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## BOARD OF FINANCE

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### BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

### ACTION REPORT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: RICHARD FREEDMAN, CHAIR; MARY LOU RINALDI, VICE CHAIR;  
GEOFF ALSWANGER, FRANK CERASOLI, DAVID MANNIS AND KIERAN RYAN, MEMBERS

OTHERS PRESENT: TAMU LUCERO; JAY FOUNTAIN; AL CAVA; TED JANKOWSKI; TIMOTHY SHAW; DIEDRICH HOHN; KAREN CAMMAROTA; BILL KLOUS; TONY ROMANO; CHRISTOPHER SOULES; JACKIE HEFTMAN; SANDY DENNIES; LOU CASOLO; AND CYNTHIA WINTERLE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD: There were none.

1. MINUTES

Request for approval of minutes of the following December 2020 meetings:

- A. Audit Committee Meeting – December 10, 2020
- B. Regular Monthly Meeting – December 10, 2020
- C. Special Meeting – December 17, 2020

**Submitted by:** Clerk, Board of Finance

Motion to approve by Ms. Rinaldi, second by Mr. Mannis, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

2. DISCUSSION ON BUDGET MATTERS WITH MAYOR DAVID MARTIN (Video:)  
Mayor Martin was not present.

**ITEMS LISTED IN ORDER THEY WERE PRESENTED**

12. APPROPRIATION OF A PORTION OF PRIOR YEAR GENERAL FUND BALANCE FY2019-20  
(Video:)  
Request for appropriation of a portion of prior year general fund balance FY2019-20 which will serve to fund the transfer of funds from the General Fund towards Board of Education capital projects. (This item is linked with Item 13.)

**Action Requested:** Approval of transfer of funds  
**Amount:** \$2,800,000  
**Fund/Budget:** From: General Fund  
To: BOE Capital Projects  
**Submitted by:** Mayor David Martin  
**Attending:** Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration

Motion to approve by Ms. Rinaldi, second by Mr. Mannis, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

3. BUDGET UPDATE – BOARD OF EDUCATION (Video: )  
Superintendent of Schools Tamu Lucero provided a brief update on the BOE budget.

4. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – UAW RETRO WAGE PAYOUT (Video: )  
Request to appropriate wage increase obligations from FY 17/18 (\$1,227,420) and FY18/19 (\$792,278) for UAW per contract settlement.

**Action Requested:** Approval of additional appropriation  
**Amount:** \$2,019,698  
**Fund/Budget:** Fund Balance  
**Submitted by:** Al Cava, Director, Human Resources  
**Attending:** Jay Fountain, Director of OPM

Motion to approve by Mr. Freedman, second by Mr. Cerasoli, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

5. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – UAW WAGE INCREASE FY/20/21 (Video: )  
Request to appropriate funds per the increased obligations for FY20/21 per a recent contract settlement.

**Action Requested:** Approval of additional appropriation  
**Amount:** \$855,787  
**Fund/Budget:** Contingency  
**Submitted by:** Al Cava, Director, Human Resources  
**Attending:** Mr. Fountain

Motion to approve by Mr. Cerasoli, second by Mr. Alswanger, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

6. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – FY21 CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION UAW AND DENTAL RESERVE - FY20 WAGE INCREASE (Video:)

Request to appropriate funds that are no longer needed to fund future obligations of the City - \$400,000 for UAW and \$6,000 for Dental Hygienists of the City.

**Action Requested:** Approval of additional appropriation  
**Amount:** \$406,000 (\$400,000 UAW and \$6,000 Dental Hygienists)  
**Fund/Budget:** Contingency  
**Submitted by:** Al Cava, Director, Human Resources  
**Attending:** Mr. Fountain

Motion to approve by Mr. Cerasoli, second by Mr. Alswanger, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

7. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – FY21 FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION UAW AND DENTAL RESERVE – FY20 WAGE INCREASE (Video:)

Request to appropriate funds that are no longer needed to fund future obligations of the City. \$400,000 for UAW and \$6,000 for Dental Hygienists of the City.

**Action Requested:** Approval of additional appropriation  
**Amount:** \$406,000 (\$400,000 UAW and \$6,000 Dental Hygienists)  
**Fund/Budget:** Fund Balance  
**Submitted by:** Al Cava, Director, Human Resources  
**Attending:** Mr. Fountain

Motion to approve by Mr. Freedman, second by Mr. Cerasoli, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

8. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – COMMUNITY RESPONSE INITIATIVE (Video:)

Request for an additional appropriation to provide a comprehensive, effective response to the mental health and social service needs of the Stamford community. The Community Response Initiative is an innovative partnership and collaboration between Recovery Network of Programs (RNP) and the Stamford Police Department embedding a bilingual social worker to work directly out of the Stamford Police Department. RNP is a non-profit, social service organization that has been serving the community for forty-eight years.

**Action Requested:** Approval of additional appropriation  
**Amount:** \$73,500  
**Fund/Budget:** Contingency  
**Submitted by:** Ted Jankowski, Director, Public Safety, Health and Welfare  
**Attending:** Mr. Jankowski; Timothy Shaw, Police Chief; Diedrich Hohn, Police Captain

Motion to approve by Ms. Rinaldi, second by Mr. Alswanger, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

9. CAPITAL PROJECT CP6599 APPROPRIATION REQUEST – DYKE LANE PUMP STATION UPGRADE (Video: )

Request for a Capital Project (CP6599) appropriation changing the fund source from Bond to Federal Grant.

