

MINUTES OF FISCAL
COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stamford, Connecticut
January 31, 2008

The Fiscal Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 31, 2008 at the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Ms. McManus, Chairperson, with the following Committee members present: Mr. Freedman, Mr. King, Ms. McManus, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Rubino. Also in attendance: Mr. Mathews, Dr. Starr, Mr. Dunn, Dr. Hamilton, Ms. Nicholson, Ms. Swerdlick, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Anderson, and Ms. Nesin.

The meeting was a continuing review of the Superintendent's Proposed 2008-2009 Operating Budget.

Mr. Dunn and Mr. Murphy reviewed budget requests for Program 30, the Board of Education budget which includes costs to develop the Environmental Magnet School program and redistricting transition.

Also discussed were Programs 32 and 33 – General Business Services. Committee members asked questions about the copier contract and costs. The Stamford Public Schools uses 40 million copies per year.

Ms. Anderson presented Program 35 – Human Capital Development. The request was made to increase substitute coverage to \$100.00 per day. There is a slight increase in cost for security and new programs requested by John Perrotta. The retirement savings was calculated by using 30 retirements and 50 resignations.

Ms. Nesin reviewed the entire mandated Adult and Continuing Education budget. ESL students number 1,994 with an additional almost 500 in the GED Program, High School Credit Diploma, and Adult Basic Education. Last year we asked the program to dip into reserves, so there are few reserves left.

Mr. Rubino moved, seconded by Ms. Nabel to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mr. Freedman, Mr. King, Ms. McManus, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Rubino.

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