

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. ESPOSITO: Thank you. This is my fifth budget hearing, and probably the most torturous of all of them. Throughout the five years that I have been on the Board and listening to debates, the Board of Education has always been the hottest issue. The Board of Education this, the Board of Education that. They should do this, they should do that. Who are these people? Who are the people who gave us this budget? Who are the people who put this rather significant and large document together? The people that we constantly criticize - the Board of Education. These are not paid department heads with vested interests. For example, we heard earlier this evening about one department head who shuffles his staff like the shellgame. These are not people who are getting paid to try to build an empire. These are people who are citizens, who are neighbors, who are relatives of ours, who are taxpayers, they are all elected officials - the Board of Education.

While we sit here talking about the taxpayers, and how we presumably are supporting the taxpayers, let us not forget that the nine people who put this budget together were elected by all the taxpayers of this City, not just by a small district. They weren't elected by 741 votes as I was last year, or in some cases, 500 votes, or even the over 1,000 that Mrs. McInerney received. Not one of those people got elected without at least 10,000 votes. They are elected officials, elected by all the taxpayers of this City. One of them is even a former member of this board, who was a frequent critic of the Board of Education. I remember many a debate that he and I had together, I shouldn't say together, in opposition to each other over the Board of Education budgets. Not only at budget time, but every appropriation that came up. We sent him to the Board of Education, and I might add a little personal note, on that night I did not vote for him, and I went up to him that evening and I said "Sal, I hope I made a mistake tonight " and let me publicly say that I did make a mistake that night. But we sent him to the Board of Education with a mandate. The mandate was to support fiscal constraints from the Board of Education budget. We sent one of our own who had been fighting the Board of Education and the bureaucracy and the big spenders for so many years on this Board. We sent him there to do that, to do his work there. And I believe he did it. But it doesn't stop there. The voters of this City in their judgement this past November, sent other fiscal conservatives to the Board to work on the budget. And what we had presented to us with this budget was a minority budget, the first one that I remember in my five years here. And the interesting thing about this minority report is that it detailed exactly where cuts could be made. If we read that document, you will see that the minority reports presented to us request an additional cut. Apparently, Mr. Signore wasn't conservative enough. We have an additional request of another \$2.1 million, \$2,138,000. Well, the Board of Finance has already taken \$2,000,000 of that; and if we go along with the most conservative estimate from the Board of Education, we shouldn't take more than \$138,000. That's why I'm opposed to this Motion. And let me just close by saying

that Sal Signore gave me this budget and said this is the best budget the Board of Education can work with. I can't question that, I will support it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. Mr. Dziezyc... Is your microphone working, Mr. Dziezyc? I think it is working.

MR. DZIEZYC: It's working now. We're not denying children the quality of education by asking the Board of Ed to eliminate unnecessary programs that are built into the budget, such as there's one that I just came across this afternoon. It's a \$43,800 contract for an outside consultant for public policy study. It's a proposal to study the impact of policy changes in the environment and their implications for the future of public education in Stamford. This \$43,800 for a period from March 19 this year to June 30. \$43,800...and how many more of these contracts are hidden in the budget?

The research and development budget is \$676,000. We could do without that, and it wouldn't hurt the children at all. There's guidance services that are provided in elementary schools. Teachers have told me that they do not approve the staff development program which costs \$319,000. The bilingual program could be eliminated. All-day kindergarten. There are many coordinators, and especially the coordinators of art and music, and other \$40,000 in the bureaucracy at Hillandale. There are approximately 150 teachers and other members of the Board of Ed that voluntarily leave every year, the retirees, and ones that quit. The Board of Education could start immediately to leave these positions vacant, and therefore, they would not have to fire any teachers. We have an obligation to help our taxpaying constituents. In my district alone, there are many retirees, numerous people on fixed income who cannot cope with a 50% increase in their taxes. Some are going to pay \$500, up to \$800, a year more. Where are they going to get this \$10 to \$16 per week?

The volume of calls I've received reflect the recession we are experiencing. I am sure the members of the Boards of Reps are aware of the hard times many of their constituents are going through. You've heard the uproar from the taxpayers at the public hearing for us to cut the Board of Education budget.

These hard-pressed taxpayers will not be able to pay the new taxes. They can't sell their homes in this depressed economy, and because of the high interest rates. What could they do? Therefore, I urge the Board to make a healthy cut, so these people will continue to live in Stamford and not be forced to sell their homes. I'm for the \$3,000,000 cut. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dziezyc.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Madam President. I am very opposed to this motion for a \$3,000,000 cut in the Board of Education budget. I believe that Mr. Stork's scissors are very sharp, too sharp. They cut into the very heart of our educational system. They cut curriculum, they can cut freshmans' sports; they will cut class size, staff, music and art programs, guidance, remedial programs, and programs for the gifted. Superintendent Jones indicated the consequences of the cuts already made. Four schools are slated to be closed before we even vote this night. I have no reason not to believe what he says. Therefore, the school system with Fiscal's cut will have plenty of belt-tightening to do; the students will have plenty of adjusting to do. Furthermore, I believe that Mr. Boccuzzi is quite right. A \$3,000,000 cut will guarantee a Ford. I'm just afraid the Ford is going to be an Edsel.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Goldstein.

MISS SUMMERVILLE: It's kind of a hard act to follow. I don't have a prepared statement, but I'm sure most of you who know me know that I have been walking around here since yesterday very angry. I'm angry because of the reason that Mrs. DeGaetani spoke of earlier.

I feel that if anything should come out of the Board of Education of the school system, it should be done in an intelligent way, in an honest way, and in the way that Reverend Hoover alluded to earlier in the Invocation, respect for others. My door is always open, has always been open, I stand on a record which is open to the public. I was elected by constituents. I represent the 6th district I was not elected by the entire City. I respect those people I represent. I listen to them. If anyone knows me even on my job, I'm there to meet my responsibilities. The earliest I've gotten home in the last 3 or 4 years that I've been on this Board, was one o'clock in the morning. And when I get to work 8:30 in the morning, the first thing I hear when the telephone rings, is something coming out of the office up here at the Board of Representatives. I'm trying to do what I was elected to do.

I don't always ask you to agree with me. That's what the process is all about, the democratic way. We should be able to disagree in a polite manner. You should not accuse before you contact the person that has been accused of something. Give me that respect. And I want to say to the Board of Education and those three little girls; if you noticed tonight, I was late coming to this meeting. I was delayed by three of my constituents at my doorway with flowers that had heard what had happened by responsible PTO council persons, which I don't totally hold all of them responsible. I hold the ones that I know or I feel, and if I'm wrong, you'll have a chance to correct me on a one-on-one basis; I feel you knew what you were doing. But I don't think they all knew, but I think some of you knew. That is an irresponsible way to treat a politician. We are human beings. We have our own reputation to uphold. I treat the nine members of the Board of Education that elected by an electorate out there by constituents of the entire City; I respect that. I don't agree with everything you do. And yes, I am wondering

how much the Board of Education is actually going to be cut. I'm listening. That's what I was sent here to do, and to use my own judgement. That's what those constituents in the 6th district asked me to do; not to always agree with them. Yes, I am still listening, and your letter has not changed my mind. I have respect for my colleagues like Mr. Flounders; I listen. We can disagree and still come out as friends, and he has not insulated my character or my reputation. I can disagree with Mr. Boccuzzi, but we're still friends and we respect each other and we're not sending threatening notes to each other because we disagree. And I say to you, those of you who are responsible, please respect the fact that I am an angry lady; and I publicly apologize, and I am apologizing to those three little girls who are very upset because they didn't understand your unintelligent act upon a person who in their mind was trying to do a job for them. I am saying that to say I know how Mrs. deGaetini feels, and the other names that were on that letter. But you could've come to us and talked about it.

I'm not going to tell you that I'm going to agree. I'm going to do what I think is best for the people I represent. I, also, am displeased with the tactics that were used. Like Mr. Boccuzzi said, wasting our childrens' time bringing home information that they don't understand; can't even pronounce the names. Educators are sending this home with children they're supposed to be educating. That doesn't say much and I am saying that I just have one point that I would like to bring out that Mr. Esposito said.

Mr. Signore sent him a budget and he has to respect that because of the way Mr. Signore votes; Mr. Signore is one vote on that Board of Education. Mrs. Santy is one vote on this Board of Representatives; and they were elected by constituents just like we. It's one vote and we all have that vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Miss Summerville.

MRS. SAXE: Thank you, Madam President. I have a letter I received on April the 15th, and it is from a professional man within my district; and I am going to use the basis of this letter for what I feel is the problem with the City of Stamford which includes all of us.

It starts off by saying that they are the parents of seven children, all of which are in the Stamford public schools. "One major problem in our public schools can be cited in this way: the lack of accountability. It begins to surface at the middle school level and it is rampant by the high school level. Our experience is that it involves all parties, administrators, counsellors, teachers, and finally students. The system seems designed to allow persons involved to invade and duck responsibility and accountability. All I want to tell you is that it is a pleasure to write this, and

to voice my voice as a dissatisfied citizen. As taxpayers, we are held accountable for all of our payments. How about some real accountability in our school system?" The figures that we have seen level on the staff and on the students support a call for a cut of \$10,000,000. We urge you to vote this way. I personally don't think a \$10,000,000 is in order; however, I do feel that the lack of accountability among our den of forty thieves which we are, the school board which they are, I am speaking for myself.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please don't interrupt. Excuse me, Mrs. Saxe. Please give Mrs. Saxe your respect as she gave to everyone of you that wished to speak.

MRS. SAXE: And I would like very much to say this. On March 30, I gave the majority of the people that presented Board budgets to our Board to the Finance Board, something that I really believe in. And I said this: It would be a boon for the City of Stamford if the Town Hall personnel, the police department, the fire department, the Board of Education, would come forward and say "let us not accept raises for two years; better yet, we should hold the retirement funds at a constant figure except for interest earned; that all in the proud City of Stamford can work together to help make this City grow in a stable, fiscal way." I know this is unheard of at this level of government but each day one reads of industry doing this and that to keep a steady keel, and your balance sheet in the black. Forewarned is forearmed, so let us be inventive now.

I went on to give these things to them, and I also say this. As a public official, we have to treat the taxpayers' money wisely otherwise we're not doing our duty. The taxpayer needs the city personnel, and the city personnel needs the taxpayer. I don't think we have been accountable to each other. I don't think that the students in the system are accountable to the system, and I don't think that most of us have taken the trouble to really look for solutions to our problems.

We have many problems; we are equating them all to dollars. They're not all equated to dollars; however, it is a big hunk. And I do support a larger cut than \$1.6 million from this Board.

The students in our system have class breakage in that budget that runs close to \$100,000. It needn't be there if the students were respectful to the problems. We have staff policemen on the grounds of the schools because the children are not doing something proper; either that, or those that live around the schools are not doing something proper. It is costing us a tremendous amount of money unnecessarily. Therefore, I would say to the children - can't you be accountable? Do you have to leave your school in a mess everyday? I think that should help, don't you?

I also say this to the teachers. There's no reason for you to take extra time off at times just because you're tired the next day. I think that's a little much. I also think that there are a lot of things in the system that can be helped and can be done without spending a lot of money. I also think that happens with our police

department, our fire department, and also the nurses, and also the municipal workers. I don't think we should be paying taxpayers' money to pay for the cleaning of people's uniforms. I think that's disgraceful. Yes, they're tied up in somebody's budget and they're tied up in all kinds of legal maneuvers; but it certainly wouldn't hurt the people of the City of Stamford to say "hey, wait a minute, we've rubbed our noses in the taxpayers' money long enough, and give those things back to the city." Then we don't have to turn around and say we have to cut a tremendous amount of money out of budget. It's not difficult to do, and it won't hurt anybody to do it. If I can bend down and pick up a piece of paper on the streets of Stamford because I think it's a good idea, then I certainly think you can too. All of these problems do not equate itself to money; they do equate itself to being accountable to one another and also to a system. And if you want to be proud of Stamford, I suggest that we start to work now together. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Saxe.

MRS. GURORIAN: I pass for now and ask that my name be put at the end of the list.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Guroian. We're all sitting so quietly, I think we needed that little laugh. Mr. Blum, you're after Mrs. Maihock.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I am a representative of a district that historically has voted over the years for a good educational system. The people in my district have moved here because of the cultural as well as the positive economic advantages of Stamford, including a very good education system. We cannot be content to see a thriving commercial atmosphere in our City and a mediocre public school system. A budget will not insure a good educational system in our City. Proper administrative methods and techniques as well as a Board of Education and a school system which concentrates as much of its budget on the teaching of our children is possible. This is not what has been happening apparently from the comments I'm hearing.

I would also hope that a part of the education of our children would be to give our children a positive community orientation. I do not believe this can be accomplished when children are used to promote school budgets. Yes, I am sorry, I said USED. A very concerned parent called me to complain about what she felt was brainwashing of her child by the lobbying efforts of what appeared to her to be very misguided and misdirected efforts. What could I say to her? I had experienced quite a bit of pressure myself, as I had a number of young people call me rousing chants to me, and rattle off quickly that I should support the \$1.6 million budget.

I had one very lovely person call, a young person, and it was just delightful to have someone in a very sincere way present his case. I have never been a big Board of Education budget cutter so I don't know how I ever managed to get on a list prepared by someone I feel

was very insensitive, and others of us feel was misguided. A lot of people called me to urge me to support the Board of Education budget as a result of all the messages that were brought home with the children. And although I had never stated I was for big budget cuts, I appreciated hearing from my constituents and I always welcome their calls.

