

NEW LONDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School Library**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2009**

**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Maynard-Adams called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Present: Ms. Maynard-Adams, Chair  
Mrs. Christine Carver, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Christopher Clouet, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Susan Connolly (non-voting)  
Mr. Alvin Kinsall (non-voting)  
Mr. Bill Morse  
Mr. James Pearce  
Mrs. Maria Z. Whalen, Director of Business and Finance

2. COMMENTS FROM PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

*There were no public comments.*

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Morse, seconded by Mr. Pearce,  
that the following items, as set forth on the Consent Agenda for the Finance  
Committee meeting of February 18, 2009, be approved, or received for the record,  
unless removed by a committee member or the Superintendent of Schools.

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

4. MINUTES

The Finance Committee approved the minutes of the February 9, 2009, meeting,  
as submitted in Exhibit 4.

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***END OF CONSENT AGENDA***

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.a. Budget

Motion by Mr. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Morse, that the Finance Committee adopt a preliminary budget for School Year 2009-2010 for submission to the City Council for inclusion in the 2009-2010 appropriations ordinance of \$41,100,183 or a 3.46% increase over the School Year 2008-2009 operating budget of \$39,724.406. This restores a salary for a Gifted Teacher of \$57,000, as reduced in the recommendations of February 13<sup>th</sup>, back to the budget as approved. It also applies the amount freed up by the proposed reduction in grant positions to offset the proposed increase in the NLBOE Budget.

*Mr. Pearce withdrew his motion.*

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Morse, that the Finance Committee take the following actions:

1. Reduce Teachers: **\$29,900**
  - a. Jennings Bilingual
  - b. DLAA Academy

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

Reduce Custodian – Middle School: **\$4,900**

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

2. Reduce Salary Improvement: **\$28,000**

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

3. Reduce Rubbish Removal: **\$133,020**

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

4. Reduce LEARN Contract: **\$120,000**

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

5. Reduce 1.0 Social Worker: **\$74,000**

*Motion carried, 2 – 1*  
*Voting No: Mr. Morse*

6. Reduce 1 SRO: **\$58,300**

*Motion carried, 2 – 1*  
*Voting No: Mr. Morse*

7. Reduce 1 Library Media Aide: **\$32,000**

*Motion failed, 1 – 2*  
*Voting No: Ms. Maynard-Adams*  
*Mr. Pearce*

8. Reduce 9 Daily Substitute Educational Assistants: **\$104,600**

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

9. Reduce Substitute Teachers: **\$27,500**

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

10. Reduce Insurance RX Plan: **\$90,000**

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

11. Reduce one Gifted Teacher: **\$72,000**

*Motion carried, 2 – 1*  
*Voting No: Mr. Pearce*

12. Reduce MS Educational Assistant: **\$54,000**

*Motion carried, 3 - 0*

Motion by Mr. Morse, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams,  
that the Finance Committee recommend a reduction of 5% of the  
Materials and Supplies line item for a total of \$65,000.

*Motion carried, 2 – 1*  
*Voting No: Mr. Pearce*

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Morse,  
that the Finance Committee recommend reducing the proposed  
2009-2010 budget by \$846,220 and request that the Board approve  
a total budget of \$41,077,783 which is a 3.41% increase over last  
year's budget.

*Motion carried, 2 – 1*  
*Voting No: Mr. Morse*

6. FUTURE BUSINESS

*None.*

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Morse,  
that the Finance Committee adjourn its meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

*Motion carried, 3 – 0*

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Tamano  
Administrative Aide