

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2019**

Present: Gladys Cooper, Richard Jannelli, Frederick Karrat (6:56 p.m.), David Metrena (6:37 p.m.),  
Ralph Pietrafesa

Also Present: Rachel Chaleski, Patrick Johnston, Emanuela Palmares, Amy Spallino, Dr. Sal Pascarella,  
Kevin Walston, Joe Martino, Kelly Truchsess, Dr. Kara Casimiro, Dr. Anne Mead

The Chair of the Finance Committee, R. Jannelli, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and turned it over to J. Martino to begin discussion of the 2019-20 Budget.

The use of a model is being explored to pay vendors by credit card, through which a percentage of spend would be returned to the district.

Details of the Superintendent's Proposed Future Planning as projected through the next consecutive 3 years were distributed to all members. An overall increase of 5.57% (\$7.36MM) was identified for 2019-20. This includes increased staffing at the new DHS and WMSA building additions; additional Special Education and Elementary School staff due to increased enrollment; increased Substitute positions and rates; increased Special Area staff and School Security Improvements required to match respective grants; a one-time SRBI tracking software purchase; as well as contractual raises, benefits, services, refuse removal, transportations, utilities and supplies.

The Superintendent and Cabinet members answered questions from the committee and board members regarding student-administration ratio; ECS, Title 1 and Alliance funds; Special Education costs; possible unanticipated expenses from current Strategic Plan work and Space and Enrollment studies.

R. Jannelli thanked Mr. Martino for the multi-year budget and requested additional documentation of the Alliance Grant.

R. Jannelli moved, seconded by R. Pietrafesa, to adjourn the January 9 Finance Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Rachel Chaleski, Secretary