I heard a lot of very unsettling remarks from these calls about a situation that has developed in our neighborhood school, which is having a very undesirable affect. We are losing, and will lose, more prospective new families. My district needs lots of new families with children to keep our district constantly infused with new vitality. So I want to do everything possible to encourage this vitality, but I also want our school system and the Board of Education to also do their utmost to help me keep my district a growing district. There is no experience in life that can equal the thrilling experience of seeing an apprehensive child suddenly feel the joyful spark of learning. And knowing who he is, and that he can expect a good future, and I want this not only for the children in my district, I want ^{this} for every single little child in Stamford; and that's why tonight, I will not vote for a \$3,000,000 cut. I'm hoping that by doing this I know a lot of people are suffering in the city, and it's a sacrifice and I'm willing to make the sacrifice; but I'm hoping very much that the Board of Education and the school authorities will listen and will try to make our education better. I'm giving them this chance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Maihock.

MR. BLUM: Two words I hear tonight. Accountability and credibility. I heard my colleague, Ann Summerville, talk of threats and getting visits and calls; well, I join you. We've all had those calls, and we've all had that 'if I cut too much, that I'm against quality education'. Well, I'm sure the people in the Board of Education know Dave Blum. He's been a frequent visitor at many schools, and to meetings at Hillandale Avenue.

But the other evening a paper came on our desk, and it had a report from the Connecticut Public Expenditure Council, giving me a report from '79-'81. And I read to you a paper called "The Westport News" - "Stamford ranks sixth in a per pupil cost of \$3,067 which signified a 14.1% hike from \$2,686" which appeared on our desk. This I say to the nine members on the Board of Education. There is no credibility, there is no communication between the Boards, between our Board and your Board. This will be my sixth budget, and nothing has changed. It doesn't change, not even in the State. Here is Westport, talking of the school budget, Hartford, the Norwalk paper - no schools to be shut, Board says - But I heard in this room as a result of the \$2,000,000 cut, we are going to take option 2 which would be 3 elementary schools to be cut and a high school.

I don't want to see teachers or custodians being the first people to go. And yes, two years ago, this Board did ratify a contract to give starting teachers a raise from \$9,500 to \$11,500. Is that our

fault? I would like to see after a student has gone through four years of college and spent close to \$20,000 or \$25,000 to get that education, I think he's worth more. Who has kept these teachers and yes, these administrators, in the low spectrum of wages? Certainly not I. Certainly not the other 39. It must have been the Board of Education. I don't want to close, and I say that to their Save Our School, because I have been to Washington to save my job; and I shouted also like other people who are in the labor movement to save jobs. But they took other avenues.

I questioned many teachers, many administrators, and maybe it went over the wrong way. But that is my philosophy. I don't like to see others go and have nothing while I have something. If we're there to share the bread, let's all share it together for that's what unionism is.

I say, in this Fortune 500, in this wealthy town of ours, it's the tax, as my fellow colleague, Mr. Blais said, we need tax reform. And we better do something about it after this budget goes through, because yes, I ran on a slogan in 1975; and that was the year when our nation, 200 years ago, 1776, taxation without representation, and I'm wondering if our constituents might be thinking of the same thing at this time.

I'm just like Ann. I haven't quite made up my mind yet, but certainly, I don't want to see the schools decay in our Community. The Community that I have gone through, 61 years, and I have a stake in this Community as well as others. That is all I got to say. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum.

MR. DUDLEY: Thank you, Madam President. Tonight we're all faced with a dilemma. We must cut the budget and hold down an imminent tax increase. We also have a responsibility to provide as many services as possible. We must do both without damaging the well-being of our City. I heard the cry of people of our City; I was at Cloonan Middle School. And I received many phone calls. While many may have yelled louder, those who were drowned out were also calling out to us, for whatever their causes may be. Being a homeowner, I am concerned greatly about the upcoming tax increases. I am also concerned where my 13-month-old daughter will go to school and the quality of her education.

I want quality education in Stamford. I don't want to have to look elsewhere. Yes, we do have internal problems in our school but those can be reviewed. I cannot and I will not support a \$3,000,000 cut. I do feel, however, that the Fiscal committee recommendation of \$1.6 million is a reasonable request for us to consider and to approve. I believe this decision is in the best interest of all the citizens of Stamford. I therefore urge all my colleagues on this Board to reject the proposed \$3,000,000 requested cut and support the Fiscal committee's recommendation of \$1.6 million. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dudley.

MR. GAIPA: Well, this has been some week. Marathon meetings, little trip to Sloan-Kettering, and being on the hit list of one of the lucky eleven. However, to address the issue, I was very disturbed about the announcement that Rippowam was going to be closed because I have a little fondness in my heart for Rippowam; I happened to be on the Board of Education when that school was built and my name is on the plaque that I see everytime I go there to vote; and there isn't any graffiti on it so I'm in pretty good shape.

But because I was quite disturbed about the talk of closing Rippowam, I went on a little fishing expedition into the massive education budget to see if it were possible to find some alternatives to closing Rippowam or any other school. And it seemed that the more I got into it, the more I found to be of interest especially in light of the enrollment and staffing figures that Mr. Grafton of the school system provided me, and by the way, which I provided all of you.

As you may have noticed, we have had a decrease in enrollment in the last five years of almost 24%. That means, we have over 4,000 fewer students in the school system for next year than we had in 1977-78. To put it another way, for every four children in the school system in 1977-78, one is gone. Looking at this enrollment decrease, which is considerable by the way, I then looked at the staff and noticed that there was a 6.2% decrease in teachers over that same period. And I realized that this is difficult to cut teaching staff, classroom teachers, in line with enrollment decreases.

I then looked at the number of administrators over the same period and found we had not a decrease, but an increase. And that kind of peaked my interest to continue into the budget. Of course, the big increase in that 4-year period was in teacher aides; and everybody says we have a big increase in teacher aides because of special education, and that's true to some respect. But for next year, there are 148 special education classes scheduled. We have 249.5 (I feel sorry for that .5) teacher aides.

Then we look at some of the other non-classroom teaching jobs. The classified people have stayed about the same. The custodians have stayed about the same. A group called non-contract have gone from 17 to 26. And so we have had an increase in the non-teacher staff of 81 people, while we have had a decrease of over 4,000 students. You know, I don't think anybody in this room is not for quality education. Maybe everybody in this room also does not realize that a budget is not anything that is hard and fast. It's an approximation, an estimate; and the bigger the budget, the bigger the approximation. The more room for error, and so whether we talk about \$56 million or \$53 million or \$52 million, I really don't know that it would make that much difference in the quality of education.

So I went through to see what would be fair ways of making some decreases in this budget. And I looked at the non-classroom teacher positions because they would be easily related to a decrease in enrollment, like a guidance counsellor; we have the same number of

guidance counsellors today that we had five years ago. They're working with thousands of fewer students. Either they have a lot of extra time or they're spending a lot more time with each student, and I don't know whether one is right or not. But it's certainly a place to look for a decrease.

For some reason, we had an increase in a number of support features - art, music, phys ed. Even though we have over 4,000 fewer students, this is another area that's easy to make reductions in because you don't have to tie them to a specific number of children in a classroom. The same is true for some of the other non-special education people like the psychologists and the social workers. One of the most popular targets, in my travels around the school system, is a staff development group; and the word I heard yesterday from a teacher is that they were great when we needed them, when we had 20,000 students and a lot of ability grouping problems and everything else, but they're really an anachronism today. That might be a place to cut down and save some money. And so are the administrative interns; if we're going to be closing schools, why do we have to keep people, underpaid people, in administrative jobs and hope that someday they'll become administrators when we have a surplus of people who are already administrators.

Well, I'm not an expert in this thing. I have a great deal of confidence in Dr. Jones; I think that if he's allowed to do a job, he'll do a great job for us. And I went through this, came up with some other things, like making the continuing education program self-sustaining; that would save some money. Put a 10% cut, conservation cut if you will, on the utilities budget; nobody has any idea what kind of money we're going to have to spend for utilities in the next 12 months. I would think that a 10% cut, which amounts to over \$400,000 is another way to save some money.

Well, I'll leave this to the experts over the school system. I only brought this up to mention to people like Mr. Flounders, and Mr. Blais, and Mr. Wiederlight, who by the way I'm not going to talk to for the next 3 days, that there are ways to make reductions, significant reductions, without closing schools, without firing special education teachers, without firing any classroom teachers. Originally, I supported, maybe I still do, the Board of Finance's suggestion to us that we reduce the budget by another \$2,000,000 for a total of \$4,000,000; and to tell you the truth, at this moment, 2:52 a.m., I don't know which way I'm going to go when we vote. If I vote with the way I feel, based on getting telephone calls at 6 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the abuse that I received and the members of my family received, then I would vote with the \$3,000,000 cut. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Gaipa. We have four more speakers.

MR. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. To quote Harry Truman, as Mr. Wiederlight did, concerning...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Conti. The four more speakers, please give Mr. Conti your respect.

MR. CONTI: Thank you again. I'll start over then. To quote Harry Truman, as Mr. Wiederlight did, concerning the heat of the kitchen, Mr. Truman also said "the buck stops here." At this time of night, the people I am going to defend are asleep, should be asleep peacefully, but many are lying awake worrying about their future, short as it may be. 17,000 senior citizens are out there hoping and praying we will act with judgement. I have had over 300 phone calls, all except two encouraging me to vote for a drastic cut in the Board of Education's budget. Usually, I conduct a 50-person phone survey to help me make my decision on important matters that I must vote on as a member of the Board of Representatives. This time they called me; I didn't have to call them. Theirs was a voice that must be heard.

As I stated the other evening, we are averaging about \$4,000 for every student yet our expenditure for the senior citizen comes to an expense of \$18 per year. What would the compounding of this budget, reassessment, and phase-in; our citizenry has had to bear a tremendously unpopular load on their shoulders and are looking to this Board for help. Let's remember: these times are not easy times. The school system can run efficiently at a more economical figure, yet our citizens have reached an economic point where an extra monetary load will destroy them. Vote with common sense and heart. We were put here by people who now need our help. Let's earn that trust and show Stamford this Board can act with responsibility and hold the budget to a level commensurate with a number of students in the system. I support, for my constituents and the good of Stamford, a \$3,000,000 cut and urge my colleagues to do the same. Remember, you too will one day become a senior citizen; would you then also have to leave Stamford? Some members will vote in favor of the Board tonight; yet, as was said about another man, Barry Goldwater, in their hearts they know what's right.

A \$3,000,000 cut is not irresponsible. It can be accepted and worked with and will help the citizens of Stamford. Don't force out the people who have built this town, and the school system as it now stands. Don't force out the people who up to this point have paid for what we now have. Don't force out the senior citizens with unreasonable demands that they cannot possibly meet. Please, with me, vote for the \$3,000,000 cut. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Conti.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I would like to first of all present to you a petition from Rippowam High School with over a thousand signatures and this petition was solicited by Mrs. Connie Kosher of Newfield Avenue, Miss Butler of Wedgemere Road. You can rest assured that that petition is in line with demonstrations that were outside, and that is they are

in support of quality education. I've heard an awful lot of statements this evening; I've heard an awful lot of figures tossed around. Speaking behind some 37 people is not one of the easiest things I've ever done, but, however, I want this Board to remember that we're dealing with our future as we deal with our young people.

I had the privilege and the opportunity to see some of that future. I met a young kindergarten student who was as helpless as any being on this earth, but had any of you witnessed with me the gleam of achievement and accomplishment when that young man used his head and neck muscles to make a simple R. And I might add, and perhaps I wasn't one of the best students in school, but looking back on my own school career, that young man's R was a little bit better than mine, and I was using my hand; and I'm sure no one in this room would even think of cutting out such a program. But if we fool around with a \$3,000,000 cut, that type of a cut is going to have ramifications on our system of education; and frankly, I believe its going to be the beginning of the end of our school system as we know it today.

I'm hoping that when we decide to cast this ballot, that we keep in mind, we put aside some of our anger with some of the personalities on the Board of Education; I am hoping that we put aside our displeasure with some of the organizers of the past demonstrations of this week. One thing I would like to add is that those young people who were demonstrating and some of those people who did perhaps send out misguided phone calls, those people were participating in the American process as we know it. They weren't lobbying, and there's nothing wrong with that. And, of course, they should not be doing it at the expense of the taxpayer; and I'm hoping in the future that those who led the demonstrations and circulated petitions and circulated letters, I'm hoping that you keep in mind that when you do that kind of a thing, there's a responsibility that comes along with it.

I heard one of our members say that we have students that are tearing up our schools, and why should we have to have security people in on schools. During my visits to one of the schools, I was told by the security people; it wasn't so much of the students doing so much of this damage. They had cases of adults coming from the outside and taking off the typewriters, microphones; and I can imagine that's just part of the times that we live in today. It's nothing easy about living, and I'm sure that we often wonder just what's going to happen, what lies ahead in the future. I sincerely believe from what I've seen of our young people, if a nuclear holocaust doesn't wipe us all out, I honestly believe that the future of America is going to be in firm good hands. And, as I see it, it's our responsibility to make sure that that future is well educated. I'm hoping that we reject this tremendous \$3,000,000 cut. I thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston. We have two more speakers.

MRS. SIGNORE: Thank you, Madam President. It's upsetting that during this budgetary process some have pit the needs of the young against the needs of the old. It's a sad and devisive technique used by some for their own purposes. We have to live together, the young and the old, to be a whole viable community. We need each other. We have to compromise with all areas and with all segments of our City.

The Board of Education budget has been reduced by \$2,000,000 and will probably be further reduced this evening. During this whole budgetary process, I keep thinking of a city in Holland, Rotterdam, by name, with beautiful, absolutely magnificent, office buildings, which empty at 5 each evening. No one lives in Rotterdam; Rotterdam is called a city without a soul. Is that to be Stamford's future?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Signore.

MR. ROOS: Mr. Boccuzzi voiced my thoughts when he said educational management was lax and not anticipating taxpayer reaction to a constantly increasing budget. This is my, well, I've been possibly around 4 educational budgets, and every budget presented seemed to be based on how much the traffic will bear. With a 24% enrollment decrease, it does seem more planning was indicated.

I, too, have confidence in Mr. Jones. I feel he could work around a substantial budget cut and still give us good education. My thoughts about using the old folks as a point on taxes and things - we also have to remember that it's the young people that have to be educated and taught to properly carry their weight in this world and we do it through our schools. They are the ones that are going to pay the taxes to maintain the older folks in the proper manner. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Roos. There are just a couple of more who want to speak now for the first time.

MR. DIXON: I could just endorse the remarks of Mr. Livingston and many others who have spoken and have done well. But I feel that I've got to just make a few remarks of my own.

I am a taxpayer, and I, too, feel the burden of high taxes. But I can't support a \$3,000,000 cut in the school budget, because it will do irreparable damage to our school system. Apparently, it is no longer a question of cutting the budget, but one of whether or not we should save the schools. And there are many people who have expressed to me their deep concern about saving the schools.

We have had hearings and we have heard from the people, but they are not saying destroy our schools. Surely, the Board of Education has received the message as we have. And with time, I am sure they can phase in the necessary changes that will reduce the cost of educating our children. I urge you, fellow board members, not to force a hasty and unwarranted decision to close schools and destroy the

continuity of the learning process. Today's children are tomorrow's future. Some of them no doubt will be future members of this Board, many of them no doubt will be teachers in our school system and play heroes in our City government. The people of Stamford have heard enough to be confused by now. But those of us who sit on this Board have got to find some middle ground and take a firm position that is in the best interest of the City of Stamford. Thank you, Madam President,

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dixon. We have two representatives left to speak. Mr. Owens, and then Mrs. Gurorian.

MR. OWENS: Thank you, Madam President. I was going to sit here tonight and just go through this Board of Education after listening to everyone else and not say anything, but as Mr. Dixon indicated, I guess I will have to put my two cents in there too. I must say to the so-called hit list that went around, that I'm very disappointed in not being on that hit list; you could've helped my political career by just being recognized.

But I will continue. I do have three young adults in the Stamford public schools, and I am proud to say that I am their father; and so far, I haven't been under any pressure, and the people that were under pressure by those people calling you, I'm sorry for that. I'm really not taking sides either way because there was some older people they called that you did uproot, and they were having a hard time getting back and forth to the phone, so I guess we could've used a little discretion in that part.

There was a comment made earlier. I don't remember which representative, but they said something about we could cut out bilingual education in the schools; and I thought that was a ridiculous statement. With Stamford growing the way it is and the different people that generate funds and everything else in this City, how can we say cut out something that's very much needed in the schools. My kids alone - you talking about cutting the school budget - my kids alone, it takes them about a two-hour makeup to get into the schools in the morning, that's getting up, getting dressed, eating, and the wait for the bus. And to say you're going to cut out schools, that means you're going to cut out the schools that ^{are} probably closer to them now, meaning that they're going to have just that much, that added time to get to school, and I think it's enough.

Furthermore, I cannot support anything above \$1.6 million. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Owens.

MRS. GUROIAN: I still don't know whether I want to speak or not.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You have the Floor, Mrs. Guroian, it's up to you.

MRS. GUROIAN: Well, I'm going to limit what I have to say. I listened to a lot of people tonight speak their mind; and I was determined not to speak my mind because I thought I would get too emotional about it, because I think that if anybody on this Board think they've been

harassed, they're not a mother with a son who's been more than harassed. And I wonder if the experience that all of them have felt put together has equalled the experience inflicted on this mother's child for something he stood up for which had validity to it, whose only purpose was to point the Board of Education in the right direction, acknowledging what the people outside were saying. I'm not going to defend him, and I'm not going to make any more comments except to say that possibly I have raised a young man and I raised him well, because he's learned to stand on his own two feet without the help of his parents or anyone else. And I'm proud to say that many people in the Community supported him when I did not say a word to him. So much for harassment. I was not on that hit list. I was on a different hit list. A lot more painful, they knew, than putting me on that kind of a hit list. But he withstood it, and I withstood it, and his father withstood it. And I hope that that experience is not felt by anybody else in this City.

What does it prove? What has everybody said over here? What is the real problem with the Board of Education? It's credibility, that's what it is. Saturday, when the Fiscal Committee was deliberating, and there was a demonstration outside, and several representatives came upstairs to speak to us, what did they concentrate the major portion of the speech on? The fact that the Board of Education does not tell the truth, that they cannot, the people who support the Board of Education, cannot trust their figures. And yet, we're supposed to base our deliberation on figures which it seems a majority of the people do not trust in this City, including their own employees. That's what their problem is, credibility. They fight with people's emotion. To gain what? To gain more money. To cloud it in a color of green. Quality education is not written in green ink. I wonder at Dr. Jones stating the other day before he gave his presentation before the Fiscal Committee, I wonder what prompted to say that he did not think that drastic measures were necessary, that this Community could stand more taxation than even we are ready to impose on them today. And quoted other cities where they pay higher taxes, Boston being one of them. I read an article today, a long article today, about the quality of education in Boston, and the shambles that that educational system is in.

I don't want to be another Boston. And spending more money, and more money, and more money is not going to give us better and better education. With the great effort that the Board of Education has made, and the extreme, I repeat, extreme, means they have gone to in order to impress upon us the need for more and more money, and it is more and more money, Mr. Flounders, because if you take in comparison any other city budget and exclude the contractual obligations in salaries, their budgets will be reduced in more drastic measure than the Board of Education budget. So it is more and more money they're asking for lesser and lesser students. But in effect, what have they been telling me? With this extreme measure they've taken in trying to convince

us that they must have more money. They're telling me that they cannot cope with the idea of cutting and trimming and consolidating and recognizing the fact that decreasing enrollments do not mean increasing costs necessarily. I would hope that they would address themselves to the task of meeting the responsibilities that we set upon them.

I wish I could accommodate them. I cannot accommodate them because there are many people in this City who cannot afford to accommodate them. We're telling the same thing to every department in this City. We're forcing them to cut back. How are we forcing them to cut back? We're forcing them to cut back line by line, we're forcing them. The Board of Education has the prerogative of adjusting its budget according to what it feels its needs are. If this Board of Education had some measure of credibility, I could go for a smaller cut, a much smaller cut, knowing full well that they would meet the task assigned to them. But they don't have a measure of credibility, not with me, not with many other people in this City. I can't trust their figures, I can't trust their words, I can't trust their promises, and I venture to guess that the majority of the people in this City, even their supporters, feel the same way about them.

If anybody in this room should be for quality education, I should be for quality education, and I am for quality education. My two sons received fine education in this City and went on to become educated young men. And I thank the City for giving them that education, and I wish that every other student following them would have the same kind of education. But I fear to say that today the students in the schools are not getting the same kind of education that my children enjoyed. I hope it could be achieved. I do not think it can be achieved by giving them millions and millions and millions of dollars more every year. I am supporting the cut.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Guroian. We have one more speaker to speak for the first time.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. The hour is late, so I will be brief. If only the Board of Education exerted as much effort to educate our children as it does to lobby this Board, we would have the most brilliant children in the world. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I'd like to Move the question at this time please. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's been a Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please signify by saying Aye. All opposed? We are going to Move to a vote. I would have... There's been a Motion for a Roll Call vote, it's been Seconded. All in favor of a Roll Call vote, please signify by saying Aye. Opposed? We will have a Roll Call vote. There are 37 members voting. There are 2 members absent, Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Donohue and Mr. Bonner, 3 members.

I would ...all the representatives are in their seat? We will proceed with...Our Clerk, Ann Summerville will read the Call. You are voting on a Motion made by Mr. Franchina to delete \$3,000,000 from the Board of Education account, 810.7110. Miss Summerville, proceed with the vote.

I would ask the Tellers, Mr. Wiederlight and Mr. Stork, to come forward for the tally.

The Motion is defeated, 19 No, 17 Yes, 1 Abstention, 3 Members absent from voting. Mr. Livingston has a minority report, and I will call on him next.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Madam President. Because of the lateness of the evening, I am not going to go into the earliness of the morning; I am not going to go into a long auditory about this. I am going to offer an amendment to the Fiscal Committee's figure and my amendment is that the Board of Education's budget be cut \$1.5 million. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Livingston, you are making a Motion to delete the Board of Education by a total of \$1.5 million; is there a Second to that? There's a Second. We will now discuss Mr. Livingston's Motion.

MR. DeLUCA: Move the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? There's been been a request for a Roll Call vote. All in favor of a Roll Call vote; is there a Second to the Roll Call vote? Seconded. All in favor of a Roll Call vote, please signify by saying Aye. Opposed? We are voting on Mr. Livingston's Motion to delete the Board of Education account 810.7110 \$1.5 million. We will proceed with the Roll Call vote. Miss Summerville, our Clerk, will read the Roll Call.

Will the Tellers please come forward with a tally? I will give the result of the vote. The Motion is defeated, 20 no, 16 yes, 1 abstention, and 3 absent from voting.

MR. GAIPA: I would like to Move that the Board of Education budget be reduced by \$2,000,000; the amount suggested to us by the Board of Finance. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Gaipa. Mr. Gaipa is Moving. Is there a Second to his Motion. Seconded. Would you like to speak to your Motion, Mr. Gaipa?

MR. GAIPA: No, I do not.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Gaipa, you have made a Motion to delete \$2,000,000 from the Board of Education budget. We'll limit discussion to that.

MR. DELUCA: I'd like to Move the question, please. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We will Move the question. Mr. Blais...There's been a request for a Roll Call vote. Second to a Roll Call vote? Second. All in favor of a Roll Call vote, please signify by saying Aye. Sufficient number. All opposed? We will proceed to a Roll Call vote. Our Clerk, Ann Summerville, will read the Call and our two Tellers are also tabulating. We are voting on a Motion by Mr. Gaipa to reduce the Board of Education budget \$2,000,000.

I call the meeting to order to read the vote tally. The Motion is defeated, 22 No, 13 Yes, 2 abstentions, and 3 not voting. I recognize Mr. Tarzia.

MR. TARZIA: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would like to make a Motion that we reduce the Board of Education budget by \$1.75 million. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Mr. Tarzia's Motion? Mrs. Signore has Seconded the Motion. There is a Motion to delete the Board of Education budget \$1.75 million. Is there any discussion on this Motion? There's been a Motion to Move the question. Is there a Second? Seconded. All in favor of moving the question, please signify by saying Aye. Opposed? We're going to move the question and vote on \$1.75 million. There's been several requests for a Roll Call vote. All in favor of a Roll Call vote, please say Aye. Opposed? We are going to proceed with a Roll Call vote.

It's very difficult for the Tellers to hear your vote. It's a little distracting to have the private conversations. We will proceed with the Roll Call vote as quickly as possible. Miss Summerville will read the Call; also, please speak into your microphones. Turn your microphones on. We are now voting on a Motion by Mr. Tarzia to reduce the Board of Education budget \$1.75 million.

The vote is complete. The results of the vote on the reduction of \$1.75 million is defeated. 25 No, 11 Yes, 1 Abstention, and 3 not voting. There are several people that want the Floor. Well, I have to recognize...According to Robert's rules, I'll have to recognize them.

MR. CONTI: I would like to reduce the budget \$2.5 million. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Motion made by Mr. Conti to reduce the Board of Education budget \$2.5 million. Motion made and Seconded. Any disussion?

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would like to make an amendment to that Motion. No? I withdraw the question then.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Oh, no, you can't, you spoke on it. You mentioned...

MR. BLAIS: I started to, I didn't finish the sentence.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Moving the question? ^{Seconded.} All in favor of Moving the question, please signify by saying Aye. Opposed? We'll move to the vote. We'll proceed with the vote,

MR. BLAIS: Point of information, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Livingston, you make a Motion...there's a Motion made... Is there a Second to a Roll Call vote? All in favor of a Roll Call vote? Aye.

MR. BLAIS: Point of information, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Blais.

MR. BLAIS: Why couldn't that amendment be amended?

PRESIDENT SANTY: It could've been amended, Mr. Blais, you could've had a second to that. We can recognize an amendment; we had thought to cite earlier in our deliberations that we'd take one Motion at a time, it would be easier for the assembly and easier for the people listening. But if you want to go along with the amendment, I will certainly accept that.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. At this time, may I make an amendment? Because I was misinformed...the Body had not ruled on that rule. Therefore, I think I would be in my rights to make an amendment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'm going to rule, he is making a Motion to amend Mr. Conti's Motion. What is your amendment?

