

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
PUBLIC HEARING ON  
BOARD OF EDUCATION FY25 BUDGET**

**March 20, 2024**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MIDDLEBROOK SCHOOL AUDITORIUM & via ZOOM**

**PRESENT**

**Board of Finance:** Matthew Raimondi, Stewart Koenigsberg (via zoom), Sandra Arkell, Timothy Birch (via zoom), Rudy Escalante, Prasad Iyer

**Board of Education:** Ruth DeLuca, Nicola Davies, Lori Bufano, Pam Ely, Patrick Pearson, Heather Priest  
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kevin Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dawn Norton (Town of Wilton and BOE CFO) and members of the public

Board of Finance Chair Matthew Raimondi called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Raimondi welcomed and thanked all in attendance. He also thanked the IT department for organization of the technology logistics and Middlebrook for hosting, as well as the BOE for their partnership and collaboration.

Mr. Raimondi introduced the members of the Board of Finance. After the introductions, he began reviewing the BOF presentation which discussed the FY2025 budget, mill rate, and tax rates. He noted that the BOE budget request is \$93.5M which represents an approximate 4.9% increase over the FY2024 budget, and that the BOS operating and capital budget request is for a total of \$35.9M which represents an approximate 4.1% increase over the FY2024 budget. Within the presentation, Mr. Raimondi reviewed the role of the Board of Finance and also noted that Budget and Mill Rate Deliberations will taking place on April 2-4, 2024 and the Annual Town Meeting would be on May 7, 2024 with adjourned voting taking place on May 11, 2024. Mr. Raimondi concluded his comments and he introduced BOE Chair Ruth Deluca.

Ms. DeLuca introduced and thanked the members of the Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Kevin Smith and the BOE staff and began reviewing the BOE presentation on the BOE FY2025 Budget. She noted special thanks to CFO Dawn Norton, Maryann Salvato (BOE Business Office), Laila Rudinas (BOE Business Office) and Lucille DeNovio (Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent) for their expertise and care in building the proposed budget. Ms. DeLuca then gave a detailed review of the FY2025 BOE budget.

After Ms. DeLuca's presentation Mr. Raimondi then opened the floor to public comment. Twenty residents spoke and expressed their views on the BOE budget:

1. Peter Slavin of Old Highway
2. Peter Wrampe of Pipers Hill Rd.
3. Deborah McFadden of Westport Rd.
4. Tom Dubin of Signal Hill Rd.
5. Sarah Sclafani of Wilton Hunt Rd.
6. Meghan Newton of Scarlett Oak Dr.

7. Ross Tartell of Washington Post Dr.
8. Lara Paschalidis of Chestnut Hill Rd.
9. David Tatkow of Wolfpit Rd.
10. Louise Shames of Mollbrook Dr.
11. Olga Zargos-Traub of Wicks End La.
12. Jim Kineon of Bald Hill Rd.
13. Steve Hudspeth of Glen Hill Rd.
14. Lindsey Mackay of Old Kings Highway
15. Al Bartek of Cheesespring Rd.
16. Barbara L. Geddis of Cannon Rd.
17. Julie Corbett of Saddle Ridge Rd.
18. Tubtim Tangney of Wolfpit Rd.
19. Warren Serenbetz of Signal Hill Rd.
20. Michelle Martinez of Clover Dr.

Mr. Raimondi thanked all in attendance at the meeting and those that participated via zoom.

There being no further comments, the BOF Public Hearing on the BOE Budget adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Rochester  
(from video recording)

BOF and BOE Presentations available:

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