE DRIVE	SAFETY	\$ 15,000
7	REED SCHOOL	INSTALL FLASHING AT ROOF PENETRATIONS	NOT COMPLETE FROM CONST	\$ 15,000
8	MAINTENANCE SHOP	TANK REMOVAL, DRAINAGE & PAVING	EXCEEDED USEFUL LIFE	\$ 35,000
9	WAREHOUSE	LOADING DOCK REPAIRS, DRAINAGE & PAVING	DETERIORATING	\$ 20,000
10	HIGH SCHOOL	PAVE PARKING LOT	SAFETY/POOR CONDITION	\$ 190,000
11	MIDDLE SCHOOL	UPGRADE BATHROOMS IN A WING 2ND FLOOR	SAFETY/HEALTH	\$ 25,000
12	HAWLEY SCHOOL	REPAINT GYM & ADJOINING MUSIC ROOM	BADLY DETERIORATED	\$ 15,000
13	MIDDLE GATE SCHOOL	REPLACE CEILING AT MAIN OFFICE, LIBRARY AND REAR HALL	SAFETY	\$ 15,000
14	MIDDLE GATE SCHOOL	REPAINT '92 WING	UPGRADE	\$ 25,000
14	HEAD O'MEADOW SCHOOL	PAINT CLASSROOMS & HALLWAYS	COVER VINYL	\$ 20,000
				\$ 45,000
15	HEAD O'MEADOW SCHOOL	INSTALL CONCRETE STAIRS TO ADJACENT PROPERTY	SECURITY/SAFETY	\$ 10,000
16	MIDDLE SCHOOL	INSTALL SOUND SYSTEM AUDITORIUM	NON-FUNCTIONAL	\$ 10,000
17	HIGH SCHOOL	CLEAN DUCTWORK	HEALTH	\$ 50,000
18	HIGH SCHOOL	UPGRADE SOUND SYSTEM FOR AUDITORIUM-PHASED PROJECT	SYSTEM FAILING/UNSUPPORTED	\$ 45,000
19	HIGH SCHOOL	VISITOR BLEACHERS-FINAL PHASE	INADEQUATE SEATING	\$ 45,000
20	HAWLEY SCHOOL	INSTALL COVERS AT FIRE PULL STATIONS	SECURITY/SAFETY	\$ 2,500
21	MIDDLE GATE SCHOOL	HALLWAY BATHROOMS-PHASE I (2)	DAMAGED/ADA	\$ 60,000
22	HIGH SCHOOL	REPLACE FLOORING AT LOBBY	HEALTH SAFETY	\$ 35,000
23	MIDDLE GATE SCHOOL	REPLACE WALL SCONCES/LIGHTING	INEFFICIENT	\$ 10,000
24	HAWLEY SCHOOL	INSTALL NON-SKID FLOORING AT RAMPS (97 AND 48)	SAFETY	\$ 10,000
25	REED SCHOOL	INSTALL GRAVEL PATH AROUND SOCCER FIELD	LAWN DAMAGE	\$ 15,000
26	SANDY HOOK/CHALK HILL	RESERVE FOR POTENTIAL CHALK HILL NEEDS	POTENTIAL NEEDS	\$ 95,000
GRAND TOTAL - ALL LOCATIONS				\$ 1,074,000

PRIORITY

HAWLEY SCHOOL				
INSTALL COVERS AT FIRE PULL STATIONS	SECURITY/SAFETY	H	\$ 2,520	\$ 2,500
CONTINUE DOOR REPLACEMENT-PHASE III	SECURITY/SAFETY	H	\$ 20,001	\$ 20,000
REPAINT GYM & ADJOINING MUSIC ROOM	BADLY DETERIORATED	H	\$ 15,012	\$ 15,000
INSTALL NON-SKID FLOORING AT RAMPS (97 AND 48)	SAFETY	M	\$ 10,024	\$ 10,000
UPS BACK-UP FOR VOICE AND DATA	SAFETY	H	\$ 10,001	\$ 10,000
				\$ 57,500

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MIDDLE GATE SCHOOL				
CARPET/FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	SAFETY	H	\$ 20,003	\$ 20,000
REPLACE CEILING AT MAIN OFFICE, LIBRARY AND REAR HALL	SAFETY	M	\$ 15,013	\$ 15,000
HALLWAY BATHROOMS-PHASE I (2)	DAMAGED/ADA	M	\$ 60,021	\$ 60,000
REPAINT '82 WING	UPGRADE	H	\$ 25,014	\$ 25,000
REPLACE WALL SCONCES/LIGHTING	INEFFICIENT	M	\$ 10,023	\$ 10,000
PAINT GYM AND REFINISH FLOOR	UPGRADE	H	\$ 25,003	\$ 25,000
UPGRADE ELECTRICAL/GEN BACK-UP FOR PHONE SYS	SAFETY	H	\$ 18,001	\$ 18,000
				\$ 173,000

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HEAD O'MEADOW SCHOOL				
INSTALL ACCESS TO REAR OF BUILDING//STONE DRIVE	SAFETY	H	\$ 15,006	\$ 15,000
REPAINT EXTERIOR DOORS,FRAMES,WINDOW FRAMES	RUSTING AND WORN	H	\$ 20,005	\$ 20,000
PAINT CLASSROOMS & HALLWAYS	COVER VINYL	M	\$ 20,014	\$ 20,000
INSTALL CONCRETE STAIRS TO ADJACENT PROPERTY	SECURITY/SAFETY	H	\$ 10,015	\$ 10,000
CARPET/FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	SAFETY	H	\$ 20,003	\$ 20,000
UPGRADE ELECTRICAL/GEN BACK-UP FOR PHONE SYS	SAFETY	H	\$ 20,001	\$ 20,000
				\$ 105,000

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REED SCHOOL				
INSTALL GRAVEL PATH AROUND SOCCER FIELD	LAWN DAMAGE	M	\$ 15,025	\$ 15,000
INSTALL FLASHING AT ROOF PENETRATIONS	NOT COMPLETE FROM C	H	\$ 15,007	\$ 15,000
				\$ 30,000

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MIDDLE SCHOOL				
INSTALL SOUND SYSTEM AUDITORIUM	NON-FUNCTIONAL	H	\$ 10,016	\$ 10,000
UPGRADE BATHROOMS IN A WING 2ND FLOOR	SAFETY/HEALTH	H	\$ 25,011	\$ 25,000
CARPET/FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	SAFETY	H	\$ 30,003	\$ 30,000
				\$ -
PAVE REAR ACCESS ROAD	SAFETY/DETERIORATED	H	\$ 13,504	\$ 13,500
INSTALL ADDITIONAL EXTERIOR LIGHTING	SAFETY	H	\$ 20,002	\$ 20,000
ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AND UPS BACK-UP PHONE SUPPORT	DISTRICT/TOWN INITIATI	H	\$ 20,001	\$ 20,000
INSTALL ADA LOCKSETS-KEY TO MASTER	SAFETY	H	\$ 30,001	\$ 30,000
				\$ 148,500

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HIGH SCHOOL				
VISITOR BLEACHERS-FINAL PHASE	INADEQUATE SEATING	H	\$ 45,019	\$ 45,000
				\$ -
UPGRADE SOUND SYSTEM FOR AUDITORIUM-PHASED PROJECT	SYSTEM FAILING/UNSUP	H	\$ 45,018	\$ 45,000
CONNECT CULINARY REFRIGERATION TO GENERATOR	HEALTH/FOOD LOSS	H	\$ 30,001	\$ 30,000
REPLACE FLOORING AT LOBBY	HEALTH SAFETY	M	\$ 35,022	\$ 35,000
PAVE PARKING LOT	SAFETY/POOR CONDITIO	H	\$ 190,010	\$ 190,000
EXPAND SERVICE FROM GENERATOR TO F WING CRITICAL	SAFETY	H	\$ 15,001	\$ 15,000
CLEAN DUCTWORK	HEALTH	M	\$ 50,017	\$ 50,000
				\$ 410,000

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DEPT - SYSTEM WIDE				
MAINTENANCE SHOP TANK REMOVAL, DRAINAGE & PAVING	EXCEEDED USEFUL LIFE	H	\$ 35,008	\$ 35,000
WAREHOUSE LOADING DOCK REPAIRS, DRAINAGE & PAVING	DETERIORATING	M	\$ 20,009	\$ 20,000
				\$ 55,000

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FUEL FOR BUSES

<u>Diesel Fuel Gallons</u>	Budget	
	2012-13	2013-14
All Star*	111,147	113,455
Less: FDK	0	-8,615
O/O	6,000	2,000
MTM	12,000	12,000
Fran	3,000	3,000
	<u>132,147</u>	<u>121,840</u>
Cost pr/gal	\$3.50	\$3.80
Total	\$462,991	\$462,992

Gasoline Gallons

MTM	28,788	28,788
Cost pr/gal	\$3.14	\$3.14
Total	\$90,509	\$90,509

Total Gallons

Gallons	160,935	150,628
Cost	\$553,500	\$553,501

Less: Cash Receipts	-\$5,000	-\$4,000
<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>\$548,500</u>	<u>\$549,501</u>

* Includes fuel for athletic and field trips

AST contract specifies 2,200 gallons per bus. Currently using 42 vehicles therefore, aggregate total is 92,400

<u>Chalk Hill Diesel Estimate</u>	7,560	12,810
	\$3.49	\$3.80
	<u>\$26,384</u>	<u>\$48,678</u>

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT – Equipment Request by Priority

Equipment This represents a total request of \$548,559.

