

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
PUBLIC HEARING – MAYOR’S PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019 and  
BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019  
FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

The Board of Finance held a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 1, 2018 regarding the Mayor’s Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2018-2016 and Board of Education Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The meeting was held in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman Lema called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Brian Lema, Chairman  
Joseph Fitzpatrick  
Joseph Castignoli  
Lauren Secondi  
Scott Moulton

**Also Present**

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
Peter Erodici, Finance Director

Chairman Lema welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing for the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 and the Board of Education’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. He explained the format for the meeting.

**Speakers regarding the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for FY 2018-2019:**

C. Thomas – 8 Argyle Road – stated he was speaking favorably in continuing to invest in the community, specifically the library and its programs. He stated another part of the community is the Boys & Girls Club and he asked the Board to continue to fund them and their efforts on behalf of children. He also spoke of the importance of continuing to invest in the school budget, specifically regarding school safety officers and the importance of having those relationships on all levels, especially the middle school students.

A. Harrigan – 107 Oronoque Road – echoed the comments of Mr. Thomas regarding the Milford Public Library. He stated the library is about to embark on important strategic planning for the future and asked the Board to support that endeavor. He commented a lot can be told about a community that supports its library.

S. Krushinsky – 60 Crescent Drive – stated she was disappointed to see the funding for the school resource officer taken out of the police budget. She spoke of the value of the SRO program, not just for security, but for the community as a whole.

K. Flannery – 41 North Street - issue in the city budget, she stated this is the fourth year in a row the city has not matched the request for a 4<sup>th</sup> SRO, which would rotate between the middle schools. She continued reading from a prepared statement citing various facts regarding the role of a school resource officer and safety.

**Speakers regarding the Board of Education Proposed Budget for FY 2018-2019:**

G. Uberti – 75 Demaio Drive – encouraged the Board to pass the BOE budget as presented, specifically the line item for facilities. She stated the increase in the budget this is year is just over 1%. She continued reading from a prepared statement.

J. DeYoung – 74 Oriole Lane – reading from a prepared statement, asked the Board to fully fund the proposed education budget. She spoke of commitment and asked this Board to consider their commitment – expansion of world history, girl’s hockey, etc. She stated “*our children most precious resource*”.

N. Phelps – Naugatuck Avenue – asked the Board to fully fund the requested Board of Education as presented. She stated everyone benefits from well-rounded children.

K. Flannery – 41 North Street – stated the Board of education has presented a fiscally responsible budget and asked the Board to fully fund the budget as presented. She continued reading from a prepared statement. She pointed out the budget present is unprecedented because the BOE added dollars to the budget for one additional building project.

C. Thomas – 8 Argyle Road – fund at least what they are asking for. He stated this district is extremely fugal and thrifty when it comes to its budget. He also commented there is great momentum in this district and it needs to continue. He spoke of the personal growth of his own children. He stated this is a time when we cannot depend on the State.

B. Bumbalow – 122 Melba Street – stated he wished to lend his voice for the record in support of the budget.

Chairman Lema stated discussions on the Board of Education budget would continue on next week, adding the public is invited to attend.

Being no further speakers, Ms. Secondi and Mr. Moulton moved to recess. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary