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EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
1110 MAIN STREET, 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

DECEMBER 3, 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Connor Martin, Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, and John Morrison

ABSENT Councillor Patricia Harmon

ALSO Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
PRESENT Paul Mainuli, Business Manager, EH Public Schools
Christopher Wethje, Human Resources, EH Public Schools
Linda Trzetzziak, Finance Director
Michael Walsh, former Finance Director
Board of Education Members:
Bryan Hall, Chair, Tyron Harris, Secretary, Harry Amadasun, Jr.,
Vanessa Jenkins, Marilyn Pet, Dorese Roberts, Tom Rup,
Valerie Scheer and Stephanie Watkins

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board of Education Chair Bryan Hall, Superintendent Nate Quesnel and Council Chair Rich Kehoe highlighted the collaborative budget process between the Town Administration, Town Council and Board of Education and the ongoing communications throughout the fiscal year. The Board and the Town Council recognized that the town's future is inextricably linked to the quality of the school system and the need to maintain an affordable tax rate.

The Board of Education and Michael Walsh presented an overview of the Superintendent's proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and the current state of the health benefits accounts. The proposed budget, which contains a 1.1% increase in expenditures, is driven mainly by higher health insurance, special education, transportation and utility costs. The budget revenues assume a projected increase of \$2.1M of Alliance Funding which is currently in the state's biennial budget for next year, \$485,000 in additional revenues and a \$1.1M increase in town funding. Town Councillors and Board members asked questions about the major changes in the budget.

Town Councillors were encouraged to submit any additional questions about the budget proposal to the Town Council Clerk who can transmit them to the Board of Education and ensure that answers are distributed to all Councillors.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Sebrina Wilson
 to **adjourn** (8:58 p.m.)
 Motion carried 8/0.

Attest Richard F. Kehoe
 Richard F. Kehoe
 Town Council Chair