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Stratford Board of Education

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The **Stratford Board of Education** conducted a special meeting on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017** at Town Hall (Room 213), 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

Board Members Present: James Feehan, Leonard Petruccelli, Susan Lance, Eric Lazaro, Chris Barnaby, Maria Buturla

Board Members Absent: Theresa Sheehy

Central Office

Administration Present: Superintendent Janet Robinson, Mr. Zachery (Chief Operating Officer)

Recording Secretary: Teresa Lycoudes

A: CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:10 PM by the Board Chair, James Feehan. A Quorum was confirmed.

B: ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. **Proposed:** Approval of the 2017-2018 Itemized Estimate of Expenditures (Budget)

Motion: Approval of the 2017-2018 Itemized Estimate of Expenditures (Budget). In the amount of \$110,447,927 which represents a 3.42% increase over last year's budget. The item was opened for discussion.

After a brief discussion regarding the Finance Committee's recommendation, it was brought to the attention of the Board that \$74,000 needed to be added back in to the budget for the purpose of preserving two existing positions. Mr. Petruccelli stated it was not the intention of the Finance Committee to cut two existing positions. Their intent was to cut only the proposed new positions. Mr. Petruccelli also stated, for the record, the budget passed from the Finance Committee to the full Board with 3 in opposition. He said some members of the Committee were not in agreement with the cuts.

After further deliberation and careful consideration, the following motion was made:

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Petruccelli; seconded by Mr. Lazaro to take \$50,000 from the contingency account and add back to the budget to preserve the aforementioned positions. This brings the proposed

budgeted amount for 2017-2018 to \$110,947,927 (3.467% increase) A roll call vote was taken.

Jim Feehan	Yes
Leonard Petruccelli	Yes
Chris Barnaby	Yes
Maria Buturla	Yes
Susan Lance	Yes
Eric Lazaro	Yes

The motion carried 6:0.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Barnaby; seconded by Mr. Lazaro to approve the proposed budgeted amount for 2017-2018 to \$110,947,927 (3.467% increase) A roll call vote was taken.

Jim Feehan	Yes
Leonard Petruccelli	Yes
Chris Barnaby	Yes
Maria Buturla	Yes
Susan Lance	Yes
Eric Lazaro	Yes

Resolved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Stratford Board of Education accepts and approves the proposed Itemized Estimate of Expenditures for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$110,497,927 (3.467% increase). This amount will be forwarded to the Mayor's Office and Town Council for further review and approval. The **motion carried 6:0.**

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda item, the Board Chair called for a motion to adjourn. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PETRUCCELLI; SECONDED BY MR. LAZARO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 PM.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Teresa Lycoudes, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education.

Teresa Lycoudes – Exec. Asst. to Superintendent / Secretary to the Board