MR. BLAIS: Madam Chairman, I would Move to amend that Motion to reflect a cut of \$1.6 million as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blais, an amendment to a Motion is not to change the intent of the Motion; and you are changing the intent of the Motion. So that's completely different, and that's the ruling of the Chair. We'll continue with Mr. Conti.

MR. ESPOSITO: I challenge the rule of the Chair on that. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Fine. You can challenge the rule. Is there a second to challenge the ruling of the Chair? Several people Seconding that Motion. You want to proceed with the vote?

MRS. GUROIAN: I leave it up to the Chair.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Hogan?

MR. HOGAN: I think the amendment is in order. He can make the amendment but if it changes the intent of the original Motion, then the Chair rules.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You're sustaining the ruling of the Chair that is changing in the intent, and I did not recognize the amendment. Mr. Hogan agrees with the Chair; we'll proceed.

MR. ESPOSITO: I just would like to say that Mr. Blais's amendment is, in my opinion, does not change the intent of the Motion. The intent of the Motion is to cut from the Board of Education budget. He is making an amendment that cuts from the Board of Education budget just as we've done for the last so-many nights, we've had amendments that change, do not change the intent, but simply change the dollar amount; and that's all Mr. Blais was doing. He was not saying let's add something to it; he was saying let's change a different dollar amount.

PRESIDENT SANTY: He is changing the intent of the Motion, Mr. Esposito. It's now quarter to four; we're going to vote on the ruling of the Chair. He's challenging the ruling of the Chair. You want to use the machine? We're going to use the machine. If you want to sustain the ruling of the Chair, you vote Yes. Yes, if you want to sustain the ruling of the Chair. No, if you want to overrule.

The ruling of the Chair is sustained by a vote of 18 Yes, 17 No, and 2 not voting. We now have a Motion on this Floor made by Mr. Conti to delete the Board of Education budget by a \$2.5 million amount. I have to recognize Mr. Blais because I saw him first and he's standing.

MR. BLAIS: Move the question, Madam Chairman. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. Is there a second to moving the question? All in favor of moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed to moving the question? There's been a request for a Roll Call vote. Several Seconds. All in favor of a Roll Call vote? All opposed? We'll proceed with a Roll Call vote. Tellers, do you have enough paper over there? Fine.

The Motion is defeated. 23 No, 12 Yes, 2 Abstentions, 3 not voting. I'll recognize Mr. Tarzia.

MR. TARZIA: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: If you would like to call a 5-minute recess, fine. Mr. Tarzia, your Motion.

MR. TARZIA: Thank you, Madam Chairman. At this time, I would like to make a Motion to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$1,600,001. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Motion made by Mr. Tarzia to reduce the budget for Board of Education \$1,600,001. Several Seconds.

MR. BLAIS: Move the question, Madam Chairman. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made to Move the question. Seconded. All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed?

MR. DIXON: Madam President, that Motion was \$1,000,600. Did he say a thousand, I didn't hear that. Okay.

PRESIDENT SANTY: \$1,600,001. The hour's late, Mr. Dixon, I know it's very difficult to hear now. We are going to proceed with the vote. Ladies and gentlemen, there was a Motion for a Roll Call vote and it was Seconded. I need one-fifth for a Roll Call vote. All in favor for a Roll Call vote, raise your hand. There's sufficient for a Roll Call vote. We'll proceed with a Roll Call vote.

We are voting on Mr. Tarzia's Motion for a deletion of \$1,600,001.

I am going to ask the Tellers to come forward and give me a total. Ladies and gentlemen, the Motion is defeated, a tie vote, 18-18, 1 Abstention, and 3 Absent. Mr. Zelinski was standing first.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. It seems to me that we've got to get off center here, and judging by the various votes we have, I'd like to propose hopefully a compromise and get this off dead-center. I'd like to propose a cut of \$2,000,100. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made for \$2,000,100, is there a Second? Several seconds. There's a Motion for \$2,000,100. Mr. Livingston has the floor. Mr. Dudley, you'll be next.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Madam Chairman, I Move for a 5-minute recess. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second for 5-minute recess? There is a Motion...Ladies and Gentlemen, we still have a few hours left, and we have to be here until it's finished. We have a Motion for a recess. It's been Seconded. All in favor of a recess, please signify by saying Aye. Opposed? Motion's defeated.

MRS. GUROIAN: Mrs. Santy, may I please remind the people that we still have the Capital Projects budget and phase-in.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Guorian; it's in front of them on their desk. There's a Motion to Move the question. Is there a Second to Move the question? All in favor of moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? Is there a motion for a Roll Call vote? Seconded. All in favor of a Roll Call vote, please raise your hand so I can see a sufficient amount. Mr. Wiederlight and Mr. Stork, would you raise your hand if you're for a Roll Call vote? We will proceed with the Roll Call vote. We only needed 8 and there were about 10. So the Roll Call vote did pass. We are now voting on a \$2,000,100 cut from the Board of Education. Do you all know what you're voting on? Mrs. Summerville will proceed with the vote. Please... ladies and gentlemen...it's very difficult to hear up here and this is an important vote. I ask you to speak into the microphone.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would ask the Tellers to come forward. Mr. Wiederlight and Mr. Stork...Ladies and gentlemen, the Motion is defeated by a vote of 18 Affirmative, 18 Negative, and 1 Abstention. The first person I saw standing was Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I make a Motion for \$1.8. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made and Seconded for \$1.8 million.

MR. DeLUCA: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are voting on Moving the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? Is there a Motion for a Roll Call vote? All in favor of a Roll Call vote, raise you hands. We will proceed with a Roll Call vote. We are voting now on \$1.8 million.

Would the Tellers please come forward.

The Motion passed, 24 Yes, 11 No, and 2 Abstentions. I would ask the representatives to please stay in their seats. We'll continue. Mrs. Hawe?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, that leaves that line at \$51,757,689.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wiederlight...I would ask the members to please take their seats. Mr. Wiederlight, I need you as a Teller. Mr. Blais, is his vote on his desk? I want to check that vote, Mr. Stork, there's some discrepancy here, we want to make sure it was 24 Yes, 11 No, and 2 abstentions. Would you count it, Mr. Blais?

MR. STORK: It's 24 Yes, 11 No, 2 Abstentions.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Tellers concur, I will go along with that tally. That vote should be modified. 25 Yes. It doesn't change the outcome of the vote, but it's 25 Yes, 11 No, and 2 abstentions. There's not a recess, Mrs. Hawe is tabulating.

MRS. HAWE: You want that bottom line again for the Board of Ed.?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, I want the bottom line and continue.

MRS. HAWE: This is for line 7110, Board of Education, \$51,757,689. Now we go to line 820.7210, Board of Education, Non-Public School Transportation. Fiscal recommends no cut in that line and so the bottom line remains \$597,208.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Continue, Mrs. Hawe.

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

MRS. HAWE: All right, we're now on line 840.7311, Food Service Program. Fiscal recommends a \$20,000 cut in that line which leaves that line at \$78,263, which brings the section...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Before you go onto the total, there are several hands. I'll recognize Mr. Gaipa, he had his hand up first, Mr. Blais.

MR. GAIPA: Madam Chairman, I would like to make a Motion that the Food Program Service in the schools be put on a self-sustained basis and therefore delete \$98,263 from that account. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made to delete the entire account of \$98,263 from the Food Program. Any discussion?

MR. GAIPA: The proposed charges for adult lunches next year are \$1.35. I would assume the adult categories includes teachers, custodians, classified people, etc. Given today's cost of buying lunch, even at McDonald's, I think \$1.35 is a very low price and that if they increase their prices by .50 or .75 or \$1.00 for only the adult lunches, it would wipe out that deficit and put the program on a self-sustaining basis.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Gaipa.

MR. DELUCA: Yes, I would have to support Mr. Gaipa. That was my same hang-up with this. When I had seen \$1.35 for adult lunches, like Mr. Gaipa, I'd have to presume that it does involve the teachers, probably the custodians, and other staff members. Therefore, by raising this up to \$1.85, or even \$2.00 which is a darn good price for lunch.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. DeLuca, there's many distractions in the audience. If you would like to listen to the proceedings, would you please be seated and I would ask the Board of Reps to please come back to their seats.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. DeLuca. Is there anyone else?

MR. BLUM: I see that the budget is \$19,450 total of last ^{the} appropriation. I see the total of the last appropriation 81-82 is \$19,450. Can you tell me why it was raised to \$98,263, a big jump like that?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, through that's because of the cut-offs of Federal reimbursements that we were getting for that program.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. Is there any other discussion on this Motion?

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I am certainly opposed to cutting this out because with the real...what we call depression times we are having, there are going to be a number of people that won't be able to afford the lunches. To go back to a statement that was made, I'm sorry but, if you haven't worked in the school, you'll be surprised how few custodians and teachers eat school lunches.

There are very few. So I would be really opposed to wiping this out because we're going to have some people who need free lunches. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider. Any further discussion on this?

MRS. HAWE: I just want to say that the rationale for cutting the \$20,000 in the fiscal committee, because we did feel that the price of these lunches could be raised somewhat. But I would really urge against cutting the whole amount out, I really feel that this would signal an end to the program which I do feel is a good one. There's been a big decrease in revenues that they've gotten this year from the Federal government, and I think to raise the price too much in one year is really hard; but they are planning to raise the prices and we felt that they could raise them a little more, and that's why we cut the \$20,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any further discussion before we move to a vote?

MR. GAIPA: My friend, Mr. Wider, evidently didn't understand what I was talking about in regard to who was going to pay extra for the lunches. I'm only talking about the adults. The average teacher pay in the next year's budget that you have is \$23,391. The average custodian pay in your budget is \$16,000. The average classified person pay is over \$13,000. I do not feel that the taxpayers of the City of Stamford should be subsidizing lunches for people who are making that kind of money.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Gaipa. Any further discussion?

MR. FLOUNDERS: May I ask through you, Madam President, a question of Mr. Gaipa?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Certainly, Mr. Flounders.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Mr. Gaipa, do you have the numbers of lunches by adults vs. children there?

MR. GAIPA: No, I do not. All I know is that the number of adults have the full lunch program in the school. So I asked several people to try to find out; nobody seems to know. I've heard estimates from 1/3 to 1/2, which would mean approximately anywhere from 500 or 600 to 900 people per day times 180 days.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Well, my only point is that if with the \$20,000 reduction recommended by the Fiscal Committee, that would require a 25% increase from everyone who eats lunch in order to make up the difference, assuming that the \$98,000 is reasonably accurate. But if the group eating lunches in the schools is made up of children

at the level of 70% vs. 30% adults, that's one thing. If it's less children and more adults, that's something else. In other words, we don't have the numbers. We don't want to wipe out the possibility of a lunch program for the children who cannot afford the lunch program. So it would be reckless to wipe out this budget unless we have some idea of how many children are eating and how many adults are eating. I recommend that we take the Fiscal Committee's recommendation which is a significant cut, which itself would require an increase in prices.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders. Next to speak, Mr. Roos. Mr. Roos passes.

MR. FRANCHINA: I wanted to say that if the Federal government is sending us signals and they're dropping programs, why should our already overburdened taxpayers have to pick up the entire brunt? I feel that this program should be self-sustaining. Thank you.

MR. DZIEZYC: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dziezyc, you anticipated my...I didn't say it, and I was thinking it, thank you. Is there a Second to Moving the question? All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. I would remind the representatives not on the Floor that we are going to be voting on the deletion of \$98,263 from the Food Program, 840.7311. We will proceed to a machine vote. If you are in favor of the deletion, vote yes. If you're against it, vote no. I will let you know when I'll shut off the machine. You'll have plenty of opportunity to vote.

The Motion is defeated, 11 Yes, 19 No, 3 Abstention, and 3 not voting.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I'd like to Move to restore the \$20,000 cut.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made and Seconded to restore the \$20,000 cut by the Fiscal Committee. We are now addressing that Motion.

MR. DZIEZYC: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Second to Moving the question. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed? We will Move the question. We will use the machine. We are voting on Mr. Livingston's Motion to restore the \$20,000 to this program. If you agree with the Motion, vote up for yes.

The Motion is lost. 7 Yes, 25 No, 4 Abstentions and 1 not voting.

MR. DELUCA: I would like to make the Motion to reduce this figure by \$50,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: \$50,000 to the total would be...\$48,263. Is there a second to Mr. DeLuca's Motion? There is a Second to the Motion. I am going to recognize Mr. Blais who stood up.

MR. BLAIS: Move the question, Madam Chairman. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made and seconded to Move the question. All in favor, please say Aye. Opposed? We will Move the question. We are voting on Mr. DeLuca's Motion to delete \$50,000 from Account 840.7311.

It's a tie vote so it's a defeat. 16 Yes, 16 No, 5 Abstentions, and 2 not voting. Mr. Flounders...you don't have to do that, Mr. Flounders...Plus a buck? Mr. Flounders Motion is to increase the amount of fiscal by \$1 which should be \$78,264. There's a second to that. Is there any discussion?

MR. DUDLEY: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. Please signify by saying Aye. Yes, I'll let you ask a question, Mr. Conti....No, you want plus a dollar, Mr. Flounders.

MR. FLOUNDERS: The recommendation by the Fiscal Committee was a \$20,000 reduction. My Motion would therefore be a \$19,999 reduction.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The total vote is \$78,262. It's \$2...we'll proceed to a vote. I think your original Motion, Mr. Flounders, and let's not haggle over this, but you did say plus...All right. Let's proceed to a vote. Mr. Flounders' Motion is \$78,262; Fiscal's recommendation is \$78,263. We will proceed to a vote. Use the machine.

Did everyone vote? The Motion has passed. 19 Yes, 13 No, 3 Abstentions, and 2 not voting. Mrs. Hawe...

MRS. HAWE: That \$1.00 is really messing up my...All right, then we have...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please give Mrs. Hawe your attention.

MRS. HAWE: Out of the Food Service Program we have removed \$20,001 which leaves \$78,262 in that, and that brings us to the bottom line appropriated for the Board of Education to \$52,433,159.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Repeat that slowly.

MRS. HAWE: \$52,433,159.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Continue, Mrs. Hawe.

DEBT SERVICE

MRS. HAWE: We're now on page 109, Debt Service. Fiscal recommends no cut in this page and leaves the bottom line at \$14,508,750.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mrs. Hawe. We have a question or a Motion.

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're on page 109. Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Donohue are joining the meeting again so they will now be recorded as present.

MR. ZELINSKI: Through you to Representative Hawe, Line 900.8300 Bonded Debt Expense, I was wondering why there was an increase in that. The other one seemed to have stayed the same or gotten lower. \$12,000.

MRS. HAWE: I'm sorry, Mr. Zelinski, what line are you talking about?

MR. ZELINSKI: The last one. \$8,300 Bonded Debt Expenses, it seemed to have gone up \$12,000 where the other ones have either stayed the same or gone down.

MRS. HAWE: I think we're attempting to find that answer for you, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you. Depending on the answer, I may have a Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're trying to find the answer, but we can't proceed because Mr. Zelinski will probably make a Motion if the answer isn't sufficient.

MRS. HAWE: Might I say, Mrs. Santy, in the interim that all these expenses are determined by the Finance Department to be what our expenses are for Debt Service this year; and I really think it would be foolish to tamper with them.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, do you...We must all be wide awake by now. Mr. Esposito, do you have an answer for Mr. Zelinski?

MR. ESPOSITO: I have to hurry, I have an 8:00 class, we got to get out of here. Bonded Debt Expenses, we just issued ^abond anticipation note at a higher interest rate than previously because of the high interest rates; and that accounts for the extra money in there.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Continue, Mrs. Hawe.

MRS. HAWE: So that line remains the same at \$14,508,750. And now we're ready for...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, before you go on to the total, I want to make special note that Mr. Dixon is leaving the meeting. We now have 38 members present. Good Night, Mr. Dixon. Thank you for being here.

MRS. HAWE: If you just give us a few minutes for the grand total.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Fiscal Co-Chairmen are coming up with a total.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have 38 members present, it is 4:30 a.m. We still have at least two more hours, and I have to have time to go home and put a uniform on, so...we'll have to leave at around at least 7:30.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Do we have a total, Mrs. Hawe?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, we do.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Ladies and gentlemen, if you are interested in the total at this point, Mrs. Hawe will announce it.

MRS. HAWE: The total amount approved, the grand budget total approved, is \$133,027,911. That's the total amount of the operating budget, and for those who are interested, the total amount of cuts we've made is \$2,953,014.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. Continue right on. Mr. Esposito, you're taking over. Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MR. ESPOSITO: We're now in the Capital budget, page 111. There's nothing on there. 112, nothing. 113. Page 114, Environmental Protection Board.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please give Mr. Esposito your attention. We're on 114.

MR. ESPOSITO: Code 110.0084 Flood Forecast and Warning System, \$17,414, Fiscal voted no cuts. Page 115, Sewer.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The code number is 110, Page 114, Environmental Protection Board.

MR. ESPOSITO: Sewer Commission, \$50,000, Fiscal voted no cuts. That's on page 116. Page 118, Code 135, Luis Mapping, \$166,000, that gives us a section total of \$233,....

MRS. CONTI: He's going much too fast.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It seems that most people are following us. Either they're tired or they're following. Where would you like to begin again? What page?

MRS. CONTI: No, I wanted to speak to ^{this} where we're on now.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I recognize LUIS MAPPING that. Do you have a question on any previous pages? Mrs. Conti, I'll call on you, and you are concerned with Page 118, Luis Mapping.

MRS. CONTI: Yes, Madam President, I would like to speak to this. It is an excellent system. We've seen the demonstration, and I find no fault with the system itself; however, this would have to go on our existing computer, and we have a number of things piled up waiting to go on that computer, which is probably the reason why we don't have some of our bills out and some of the other problems that we have. I think this is something that we could put on the back burner for a year. I think we should really consider approving only the most vital and necessary items in this Capital budget. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Thank you, Madam President. One of the main purposes of the demonstration was to indicate and to explain how it can be put on the present computer. If ever there was a way to tighten up and to make more efficient the computer operations of this City and to eliminate the need for many services we have now, notably draftsmen, and to make information retrieval infinitely faster than it is today, it's this program; and if we're interested in really doing something constructive to increase our efficiency and reduce the ongoing growth of expenses, this in my humble judgement is the way to do it. Thank you.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you. I concur with Mr. Flounders, and I understand it will take about one year for this to come onstream, and actually three years before it is fully operational, and that it does not impact the computer that we have now. That is, it will not interfere one with the other in any way. They just interlock with each other. I certainly concur that this is the only way we will ever get our systems under control. I support it.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor, please say Aye. Opposed? We will use the machine. Mrs. Conti, I didn't even write down your Motion. Will you repeat your Motion?

MRS. CONTI: I would Move to delete this \$166,000...

PRESIDENT SANTY: The whole amount, was it? The Motion was to delete the whole amount in this Luis Mapping, \$166,000. If you agree with Mrs. Conti, vote up for yes.

The Motion is lost, 7 Yes, 23 No, 0 Abstentions, and 8 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: Therefore, the bottom line on that page is \$166,000, a section total of \$233,414. Code 201, Mayor's Office, page 119, Fiscal voted to cut \$100,000 from Housing Site Acquisitions, so Code 201.0154 would be now \$100,000. We voted to keep the \$100,000 in Neighborhood Housing Services, so that the total for that page is \$200,000.

MRS. CONTI: Yes, I would like to Move to delete this whole \$200,000. With the situation we're presently in, I don't think we're going to be in a position to go out and buy and start building additional housing. I think things like this can be delayed for another year, and I would so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti. You're making a Motion to delete \$200,000, leaving a total of -0-. Mr. Blais, I'll recognize you.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. Is there a second to Moving the question? We are all in favor of Moving the question. Please say Aye. Opposed? We are voting on Mrs. Conti's Motion to delete \$200,000 further from this account, bringing this account to -0-. If you agree with her, vote up for yes; if you disagree, down for no.

Mr. Boccuzzi, did you vote right? The Motion is lost. 17 Yes, 17 No, 2 Abstentions, and 2 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom line on page 119 is \$200,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dixon, are you still here?

MR. DIXON: I can't get my car out.

MR. ESPOSITO: Is it a white Impala?

PRESIDENT SANTY: The joke of it is that we never found the car that blocked Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: It's an Edsel. Page 124, Department of Traffic.
Code 280.0240, Seaside Cove Turn Lane, \$88,000. Code 280.0819,
Railroad Station, \$765,200.

MRS. McINERNEY: What page are you on, Mr. Esposito?

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 125.

MRS. GERSHMAN: May I have a Point of Information. This is to replace the Railroad Station, Mr. Esposito? I would like to Move to delete this item.

MRS. McInerney: Is there a Second? Is there any disucssion"

MR. BLAIS: Move the question. SECONDED.

MRS. McINERNEY: Is there a Second? All those in favor? All right. We will proceed to a vote, line item 280.0819, Move to delete \$765,200 from the account Railroad Station. Has everybody voted who wants to vote?

Car VG-115 is blocking a car, and it's an emergency and it has to be moved.

The vote to delete was lost, 11 Yes, 25 No, and 1 Abstention, 2 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom line on that page then...

MRS. McINERNEY: I'm sorry, Mrs. Guroian.

MRS. GUROIAN: I have a question, and a Motion. I would like to know what district is Seaside Cove Turn Lane in?

MRS. McINERNEY: But what page are you talking about, Mrs. Guroian?

MR. ESPOSITO: The fourth district.

MRS. GUROIAN: Is that your district?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, it is.

MRS. GUROIAN: That's all I wanted to know.

MRS. McINERNEY: Do you have a Motion, Mrs. Guroian?

MRS. GUROIAN: I have a Motion to delete \$500,000 from the Railroad Station, 280.0819. SECONDED.

MRS. McINERNEY: Is there a Second? Any discussion?

MR. DONOHUE: I think, as many people know, we have a long range commitment to replacing the current Railroad Station. There are commitments in Washington to fund this, commitments on the State level to fund this, and the City has made a commitment to fund this project. To delete anything from this account would endanger the whole project. We sorely need a new railroad station, and this money should not be cut.

MRS. McINERNEY: Thank you, Mr. Donohue.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I'm sorry, but I would hate to see any cuts made in this because this is only a part. We have committed \$7,000,000 to getting funds from the Federal government for the Northeast Corridor, and we also have committed from the State something like \$5,000,000; so this is only a part of this City's share. We must have it in place when the Department of Transportation gets ready to move on it.

MRS. McINERNEY: Thank you, Mr. Wider.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Move the question. SECONDED.

MRS. McINERNEY: Is there a Second? All those in favor of Moving the question? All opposed? Question is Moved. Now we proceed to a vote on line item 280.0819 Railroad Station: a deletion of \$500,000. Mrs. Guroian, is that correct, leaving the total \$265,200?

Has everybody who wanted to vote, cast their vote? The Motion to delete \$500,000 has been lost. 7 Yes, 25 No, no abstentions and 7 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom line is \$853,200. That gives us a section total on page 126 of \$1,053,200.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Page 127, Code 301.0071 Downtown Revitalization Project, Phase 1, Fiscal cut that by \$500,000 so it should read \$2,200,000.

MRS. McINERNEY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to Move to delete the entire \$2,700,000. I would like to remind my colleague that the Board of Finance can elect to do this project by taxation, if it so desires, which would add tremendously to our mill rate. We cut very little from the other budget, and I don't think that this is the time for luxurious new sidewalks and plantings and so forth when we have sat here for three nights putting people out of work. Thank you.

MRS. McINERNEY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti.

MRS. GERSHMAN: We may be putting more people out of work by not doing it. The downtown merchants have said repeatedly that this is the key to their revitalization. I think we cannot deny that. To the merchants who have been so loyal to us for so many years, I vote for it.

MR. DZIEZYC: Thank you, Madam President. With the \$2,700,000 Bond we paid \$270,000 tax for the first year, interest. And that would be taxable. That's why I'm in favor of reducing it to nothing.

MRS. GUROIAN: I think it's a good program, but I don't think it's a program we can afford right now. We've poured millions into the Urban Renewal area, millions after millions after millions. I wonder when the last time was anybody thought of revitalizing neighborhoods and planting even one tree to replace all that the gypsy moths killed, I haven't heard anything in that regard. I have no intention of voting to spend \$2,200,000 more to revitalize and to beautify urban renewal when we spent millions in the past to make it possible. I think it's time we paid a little attention to our neighborhoods and revitalize them; because if we don't start worrying about them, they're going to start going downhill, and the gypsy moths are going to get us all. Even the new trees they plant downtown.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We're talking about a neighborhood that would be destroyed if we don't do this. First of all, we have been working on this for about three years. The Mayor called together a group of people, a wide spectrum of people, who have been meeting for years to get this off the ground and to in some way make it possible for the downtown neighborhood to survive the impact of them all. And this will do it, and all those funny looking sidewalks that you're talking about and all the beautiful signs and everything that is planned is what will help bring life to this downtown area. I think it will be a grave mistake for us to stop investing in our City by not investing in these Capital Projects. And I am opposed to cutting this money.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'll pass.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. Yes, I am in favor of this cut. I think in times of greater prosperity for the community if there was an overabundance of funds, then we could afford this. But the way the economic conditions are, this is a luxury, not a necessity. And I feel that if it is that important, let it go on a referendum and let the voters vote for it. Thank you.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, I am also in favor of this reduction. We keep saying that the downtown merchants want this, the downtown merchants want that, but I think it's time we say, hey, let's put a halt to it. We already have given them, or we will, at our June 7th meeting the \$300,000 to make the Veterans Park Link a reality. That's enough of our good faith shown on the City's part to revitalize the downtown area. Maybe in better times I can see, maybe willing to invest something. Now if the Coliseum Authority was going to be used to fund this here, it would be something different. But since \$2.2 million will be going out of supposedly bonded money, which the Board of Finance can make a true taxation, or even without the taxation, at \$200,000 a year interest is too steep for the City to pick up. I would urge the Board to reject this because we have done our share to revitalize downtown. And this just isn't the time to do it.

MR. WHITE: There's no question about it in my mind, but that URC has been wretchedly bungled in terms of making the place liveable. We have a commitment to make the place more liveable and more esthetic. I think that will insure some sort of, shall we say, plus fact for the people of Stamford. This very basically is a neighborhood, and because you work on URC doesn't mean you ignore the neighborhoods. One ties into the other. If the downtown starts to go, almost inevitably you'll begin to have neighborhood deterioration also. It will creep out from the downtown into the neighborhood areas. True, this is extra money we're shovelling into URC because we didn't take care of URC to begin with. No question about it; URC has been as far as a solid achievement for the community in terms of what it should look like, very badly bungled. Let's see if we can do some plastic surgery on it. I'm very much for leaving this chunk of money in.