- **Priority 1 –**
 - **Full day Kindergarten Initiative- \$11,924**
 - If full day kindergarten is implemented in the 2013-2014 school year, there would be a need to outfit 2 rooms in the district at a total cost of \$11,924.

- **Priority 2 -**
 - **Obsolescence - \$285,802**
 - The request for equipment dollars for the 2013-2014 school year includes \$285,802 for obsolete replacements. These dollars will primarily address obsolete computers and laptops in Hawley and the High School and projectors at RIS.

- **Priority 3 –**
 - **Voice over IP - \$63,438**
 - The estimated cost to complete the VoIP deploys throughout the District is \$149,670. The District has two buildings that remain to be incorporated into the system: Newtown Middle School and Reed Intermediate School. The amount of \$63,438 is included in the technology equipment line to continue with the VoIP installs by bringing Newtown Middle School onboard. The VoIP system offers features that can help to address issues of being able to communicate with all buildings simultaneously.

- **Priority 4 –**
 - **Priority 1 Building Technology Requests- \$187,395**
 - Additional equipment identified as a priority need by building administrators. Includes but not limited to additional wireless access, iPads, interactive whiteboards, and document cameras.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
Accepted Technology Donations

1/23/2013

Company Name	Address	City	State	ZipCode	Invoice	Description	Value
Cisco Through Atrion	125 Metro Center Boulevard	Warwick	RI	02886		VoIP - phones and router for SHS	\$49,876
						WS-C3560V2-48PS quantity 8 plus installation	\$28,000
PCMall Gov	2 Trap Falls Rd Suite 503	Shelton	CT	06484	S7790729	3 Meraki Wireless Access Points	\$3,297
HP - Tyler Renkert	6 Golden Pond Rd	Newtown	CT	06470	email	HP LaserJet ENT 700 M712xh	\$1,200
Home Depot	114 Federal Road	Danbury	CT	06810	6209-541659	10 outlet surge protector - 15 ft	\$1,854
HBCcommunications Inc	60 Dodge Avenue	North haven	CT	06473	Quote only	33 Smartboards and short throw projects	\$164,351
Charter	9 Commerce Rd	Newtown	CT	06470		Extended WAN to include Chalk Hill	
Verizon	55 Capital Blvd	Rocky Hill	CT	06067	pricing based on estimate to install similar system at HOM at district cost	Interior repeater system at Chalk Hill	\$40,199
IBM	IBM North Castle	Armonk	NY	10594		24 Lenovo ThinkPads	\$27,696
Oracle					email offer	Funds to support the security system in district	\$25,000
Dell	One Dell Way	Round Rock	TX	78682		Discount on servers	\$55,582
RnB	15 Commerce Rd	Newtown	CT	06470		4 SmartBoards and Proj for NMS	

Donations for Board of Education Acceptance

2/5/2013

Gift Cards to Sandy Hook Teacher Fund			\$ 4,200.00
St. Peter's School	(Good Ideas)	\$800	
Avon Public Schools Staff 82	(Really Good Stuff)	\$3,275	
Norell/Oropza Family	(Amazon)	\$100	
Anonymous Donor	(The Disney Store)	not listed	
Open Sky Corporation	(Staples)	\$25	
Donations to Newtown Public Schools From W.B. Mason			\$ 10,174.00
Donations to Newtown Public Schools From East Lyme BOE and others			\$ 5,535.70
Berchem, Moses Re: Sandy Hook Elementary Legal Services December			\$ 19,997.00
Sandy Hook Media Center from Renaissance Learning Company			\$ 3,411.00
Sandy Hook Support Fund from Cloud Fitness, Seth & Michelle Larson			\$12,772.70
Newtown High School from New England Fitness Distributors			\$ <u>983.74</u>
(Repairs to Fitness Center Equipment)			
Total Donations 2/5/13			\$ <u>57,074.14</u>

A Board Of Education Budget Resolution

Whereas, the Newtown Charter Revision Commission's recommendations for a bifurcated budget and advisory questions on the budget referendum ballot were accepted by the Newtown voters and are to be implemented by the Legislative Council in the April 2013 budget referendum and,

Whereas, both the Newtown Superintendent of Schools and Newtown Board of Education will have performed extensive reviews of the proposed Education Budget in order to provide the most cost effective means of accomplishing the Educational Goals of the Newtown School District,

Be it resolved that the Newtown Board of Education will:

- 1) Present and explain its proposed Education Budget to the Board of Finance and
- 2) Urge the Board of Finance to honor both the commitment and expertise of the Newtown School District and Newtown Board of Education, both educational and financial, and the voters' desire to provide their own voice through the aforementioned Budget Referendum Advisory Questions by forwarding the Board of Education's proposed Education Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to the Legislative Council without reduction and
- 3) Urge the Legislative Council to offer the Board of Education's proposed Education Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to the voters without reduction in order to afford the public an opportunity to voice their approval or the direction for modification, increase or decrease, of the Board of Education's unaltered proposed Education Budget.