

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PUBLIC BUDGET COMMENT SESSION  
MARCH 30, 1999  
LINCOLN CENTER HEARING ROOM  
7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cassano, Directors Morancey, McMahon, Thompson, Crockett and Becker.

**ALSO:** Deputy Manager Werbner.

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Howroyd, Secretary Negri, Director Hachadourian, General Manager Sartor and Town Attorney Darby.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. All in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Chairman Cassano.

Deputy Manager Werbner gave a brief overview of the General Manager's budget for fiscal 1999/2000. Copies were distributed to the public. In summary there is a General Fund with a mill rate which remains stable at 23.79 mills with no tax increase. The Board of Education has no reduction in the budget request submitted by the Board of Education. The Fire Fund has a mill rate which remains stable with no tax increase at 3.28 mills. The Water Fund has a 2% reduction in residential consumer rates. The Sewer Fund and the Sanitation Fund have no changes to existing rates.

Michael Norman, 275 Timrod Road, President of The Manchester Education Association, stated that he was here tonight to commend the Board of Directors for maintaining the Board of Education's budget.

Norman Isko, 27 McDivitt Drive, was concerned that the Board had no standard to compare the budget figures against. There is no priority in the budget and felt that the budget isn't working in this Town. He felt there was a management problem.

Carl Zinnser, 176 Ralph Road, Chairman of the Republican Committee, stated that the example used on page 5 in the budget for the projected property tax on the average single family house is misleading. He felt that taxes in this town are too high and should be going down. He wanted the Board to cut some of the spending in this budget.

Terry Werkhoven, 88 Santina Drive, wanted to know why they have not funded for the running track at the high school in this budget and spoke concerning the drop-out rate.

Dan Moran, 272 Charter Oak Street, spoke regarding the drop-out rate. He spoke in favor of vocational training for these drop-outs.

Bill Ogden, 137 Branford Street, spoke of the condition of the schools and the drop-out rate.

Bob Mumford, 61 Hilltop Drive, Co-President of the Buckley School PTA, spoke in favor of the education budget and that the Board not cut it. He thought funding was inadequate as it has been presented for this year and discussed what he saw as inadequate in the school system.

Adjournment : 8:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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