

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**FY 2022-2023 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**  
**April 21, 2022**

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Legislative Council budget deliberations were held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called out of recess at 6:03 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dominique Baez	Betty Wetmore (after roll call)
Katie Kiely	Jeron Alston
Sarah Gallagher	Adrian Webber
Abdul Osmanu	Laurie Sweet
Ted Stevens	Lesley DeNardis
Kristen Zaehring	Justin Farmer
Marjorie Bonadies	Paula Irvin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cory O'Brien

**PRESIDING:** Justin Farmer, President Pro Tem

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director; Rick Galarza, Deputy Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney, Jody Goeler, Superintendent of Schools; Tom Ariola, BOE Director of Finance; Chris Melillo, BOE

**Mr. Farmer requested a motion** to accept the Mayor's proposed State of Connecticut Revenues (Town). Moved by Ms. Kiely, seconded by Mr. Osmnau and after some discussion approved with 2 opposed (Bonadies) (Wetmore) and 2 abstentions (Alston) (Farmer)

**Mr. Farmer requested a motion** to accept the Board of Education's expenditures as proposed by the Mayor. Moved by Ms. Kiely, seconded by Mr. Webber. Mr. Goeler then went over the BOE budget followed by a lengthy discussion of some line items and programs. Mr. Ariola stated this budget was increased by approximately \$700,000 from the last fiscal year.

After more discussion Mr. Stevens stated he thinks the \$92,000,000 is good and he's okay with it.

**Mr. Farmer moved a motion** to flat fund the BOE budget, seconded by Ms. Baez. Ms. Kylie said she's inclined to go with the Mayor's recommendation. Ms. Zaehringler said if they flat fund the BOE she thinks they should do it to all departments. Ms. DeNardis said she agrees with the shared sacrifice and thinks they should do it on the Town side as well. Mr. Stevens said he thinks the 6.6 is ell less than inflation and thinks the \$2,000,000 already cut was good and is okay with this minor increase. Mr. Farmer said he'd like to see that money reinvested.

A vote was taken and it passed with 8 in favor (Bonadies) (DeNardis) (Farmer) (Osmanu) (Sweet) (Wetmore) (Zaehringler) (Baez) – 6 opposed (Alston) (Gallagher) (Irvin) (Kiely) (Stevens) (Webber) and 1 absent (O'Brien)

Mr. Farmer then called for the vote on the Board of Education budget as amended and it passed with 8 in favor (Bonadies) (DeNardis) (Farmer) (Osmanu) (Sweet) (Wetmore) (Zaehringler) (Baez) – 6 opposed (Alston) (Gallagher) (Irvin) (Kiely) (Stevens) (Webber) and 1 absent (O'Brien)

**Mr. Farmer requested a motion** to accept the Board of Education revenues as proposed by the Mayor. Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Mr. Stevens and approved unanimously.

**Mr. Farmer requested a motion** to accept the State of Connecticut Revenues for the BOE. Moved by Ms. Kiley, seconded by Mr. Farmer and approved unanimously.

**Mr. Farmer requested a motion** to accept the Assessor's revenues as proposed by the Mayor. Moved by Ms. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved unanimously.

Mr. Farmer announced the Assessor's expenditures will be postponed to a future date.

There being no further business Mr. Farmer recessed the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta  
Clerk of the Council