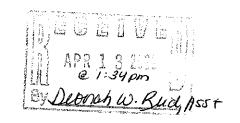
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Monday, April 4, 2022 8:00 p.m.



South Windsor Town Council

PURPOSE: Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Mayor Pendleton called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m.; and requested that the Recording Secretary read the call of the meeting (a copy of which is attached hereto, **Exhibit A**).

Public Comment

Mayor Pendleton asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak.

Daria Plummer (235 Orchard Hill Drive) spoke in favor of the approval of the Board of Education Budget and believes that the South Windsor Public Schools are known far and wide. Ms. Plummer commented that the South Windsor robotics team does a phenomenal job and that there are many successes in our school's community. Ms. Plummer expressed that she believes that the Board of Education Budget needs full support as it is a driving reason why people come to South Windsor.

Elizabeth McGuire (89 Heritage Drive) spoke in favor of the proposed budget and that bipartisan support is important to maintain the academic standards in our schools. Ms. McGuire commented that South Windsor has great physical learning environments and that the academic programs are second to none.

Craig Zimmerman (5-A Amato Drive), Chair of the Board of Education spoke in favor of the proposed budget and that while the budget discussions are generally about the dollar amount, it also highlights initiatives that South Windsor residents feel are important. Mr. Zimmerman thanked members of the Town Council, Board of Education, administrators, staff, and faculty on the outstanding job that they do in serving the students of South Windsor.

Linda Jeski (70 Mohegan Trail) spoke in favor of the proposed Board of Education budget and that she is proud of the work that South Windsor does and feels that budget cuts that element positions are never a good thing and that she is impressed with the work that the South Windsor Special Education department does.

Jane Jones Sellers (840 Ellington Road) spoke in favor and approved of passing the proposed Board of Education Budget and that in fact, she felt the budget should be doubled. Ms. Sellers indicated that she is a former educational professional and that she often felt that education is underfunded.

Mary Justine Hockenberry (16 Foxglove Lane) spoke in favor of the Board of Education budget and that she is a former member of the Board of Education and has the opportunity to be both a Board Member and a taxpayer. Ms. Hockenberry indicated that we should

be critical of the budget and continuously look for ways to save money, including applying for grants and coming up with creative ways to bring in revenue to the Town. Ms. Hockenberry urged the passing of the Board of Education budget.

Mayor Pendleton asked for a Straw Vote, the results of which were as follows:

Those **supporting** the proposed Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023: **19**

Those in **opposition** to the proposed Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023: **0**

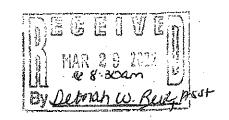
The Public Hearing was closed at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Nolan Clerk of the Council

Public Hearing Notice - Exhibit A





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LEGAL AD

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

Notice is hereby given that the South Windsor Town Councilhas set Monday, April 4, 2022, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the South Windsor Town Hall, 1540 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor, Connecticut, as the time and place for a Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Dated at South Windsor, Connecticut this 28th day of March 2021.

Attested to by:

Katherine Senerth Executive Assistant

Public Notice Legal ad Town of South Windsor

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Dated at South Windsor, Cermecticut this 28th day of March 2021

Attested to by:

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