MRS. PERILLO: Move the question. SECONDED.

MRS. McINERNEY: There was a Motion to Move the question. It was Seconded. All those in favor of Moving the question, please indicate by saying Aye. All those opposed? No, I'm sorry, it seems to be the feeling of the Assembly to move the question, Mrs. Maihock. We will proceed to a vote. All of those in favor of reducing line 301.0071, Downtown Revitalization Project, by \$2.7 million; up for yes and down for no, please.

The Motion is defeated. 17 Yes, 20 No, 1 Abstention and 1 not voting.

MR. DeLUCA: ...a Motion to reduce it by a million dollars, an additional million. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion Seconded to reduce this amount by \$1,000,000.

MR. DeLUCA: It would bring it down to \$1.2 million, would be the net total.

PRESIDENT SANTY: \$1.2 million?

MR. BLAIS: Move the question, Madam Chairman. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made. Is there a Second? All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We'll Move the question; we'll use the machine. If you are in favor of Mr. DeLuca's Motion to delete \$1,200,000 please vote up for yes.

Did everyone vote? We're going to lock the machine, there's several changes up here. The Motion passed. 19 Yes, 18 No, 1 Abstention and 1 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 127 then reads \$1,200,000. Page 128, Code 310, Bureau of Highways and Maintenance, Code 310.0161, City Wide Resurfacing and Reconstruction, \$440,000 left intact.

MR. BLUM: This is under taxation. Is there any way that we can put it...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Blum, is this a question?

MR. BLUM: This is a question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: What is your question?

MR. BLUM: My question is, is this under taxation. Can we put this under bonding?

MR. ESPOSITO: It's not marked with a T in my book.

MR. BLUM: Page 128, right? Oh, I'm on the wrong place, sorry.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Continue, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: Code 310.0165, City Wide Raised Man Holes, \$25,000. Code 310.0561, Guard Rails City Wide, \$30,000. That's taxation.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'll wait till Representative Esposito finishes and then I'll make a Motion.

MR. ESPOSITO: Code 310.0934, Special Redevelopment Area Maintenance, \$70,000. That would give us a total of \$565,000.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'd like to make a Motion to reduce Code 310.0165 from \$25,000 to -0-. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that motion? If there's no second,...Oh, Mrs. Guroian Seconded your Motion.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I don't want to speak on it.

MR. ESPOSITO: I just want to let everyone know what it's for, This \$25,000 is to raise manholes that have been covered over by past re-paving. If we don't appropriate this money, if Public Works for whatever cleaning sewers or lines or whatever, have to open a manhole, they can't get into them. The \$25,000 is to enable them to raise those manholes so that they can get into them.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion before this Board to reduce that amount 310.0615 to -0-. Any further discussion?

MR. ROOS:newly paved streets to cut around them so they can get through them.

MR. DONOHUE: You cannot re-pave streets without raising the manholes. There's a collar that goes in the ground, you bring it up the new level of the street. This has got to be done; you cannot re-pave streets and pave over existing manholes.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I think we should keep this in; simple reason that if you go down some of the streets that have been paved last year, you look for the manhole it's down about 4 inches. If you got a little car, you practically disappear out of sight. I think you have to pick these things up and straighten out these roads.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there any further discussion? All in favor of moving the question, say Aye. Opposed? We'll Move the question. We're voting on the deletion of \$25,000 City Wide Raised Manholes. Use the machine; if you're in favor, up for yes, down for no.

The Motion is defeated; 2 Yes, 29 No.

SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

MR. DELUCA: Yes, I'd like to make a Motion to delete Line 310.0934 Special Redevelopment Area Maintenance Equipment, and then I'll explain why. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Motion to delete that \$70,000, Mr. DeLuca? Is there a Second? Several Seconds.

MR. DELUCA: Yes, my rationale for deleting this item, its line item 310.0934, Special Redevelopment...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Page 129, Mrs. Perillo. Mr. DeLuca's Motion is to delete \$70,000 in total.

MR. DELUCA: My rationale for doing this is that since...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please give Mr. DeLuca your attention. He's really getting laryngitis, and it's 5:00 a.m. and many of us have to be at work by 7 or 8. So let's continue, we can be done by then if we rush.

MR. DELUCA: Maybe I can try again. The reason why I have elected to delete this item is since we have heard about Saks coming into Stamford, the new mall, etc., the Planning Board has seen fit to get Garage Road, reduce the work requirements which are legally 50 feet, 10 ft shoulder on each side; but because of the Planning Board waiving the work requirement, in order to have Saks obtain a permit to build on this site, Garage Road is now 12 feet wide.

At the April 24, 1982 presentation by Mr. Spaulding, he mentioned that we need special equipment now to go into this road to start cleaning up. I don't feel that the City should be penalized to accommodate Saks any further. I think Saks and redeveloper should show good faith since the City has done nothing but show good faith to both parties. Let them pick up the tab for this equipment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. DeLuca. Anyone wish...Motion has been made to Move the question. Is there a Second? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We will Move the question. We are going to vote on Mr. DeLuca's Motion. I will remind all the representatives in the caucus room we are voting on the deletion of \$70,000 Acct...yes, the machine is ready...Account 310.0934, I'll wait till you all get to your seats to vote...We are voting on the deletion of \$70,000. I'm locking the machine.

Mr. Blais changed his vote to an abstention. Will the record so indicate.

Mr. Blum, do you have a further question? Mr. Blum, you're hidden way down low there. Raise your hand.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to ask you on item 310.0561 through you to Mr. Esposito, \$30,000, could that be put under...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, just one moment, I have to announce that vote. That last vote has to be announced on the \$70,000. We are changing Mr. Blais' vote. The Motion passed, 24 Yes, 5 No, 3 Abstentions and 7 not voting. Mr. Blum, continue. Mr. Blum, what line item are you referring to?

MR. BLUM: Do you want me to repeat that again?

PRESIDENT SANTY: First of all, I want to know what line item.

GUARD RAILS CITYWIDE

MR. BLUM: Line 310.0561, Guard Rails Citywide. There's a T there, Taxation. I would like to know whether that can be bonded, or do we have to vote that off.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, would you answer that question?

MR. ESPOSITO: Most directly, to directly answer that question, no, that's the Board of Finance prerogative. Their justification is that this is really an operating cost. For example, it's the insulation of guard rails at Thunderhill Westover, Riverbank, Division Chestnut Hill, Maple Tree, Davenport Ridge, Stillwater, Tower, Fahey, Carretta & Hyde Sts. and it's not the kind of item that would appropriately be bonded for long lasting, long term item. It's something that's generally considered an operational item, and that's why it's taxed and not bonded.

MR. BLUM: They've cut other taxation items when they were...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, I'm giving everyone the opportunity to speak. But there isn't a Motion on the Floor, what are we speaking to?

MR. BLUM: I make a Motion that we delete \$30,000 from 310.0561. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum made a Motion to delete \$30,000. Is there a Second to his Motion? There's a Second to his Motion.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I would strongly be opposed to this. I had tried so hard in my district to get a guard rail for a very dangerous situation, and I'm sure that the guard rails which are proposed are just as important throughout this City; and I think it would be folly to delete that.

MR. BLUM: For you, Mrs. Maihock, I withdraw the Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Will the second withdraw? And the Second withdraws the Second.

MR. Dixon: Madam President, just before Mr. Esposito, could I get SN-7763 moved from the parking lot?

PRESIDENT SANTY: You certainly can. SN-7763, look in your licenses and see if that's your car. Mr. Dixon, Miss Summerville doesn't want to let you go home. What kind of a car...I guess it's Mrs. Hawe's car. Mr. Esposito, continue, we're on page 126.

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom line total then for Code 310 is \$495,000. Page 130, Code 311, Division of Equipment Maintenance, Code 311.0142, Public Works and New Equipment, Rolling Stock, \$500,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Repeat that amount again.

MR. ESPOSITO: \$500,000. We didn't delete anything from it. That is to purchase one five-cubic-yard dump truck at \$46...I'm sorry, to purchase five cubic-yard dump trucks at \$46,000, mechanical sweepers at \$72,500 and water tank truck at \$57,000, low bed dump trucks at \$16,950, a sedan at \$9,200 and a station wagon at \$9,200.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. Mr. Livingston is leaving the meeting. Good Morning, Mr. Livingston.

MR. ESPOSITO: The total on page 130 then is \$500,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No change on page 130. We're moving along. Mr. Esposito, please continue.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 133.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're on page 133.

MR. ESPOSITO: Code...you want to ask a question?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, Mr. Esposito, you want to give the total for that or just want to wait for the questions at this point?

MR. ESPOSITO: I did, I gave the total.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Page 133. That's Mr. Tarzia's question.

MR. TARZIA: I have a question on item 0936, that's the addition to the courthouse. From what I understand, the State is not paying us enough, I think it's about time that we take some action. I propose that we eliminate that, \$600,000.

MR. ESPOSITO: Fiscal has already done that. I was in anticipation of Mr. Tarzia's Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's why I was waiting for your report, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: The total on page 133 is -0-.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm glad we're so alert and I'm glad we're all happy and now we all like each other. But let's move right along.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 134, Code 330, Bureau of Engineering. Code 330.0159 Citywide Sidewalks, \$25,000. Code 330.0579, Sidewalks Glenbrook Road and Arlington Road, \$45,000. Code 330.0856, Microfilming, \$70,000, we cut that \$70,000, that should read -0- now. Therefore, the total on page 135 should read \$223,894.

MR. TARZIA: Could you give the rationale behind the cut there?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, Luis Mapping will take care of that; and therefore, it was cut in anticipation of the Luis Mapping. You're talking about the microfilming?

MR. TARZIA: Right. That's going to be ready, what, two or three years down the line?

MR. ESPOSITO: Luis Mapping or the microfilming?

MR. TARZIA: Luis Mapping.

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, that's correct.

MR. TARZIA: Fine, thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, the final total again.

MR. ESPOSITO: The final total on page 135 is \$223, 894.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Through you, I would like to ask Mr. Esposito what the justification for an engineering computer is?

MR. ESPOSITO: Line No. 330.0964. To raise an outdated computer in the engineering bureau for surveying calculations, hydraulic calculations, estimating, and graphics, and other applications.

MR. BLAIS: Mr. Esposito, through you, Madam Chairman, to Mr. Esposito, does not the Engineering Department usually engage consultants to do most of their engineering studies; and, if so, would this not be a duplication of effort?

MR. ESPOSITO: The answer to your first question is I don't know. Therefore, the second question is moot.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. Madam Chairman, at this time I would like to make a Motion to delete \$30,000 from the engineering computer. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a second to that Motion? Several seconds. We're addressing Mr. Blais' Motion to delete \$30,000.

MR. BOCCUZZI: As far as the Engineering Department's is concerned, they do have outside consultants but they do a lot of work themselves. They don't put all their jobs out; and what this computer is going to do is do it all by the machine, keep a memory, and the engineers won't have to do it with a pencil and paper. You're going to save \$30,000 in no time at all, so I don't think we should delete this at all.

MRS. SIGMORE: Speaking to the deletion of this item, \$30,000, I believe it was stated to replace an outdated computer. Wouldn't it make more sense for them to rent computers so they don't have to face the constant outdated computerized equipment.

MR. ESPOSITO: I don't know if they have investigated that. That's a possibility.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Mr. Blais is next to speak.

MR. BLAIS: Madam Chairman, at this time I withdraw the Motion to delete the \$30,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Who made the Second? Will you withdraw the Second? Please continue.

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom total then is \$223, 894. Going to page 138, Code 341.0948, Roof Replacement, \$17,000; this is to replace the entire roof of the water pollution control facility. That total on that page is \$17,000. Moving ahead to page 140, Code 343.0945 Scale House Improvements, \$15,000. 343,0953, Incinerator Complex General Improvements, \$750,000, and Code 343.0958, Solid Waste Disposal Study, \$100,000. Therefore, the total on that page is \$865,000.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL STUDY

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. At this time, I would make a motion to eliminate the Solid Waste Disposal Study, line 343.0958, in the amount of \$100,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Repeat that motion, Mr. Blais.

MR. BLAIS: I would at this time move to eliminate \$100,000 from line 343.0958 entitled Solid Waste Disposal Study. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. Is there a second to that motion? Several seconds.

MR. BLAIS: My reasoning for eliminating the study is that this same issue has been before this Board a number of times and has been defeated. I really question the wisdom of putting it in the budget and trying to put it through in this manner.

MRS. MAIHOCK: My objection to this is the fact that it's in taxation rather than bonding. I don't want any more in taxation, I'm sorry.

MR. DELUCA: Yes, I have to speak against the reduction because this seems to be an item that Commissioner Spaulding has been trying to get for the past year and a half; and evidently, he seems to feel that it's an important item to use the money to start this study, and it will help the Solid Waste Study, etc. I think that if he felt it important enough to put it back in, we should give it to him this trip. And stop playing games with it.

MRS. GURDIAN: I am opposed to this cut. First of all, the Board of Finance kept defeating this. Mr. Blais and Mrs. Saxe weren't on the last Board. The Board of Finance kept defeating this, and it didn't come down to the Board of Representatives. The Board of Representatives were very much in favor of this. The study is for a new incinerator. It won't be too long before we will have to have a new incinerator, which is a multi, multi million dollar project when it comes onstream.

