

MINUTES OF FISCAL  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Stamford, Connecticut  
April 21, 2009

The Fiscal Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was held on April 21, 2009 at the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Heftman, Chairperson, with the following Committee members present: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Rubino. Also in attendance: Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Polo, Ms. Wade, Dr. Starr, Mr. Murphy, representatives from the Advocate, SEA, and Board of Representatives.

Dr. Starr presented a preliminary proposal of budget cuts to equal the \$5.8M cut made by the Board of Finance. He noted that he had consulted with principals regarding the position cuts. He stated that the cuts do not impact programs, but would increase class size.

The report that the Board had asked for on transportation savings has been completed and will be in Board packets this Friday. Policy changes might be necessary to realize some savings. Since policy changes require two votes by the Board, this process needs to start very soon. Ms. Nabel offered to research State law regarding transportation radius and she will also look at other districts' policies.

Board members asked for additional information relative to consultant fees paid in this school year both in operating and grant funds, legal requirements regarding raises for contract employees a transfer of funds report for this fiscal year, and a breakout of staff and program information (ALTA, AVID) for the Office of Family & Community Engagement.

Ms. Nabel asked if the Board of Finance cut was the entire amount granted for salary and step increases. Mr. Murphy said that \$5.8M of the \$6.6M total was cut.

Ms. Heftman indicated that the following meetings are scheduled:

- April 28, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting
- May 12, 2009 – Working Board Meeting
- May 21, 2009 – Fiscal Committee Meeting
- May 26, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting
- May 28, 2009 – Special Board Meeting to reallocate 2009-2010 budget

Ms. Heftman asked Board members to email her, Dr. Starr and Ms. Nabel if they have other areas they are looking at for possible cuts.

Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Nabel to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Rubino.

Joshua P. Starr, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Executive Officer