**Action Requested:** Approval of Capital Project CP6599 appropriation  
**Amount:** \$1,060,291  
**Fund/Budget:** Federal Grant  
**Submitted by:** William Brink, Executive Director, WPCA  
**Attending:** Tony Romano, Management Analyst, OPM; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer

Motion to approve by Mr. Mannis, second by Mr. Alswanger, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

10. CAPITAL PROJECT CP1460 APPROPRIATION REQUEST – PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT & UPGRADE (Video: )

Request for a Capital Project (CP1460) appropriation changing the fund source from Bond to Capital Non-Recurring.

**Action Requested:** Approval of Capital Project CP1460 appropriation  
**Amount:** \$816,000  
**Fund/Budget:** Capital Non-Recurring  
**Submitted by:** Bill Klous, Fleet Manager  
**Attending:** Messrs. Jankowski, Romano, Shaw and Klous

Motion to approve by Mr. Cerasoli, second by Ms. Rinaldi, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

11. ADVISORY OPINION – SECURITY GUARDS CONTRACT – BOARD OF EDUCATION (Video: )

In accordance with the City of Stamford Charter Section C6-20-7 the Board of Finance is asked to issue an advisory opinion on a labor settlement according to the Tentative Agreement between the Board of Education and Stamford BOE Security Guards, UPSEU.

**Action Requested:** Issuance of Advisory Opinion  
**Submitted by:** Christopher Soules, Esq., Interim Executive Director of Human Resources, Board of Education  
**Attending:** Mr. Soules; Superintendent Lucero; Jackie Heftman, Member BOE

When the collective bargaining agreement has been finalized and signed, the Board of Finance shall render an advisory opinion to the Board of Representatives of the total cost and potential long-term tax burden of the agreement.

Motion to provide a favorable opinion by Mr. Alswanger, second by Mr. Mannis, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

(Item 12 was presented at the beginning of the meeting.)

13. APPROPRIATION CAPITAL PROJECT 001230 – 229 NORTH STREET (BOARD OF EDUCATION) (Video: )

Request for a Capital Projects appropriation in the amount of \$2,800,000 for Phase 1 work that includes building code modifications, project design and FF&E/Technology to enable the BOE Anchor program to occupy 229 North Street facility for Fall 2021. (This item is linked with Item 12.)

**Action Requested:** Approval of Capital Project 001230 appropriation  
**Amount:** \$2,800,000  
**Fund/Budget:** Capital Non-Recurring  
**Submitted by:** Lou Casolo, City Engineer  
**Attending:** Mr. Casolo

Motion to approve this item for **\$2,400,000** by Mr. Freedman, second by Mr. Cerasoli, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

14. APPROPRIATION CAPITAL PROJECT 001229 – STAMFORD HIGH CLASSROOMS, COURTYARD AND PARKING (Video: )

Request for State Bond funding to conduct five (5) projects at Stamford High School to support the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP), UConn Early College Experience, Early College Studies program, and the larger Stamford High community. Projects include new IBDP furniture, two (2) science classroom renovations, limited front parking lot upgrades, limited courtyard upgrades, and building-wide classroom, office and corridor signage.

**Action Requested:** Approval of Capital Project 001229 appropriation  
**Amount:** \$551,110  
**Fund/Budget:** State Grant  
**Submitted by:** Lou Casolo, City Engineer  
**Attending:** Kevin McCarthy, Facilities Manager; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer

Motion to approve by Mr. Alswanger, second by Mr. Cerasoli, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

15. APPROPRIATION CAPITAL PROJECT 000612 – BOE DISTRICT-WIDE RENOVATION ASSESSMENT (Video: )

Request for a renovation assessment of Westhill High School and Lockwood Avenue School. The assessment report will be submitted to the State for grant fund reimbursements.

**Action Requested:** Approval of Capital Project 000612 appropriation  
**Amount:** \$200,000  
**Fund/Budget:** Capital Non-Recurring  
**Submitted by:** Lou Casolo, City Engineer  
**Attending:** Mr. Casolo

Motion to approve by Mr. Alswanger, second by Mr. Mannis, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

16. CAPITAL PROJECT CLOSEOUT RECOMMENDATION (Video:)  
Request for the partial closeout of Capital Projects in the total amount of \$3,569,134.30 as outlined in Exhibit #16 and pursuant to Stamford City Code Section 8-2.

**Action Requested:** Approval of partial closeout of Capital Projects  
**Amount:** \$3,569,134.30  
**Fund/Budget:** Various - Bond or State Grant – as indicated  
**Submitted by:** Anthony Romano, Management Analyst, OPM  
**Attending:** Jay Fountain, Director of OPM, Mr. Romano (TBC)

17. BUDGET PRESENTATION CALENDAR – 2021-22 (Video:)  
Request for approval of the 2021-22 Budget Presentation Calendar

**Action Requested:** Approval  
**Submitted by:** Cynthia Winterle, Clerk  
**Attending:** Ms. Winterle

18. ADJOURNMENT (Video:)

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. by Ms. Rinaldi, second by Mr. Freedman, passed with a unanimous vote (6-0-0).

The next Regular Meeting of the Board: Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

[This meeting is on video.](#)

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