The alternative to not doing is to face the possibility that if the incinerator that's existing now breaks down, we're going to have a massive, massive haul-away program in order to get rid of our waste. This is only the tip of the iceberg, true, but it's the tip of an iceberg that is very, very necessary; and it's time we started on this study so that when the time comes to replace that incinerator we will be prepared to do so. I strongly urge that you don't cut this out of the budget.

MR. WHITE: Look, let's not...

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're looking, Mr. White.

MR. WHITE: Let's not back ourselves into the traditional Stamford situation where suddenly we're faced with a crisis and we've got to

do all kinds of convoluted distortions in order to get something done. You are facing down there at the incinerator, a very serious problem. The incinerator doesn't work; it does not work properly at the present time. The people down there don't know how to work it properly, as a matter of fact, and we're faced rather soon down the pike with a question of a serious problem dealing with our garbage, our refuse; and if this study can teach us or can show us how to deal with it in a sound, ecological way, and hopefully it can, then it's well worth it. Let's keep it in, please.

MR. BLUM: This is the study in which we were going to talk..they're talking of regeneration of the garbage in which we would use the steam created by the incinerator for electricity and use of the water from the sewage treatment plant. I think it's a hundred thousand dollar study that's worthwhile; in the end we're going to save money by this here study. Thank you.

MR. DELUCA: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion's been made. Is there a Second to Move the question? All in favor of Moving the question, say Aye. Opposed? We will use the machine. We are voting on Mr. Blais' Motion to delete \$100,000 Solid Waste Disposal Study. If you agree with the deletion, vote up for yes.

That means that someone is trying to get in the back door. Will one of the policeman please go down there. Someone's caught at the back door.

MR. ESPOSITO: Point of information. Tonight, already twice you have allowed someone to Move the question when they've already spoken on it. We're so tired we don't care. I just wanted to point that out.

MRS. GUROIAN: I 'd like to point out that I noticed both times. But I didn't care either.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Good, I'm glad you don't care.

I would ask, Mr. Blum and Mr. White, if we don't see you over there, raise your hand, because you're getting lower and lower in your seats. And it's very difficult to see. Except Mr. Blais, who always stands up.

The vote is lost, 28 No, 1 Yes, 2 abstentions, 6 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: The total on page 140 is \$865,000. We are now moving to page 143 for a grand total.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Rybnick, while they're getting the total, would you like to say something?

MR. RYBNICK: I just wanted to enlighten you that this Board here holds the record. We have beat our four or five many years ago, so...

(CLAPPING)

MRS. GUROIAN: I'd like Mr. Rybnick to know that proves one of two things. Either we're more dedicated or we don't know what we're doing.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Guroian, I prefer the first choice. We're waiting for section totals now.

MRS. GUROIAN: \$3,300,894 is the total passed \$2,240,000 is the cuts.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Repeat that, Mrs. Guroian.

MRS. GUROIAN: Section total for Public Wrks is \$3,300,894 is the amount passed. And the total cuts were \$2,240,000.

MR. ESPOSITO: I don't agree with that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Well, Mrs. Huffman and Mrs. Guroian agree. The two women agree against the one man. What do you want to do, Assembly? Mrs. Hawe, while they're getting the section total, could you possibly go along and we'll come back to that total.

MRS. HAWE: Police Department, Page 144, Code 410, well, should I read all the ones that are in there?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, if there's no changes, why don't you just go along with the page.

MRS. HAWE: All right, we recommend no cuts in the Police Department's Capital Projects and the bottom line stays at \$101,000.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you. The taxation for line 0061, Police Vehicles, these are those 3-wheel motorcycles, and we have discussed before; and I recommend that we cut \$30,000. SECONDED.

POLICE VEHICLES

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Gershman. There are several Seconds. We are now speaking to Mrs. Gershman's Motion to delete \$30,000 Police Vehicles, 410.0061.

Mr. White, you're standing...you're not standing.

MR. DeLUCA: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the question, please signify by saying Aye? Opposed? We will move right to the machine. We are voting on the deletion of \$30,000, 3-wheel police vehicles.

No, Mrs. Maihock, if you agree with the Motion, to delete \$30,000, you would vote yes.

The Motion passed, 19 yes, 13 no, 0 abstentions and 5 no voting. Before we go on, Mr. Esposito, did you agree with the figure at that last total on page 113?

MR. ESPOSITO: Mrs. Guroian and Mrs. Huffman were correct. It's \$3,300,894.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. Mrs. Howe, we are now on page 144. Anyone else like to speak to this page? Continue, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: So the total then for the Police Department...did you read all the Police Department?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We don't have to read it, we decided just to go ahead if there were no changes.

MR. ESPOSITO: Total then is \$70,100 on page 145.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We deleted \$30,000, Mr. Esposito. Give Mr. Esposito some time.

MR. ESPOSITO: It's obvious I didn't get my doctorate in math. May we move along...Page 146, Fire Department, 450 account, the total on page 147 is \$28,600. Page 148, New Hope Fire Department, the total is \$26,200. Page 149, Long Ridge Fire Department, the total is \$80,000. Page 150, Turn of River Fire Department, the total is \$137,050.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Guroian is keeping the figures. She can't write that fast.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 153, Section total should be \$342,850. Moving along to page 155, Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility, the total on that page is \$801,200. Page 155.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, perhaps if you gave the page number first...Mrs. Guroian, are you keeping up with us? Fine.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 156, Smith House Residence, the total is \$40,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Huffman, are we going too fast for you?

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 158, Health Department, \$35,000. That would give us a section total of \$876,200. Page 159, Park Department, the total for the Park Department is \$1,254,600. Page 161, Terry Conners Rink, \$23,600.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Again, I see this is a tax item; and I Move that we delete it. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Which item, Mrs. Gershman? Page number and then item.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Page 161, Item 620,0975.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Mrs. Gershman's Motion? There's a Second. Mrs. Gershman, would you like to speak to the Motion?

MRS. GERSHMAN: No, I would just like to delete it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any discussion?

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I would like to speak against deleting this item. If we look in the back-up, it states that quite frankly the anticipated energy savings will be about \$25,000 a year, after installation, and we're looking to spend \$23,600 and the first year we'll get back \$25,000; so I think that it would be a prudent investment on our part.

MR. DeLUCA: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a second to Moving the question? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We will Move the question. We are voting on Mrs. Gershman's motion to delete \$23,600 from the ice rink energy refit.

MR. ESPOSITO: I just realized my alarm went off at home. I hope my wife isn't looking for me.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The vote lost, 30 No, 2 Yes, and 5 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: The total on page 161 is \$23,600. Page 162, Board of Recreation, the total is \$19,617. Page 163, the Brennan Golf Course, Code 670.0543, Fairway Irrigation System, Fiscal cut the entire \$7,000, so that would leave us with -0- in that account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, maybe you can go back and explain why Fiscal would take that position.

MR. ESPOSITO: It's to extend the existing system to various areas of the golf course not yet covered; Fiscal felt that this was not something that was a high priority item, and therefore voted to delete it.

MR. DeLUCA: I would like to see this restored back into the budget for the fact that an irrigation system plays an important role.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Do you want to make your Motion first?

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, I would like to make a Motion to restore the \$7,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Seconded.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, my rationale is that being a golf freak, I don't like to play in burned-out fairways. No, seriously, the whole crux of having a good golf course is having good fairways and it draws in the out-of-towners to play there; it draws in your own residents to play; and if the golf course is in good condition, the investment will be returned hundred-fold.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Point of information, Madam President. I believe this is a taxation item.

MR. ESPOSITO: No, it is not.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: In the back-up, we have it marked taxation item.

MR. ESPOSITO: It has been marked as bonded now. I believe the...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Flounders, would you like to address that question? Oh, no ...okay. Mr. Flounders, you may speak.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Move the question, SECONDED.
Motion has been made. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We are going to Move the question, and the question is Mr. DeLuc Motion to restore \$7,000 Fairway Irrigation System. If you want to restore the amount, vote up for yes.

Motion has been defeated. 20 No, 13 Yes, 1 Abstention and 3 not voting.

MRS. CONTI: I would like to Move, to delete the \$7,500 for the pick-up truck, that's line 670.0092. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a second to that Motion? Seconded.

MRS. CONTI: Yes, this is replacing a 5-year old pick-up truck. Now it seems to me a 5 year old pick up truck is adequate for running around a golf course. I see no reason why...for the few months of the year that they are maintaining the golf course, I don't think it is necessary to buy a brand new truck for that purpose.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Would anyone else like to speak to Mrs. Conti's Motion?

MR. BOCCUZZI: Am I to understand that the truck never leaves the golf course?

MRS. CONTI: Why would it have to leave the golf course? I mean, it might have to go get supplies or something...

MR. BOCCUZZI: It's a pick-up truck, it might want to pick somebody up.

MRS. GUROIAN: It never stopped for me.

MR. ESPOSITO: I might point out that they want to replace a 1976 foreign-made pick-up truck, and I am sure that the foreign-made are not as well made as the American-made. That's why it needs replacement.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to Mrs. Conti's Motion to delete \$7,500 pick-up truck.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Mr. Boccuzzi asked a question, if it leaves the golf course. Generally, it does not; however, it might go to a hardware store or what have you around town to get supplies or what have you. But the general nature is around the golf course.

MR. DUDLEY: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We will Move the question. It's on the deletion of \$7,500 pick-up truck.

The Motion carried, 21 Yes, 14 No, 0 abstention and 2 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: Therefore, the bottom line on page 163 is -0-. And we're ready for a section total.

MRS. GUROIAN: \$1,297,817. Does that sound right?

MR. ESPOSITO: I agree with Mrs. Guroian, and I think that we should mark this occasion.

We're moving along now to page 167, the total for the Stamford Museum is \$61,927.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Madam Chairman, on page 166, there are several new items. I think they could probably be funded by the Museum itself, and I would Move to cut all of them.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Would you make one Motion at a time, Mrs. Gershman?

NEW FARM TRUCK

MRS. GERSHMAN: Yes, I will. Page No. 166, Code 0146 for \$7,345. I move to delete it. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? Any discussion? I'm deleting \$7,345 Farm Truck 720.0146. There's a Motion to Move the question. Second? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We are now going to vote by the use of the machine whether to delete \$7,345 New Farm Truck.

As a light note, I think the sun is rising. So maybe we'll wake up a little bit more.

The Motion passed, 21 Yes, 10 No, 0 abstentions and 6 not voting.

MAINTENANCE UTILITY VEHICLE

MRS. GERSHMAN: Page 166, 0147, Maintenance Utility Vehicle, \$9,217, I Move to delete. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? Any discussion?

MR. DELUCA: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We will proceed to a machine vote on deleting \$9,217, Maintenance Utility Vehicle.

The Motion carried, 20 Yes, 8 No, 0 abstentions and 9 not voting.

MAIN BUILDING ENTRANCE AND RAMP

MRS. GERSHMAN: Page 166, 0151, Main Building Entrance and Ramp to be redesigned, it's taxed, and the amount is \$11,930, I Move to delete.

SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? Several Seconds.

MR. DELUCA: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Moving the question? Seconded. All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We are going to Move the question. We are Moving the question to delete \$11,930...Use the machine. If you are in favor of that deletion, vote up for yes.

Mr. Blum, I'll call on you in one moment. Mrs. Gershman, does that complete your Motions? I haven't given the vote tally yet, but...

MRS. GERSHMAN: Yes, it does.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion is carried, 23 Yes, 10 No, 0 abstention, and 4 not voting.

ROOFING OVERBROOK BUILDING

MR. BLUM: Mrs. Gershman forgot 720.0148, Roofing Overbrook Building, \$8,525.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are you making a Motion, Mr. Blum?

MR. BLUM: I make a Motion we remove that. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: To delete that amount. There's a Second. Is there any discussion on deleting 720.0148?

MRS. SIGMORE: Yes, I can see voting against a truck but I think a roof is a pretty basic kind of need.

MRS. CONTI: When the Museum was in before Fiscal, they told us that they had a capital projects drive and they raised \$3,000,000. They told us that they had \$499,000 left out of that \$3,000,000. Therefore, I think all the items here should be deleted. Of course, when people give to a capital drive, they don't like to replace roofs and things like that; they would prefer to do more exotic things. But I think if they have the money, they should take care of their basic needs. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Any further discussion? There's a Motion to Move the question. Is there a Second? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We are going to use the machine. The question is to remove \$8,522; 720.0148. \$8,525.

We're going to lock the machine, ladies and gentlemen. The Motion passed, 18 Yes, 15 No, 0 abstention, and 4 not voting. Who asked a question?

MRS. SIGMORE: I just wanted to make it known that we're almost at the budget book, the street lights have gone off for the night. The daytime is officially here.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We've spent the whole night together.

MRS. CONTI: Madam President, I would like to Move the line item 720.0145 \$24,910. I would like to reduce that to -0-. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Mrs. Goldstein, before I speak to you, Mrs. Conti, would you like to speak to that Motion?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Madam Chairman, just before we go to that Motion, because I know that Commissioner Spaulding has to leave and go about his duties this morning, I want to say welcome. I want just to remind him because it wasn't in the newspaper how kind we were to his budget yesterday, and what we want in return.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Goldstein, that's really out of order. We're going back to Mrs. Conti. Mrs. Conti has a Motion to delete \$24,910, line item 720.0145, there has been Seconds to it. That's what we're discussing now.

MRS. CONTI: My rationale is the same as it was before. They told us they had \$499,000 left out of their capital project drive, and I think that they should use it for these basic needs.

MR. DeLUCA: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Moving the question? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We are going to go right to the machine vote. We are deleting \$24,910 720.0145, Page 166. If you agree with the Motion, vote up for yes.

The Motion passed, 20 Yes, 11 No, 0 abstentions, and 5 not voting.

MRS. PERILLO: Yes, I'd just like to ask Mrs. Gershman, I'm very curious, because she claims she's with these T's for taxation. How come she let so many other previous pages go by without saying nothing that had a T after it? No, I'm just curious, what is it? Is it just certain departments?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We can continue with the budget. Mrs. Gershman will speak to you after the meeting.

CULTURAL CENTER

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 167 then is -0-. Page 169, 735, Cultural Center, \$500,000, and we're ready for a section total.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All right. Mrs. Gershman has the Floor.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Ladies and gentlemen, I suppose of anyone here, I should support this project; and it is with great regret that I cannot. I will be very brief. The argument is that it will bring people to downtown Stamford. A \$6,000,000 lobby will not bring people. Good theater will. I feel that to date the theater company has not been able to prove that it can successfully hold an audience. May I please have the attention...

PRESIDENT SANTY: I want to remind everyone here it is quarter of 6, very soon many of us are going to have to be leaving because we have positions to go to; so please give Mrs. Gershman your attention so we can go speedily and quickly.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I feel that the incumbent theater company has not been able to provide that security that they can produce an audience over a long period of time, and they cannot run the theater. I have asked many people how down the line is this theater going to be financed, how is the plant going to be financed, how is the facility going to be financed, and everybody has a different answer, which leaves me very concerned. I feel we're putting the cart before the horse. Let them produce theater and bring people here and then we can give them the building, the facility.

The argument is that all of the money is in place. We will lose it. Well, ladies and gentlemen, we may also spend an awful lot more, and I'm terribly sorry, but I can support this. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's been Moved and seconded \$500,000 Cultural Center. We're speaking to that Motion.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, I would have to oppose the cut that Mrs. Gershman is proposing. Going back a few weeks ago, I was...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. DeLuca, would you re-phrase that statement? Some people over here would like to have you repeat that. No, I'm not being facetious, but I don't think you heard him, did you? Mr. Blais could not hear you.

MR. DeLUCA: Well, I guess I do come up with some shockers every so often. It's the seat I'm in, I guess. It still has some yes votes left in it. After 3 days...As I was trying to state, up until several days ago, I was totally against this project. But talking to several people, two being Mr. Bob Rich and former Mayor Tom Mayers, a respected citizen, and the wonderful mayor of the City of Stamford for two terms, during the course of conversation, they have convinced me of the fact that the 4½% of the sales tax on the hotels would come into this fund strictly for the sole use of the Coliseum Authority and would be strictly for the Cultural Arts Center. Right now they are projecting an income between \$400,000 and \$500,000 based on the present hotels we have in our City.

that's
As you all know, the Holiday Inn has gone up; ^ approximately 400 rooms there. The Trizec Corporation just received a building permit to put up a 500-room Sheraton. Plus the fact that the Office Tower to be constructed above the Cultural Arts Center, funds from that facility would also go towards the operating expense. Both Mr. Rich and Tom have agreed that the City's only investment in this would be \$500,000 this year, \$500,000 next year, and the City will not be requested to contribute any funds for capital; the City will not be requested to contribute

any funds toward the operating expense of this facility. I thoroughly believe that once the Coliseum Authority is in place, the funds that we will derive will more than offset the operating expense for this facility.

MRS. PERILLO: Yes, through you, I would like to ask Mr. DeLuca, you're telling us we can't have one, we have to take one with the other. We can't vote for one and not the other. Is that what you're saying?

MR. DeLUCA: I don't quite understand the question.

MRS. PERILLO: We can't vote against the Cultural Center and just vote for the Coliseum. We have to have both?

MR. DeLUCÁ: Yes. No, you don't have to have both, because the Coliseum Authority is utilized for any city that has a population over 85,000 people. But we will be hoping that if you do have a Coliseum Authority that the funds will strictly be used for the Cultural Arts Center to offset the operating expenses.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Gershman, Mrs. Perillo has the Floor. We'll come back to you. We have many speakers.

MRS. PERILLO. You continue to say that you spoke to Mr. Rich and Mr. Tom Mayers; do you have any of these commitments in writing?

MR. DeLUCA: There was a letter that I dropped off at everyone's desk, I believe, on Tuesday night.

MRS. PERILLO: Is this a fact that it will not cost us any money?

MR. DeLUCA: Well, this is what the projections seem to be. They are even agreeing if you wanted to make a stipulation on 3 points. That the \$500,000 cannot be spent unless we have a guarantee or are willing to have this here in writing that it will not cost the City any funds, provided we do put in place the Coliseum Authority. And they're willing to sign an agreement with the City as such. If you're looking to put this as a stipulation, unless the Coliseum Authority is in place, whereby the funds are going to be used for the Cultural Arts Center, they will not go ahead with the \$500,000.

MRS. PERILLO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. DeLuca.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Point of information, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Well, Mrs. Gershman, we have many speakers. You're asking Mr. DeLuca a question?

MRS. GERSHMAN: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Go ahead.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Mr. DeLuca, I was told by our equally esteemed Mayor Julius Wilensky, who is also on that committee that the Coliseum, the proposed coliseum tax, would be used for all arts facilities and not just for the coliseum. There are two differences of opinion there.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Gershman. We'll go on to the next speaker.

MR. DUDLEY: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? Well, we need 2/3 to Move the question. Who is opposed to Moving the question, raise your hand. We're going to Move the question, go right to a machine vote. We're going to vote on Mrs. Gershman's Motion to delete \$500,000...it's all right, you can change your vote until it's locked in, you can do anything you want with it... we're voting on Mrs. Gershman's Motion to delete \$500,000 Cultural Center.

I would remind all the Reps to come. Has everyone voted; this is an important vote.

The Motion is defeated. 17 Yes, 19 No, 0 abstention and 1 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: Fiscal voted to approve the \$500,000 with the proviso that we had Corporation Counsel write up for us, and I don't know if it's the appropriate time to read this into the Record. "Below is the revised language of the conditions that we wish to have met prior to disbursement of capital appropriation for the proposed Cultural Center." This is Fiscal's recommendation:

1. That the City of Stamford create a Coliseum Authority pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 7-136B.
2. That it shall be demonstrated that said Coliseum Authority shall be capable of generating sufficient revenue to pay the City's share of any obligations that is anticipated the City shall incur by the operation of the proposed Coliseum Center.
3. That a yet-to-be designated city official or department shall be accorded rights and powers equal to those of any private interests in the planning, design, construction and subsequent operation of the proposed Cultural Center; and
4. That the State of Connecticut by grant or otherwise contributions for any obligations incurred by the city in the cost of the planning, design, construction of the proposed Cultural Center at the rate of \$2.00 to be contributed by the State for each \$1.00 contributed by the City.

MRS. CONTI: I would like it to be made very clear that that was not a unanimous decision of the Fiscal Committee.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti. Next to speak, Mrs. Saxe. Mr. DeLuca, you're next.

Let me remind you that there is no Motion on the Floor.

MRS. SAXE: I would like to make it known that to my knowledge there is not a Coliseum Authority in the state of Connecticut that is working except in deficit. I also would like to say that I think it's very bad business not to come forward when you're talking of a minimum of \$6,000,000 with a financial plan that is going to be put before us. I think this is wrong, I think you're wrong to put the cart before the horse, and I don't think the City of Stamford should go into the real estate business to try and run some kind of a business building above the coliseum when it's done. I think it's very wrong, and I think we are just looking for trouble.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Saxe. I remind you there is no Motion on the Floor. It's 5 minutes to 6.

MRS. CONTI: I would like to Move to reduce this appropriation by \$300,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: So the line total would be \$200,000? Is there a Second to that Motion? There's several Seconds. Is there a Motion to Move the question? Is there a Second to Moving the question? All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We're going to move right to a vote. Mrs. Conti's Motion to delete \$300,000 from this account.

I remind the representatives that we are taking a vote.

The vote is defeated, 13 Yes, 19 No, 0 abstention and 5 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: The total for that page is \$500,000. The section total is \$500,000. Page 170...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mrs. Saxe.

MRS. SAXE: Why are we going on to say that that's an accepted situation.

PRESIDENT SANTY: What is an accepted...All we voted on, Mrs. Saxe, was the Cultural Center. We do not have the Coliseum Authority before us tonight. That's coming down. That will be at the next Steering Committee meeting. We only voted on the Motion to delete \$500,000 and then delete \$300,000, Cultural Center.

MRS. HAWES: Madam President, Point of information. These conditions that the Fiscal Committee recommended be placed on this, how do we attach that to this appropriation; do we have to vote separately on that?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We better vote on that separately. You have voted the funds now. I would Move to attach that with the funds.

MRS. HAWES: I so Move. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Several Seconds.

MR. BLAIS: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Moving the question? All in favor of Moving the question, say Aye. Opposed? We're going to move right to the machine. We're voting to attach to this appropriation the statement just...the restrictions that Mr. Esposito just wrote. If you're in favor of that, with the amount of money, vote up for yes.

The Motion passed, with 24 Yes, 1 No, 5 not voting and 5 abstentions. Mr. Rybnick has left the meeting. Good Morning, Mr. Rybnick.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 170, Board of Education. A total on page 172 is \$677,630.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Before you go any further, the Record must show that Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Donohue are absent. Mr. Esposito, continue.

MR. ESPOSITO: I gave the total and I believe we're ready for a...

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, we're not yet. Mr. Blum, are you leaving? Oh, okay.

MR. DZIEZYC: I'd like to eliminate 810.0009, \$80,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Several seconds.

MRS. HAWE: I'd like to speak to this one and to the other Motions that will follow, I assume. In the fiscal committee, we looked very carefully at these because they were slated to go into taxation. However, these are things...for instance, Westhill roof restoration, the one we're talking about now, this is something that involves maintaining your capital investment and the roof at Westhill is in need of repair; and I just don't see how you can not repair a school roof that needs repairing. So I would urge you all to keep this money in.

MR. WHITE: Question through you, Madam President, to Mrs. Hawe. About the roof at Westhill was the contractor held responsible for that? Is the roof that has leaked since the building was built?

MR. ESPOSITO: The answer is yes, and the contractor was not held responsible; or at least they did not pursue that.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I'm going to speak to this and all of them at one time because it will save time in the end. I think it would be irresponsible to cut these items. We looked at them very carefully.

They have to be done. We cannot allow the rooms of our schools especially the ones that are going to remain open, and all of our other capital investments in our school system to deteriorate and to be destroyed. I hope you don't vote for these cuts.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. I think it is unconscionable for us to sit here and vote on items for school buildings which we do not know whether those buildings will remain open as schools or what will happen to them. Furthermore, we have already had the announcement that there would be 3 school closings, in which case they can take the operation from Burdick School move into another building, and they have \$800,000 in this capital budget in unencumbered funds for Burdick which is over and above what they're asking for for these other buildings. And I don't think it's right for us to appropriate new money when we know there's upwards of \$800,000 which they can transfer to do these projects. Thank you.

MR. DZIEZYC: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. All opposed? We are going to move right to the machine for a vote that's on the deletion of \$80,000, Westhill roof restoration. If you approve of the deletion, vote up for yes.

I remind all of the representatives that we are going to lock the machine up.

Mr. Blum, would you like to vote? Mr. Blum, I will allow you to vote, it's up to you. I'm sorry, I didn't see you walking towards your chair. What would you like to vote, Mr. Blum?

The Motion passed, 15 Yes, ...wait a minute... The Motion is defeated. 15 Yes, 16 No, 1 Abstention, and 2 not voting. The Motion is defeated.

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a Motion to delete 810.0010, \$89,280. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Is there a Second to Moving the question? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We will move right to the machine. If you are in favor of that deletion of \$89,280, please vote up for yes.

The Motion passed, 17 Yes, 13 No, 3 abstentions, and 1 not voting. Mr. Dziezyc, you have the Floor.

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a Motion to delete item 810.0011, \$60,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Several Seconds. Mr. Wiederlight, you certainly may speak, but Mr. Dziezyc made the Motion; he should be entitled to speak first. Mr. Dziezyc, do you have anything further to say to that?

MR. DZIEZYC: Yes, I believe they had that \$800,000 in the Burdick Junior High, and there's enough money in the capital fund to transfer it.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you, Madam President. This capital project appropriation is not a luxury. This is not something they can do without from one year to the next. The fascia is falling off of the front of the Turn of River Middle School. It not only is deteriorating the building, it is also presenting a safety hazard to the children as they wait to go into school, and as they leave school. This is not something that we can put off any longer because ultimately one of our children will either be injured and we will wind up with a terrific law suit. But our primary interest should be with our children's safety, and I think we should vote against killing this appropriation..

MR. DUDLEY: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Moving the question? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We will go right to the machine for a machine vote. We are voting on the deletion of \$60,000 Turn of River Middle School renovation.

Has everyone voted? The Motion is defeated, a tie vote, 16, 16, and 2 people not voting.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a Motion to delete item 810.0012, for \$80,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Could you repeat what that figure is for?

MR. DZIEZYC: 810.0012, \$80,000. For Administrative Building.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is that Hillandale Avenue? Is there a Second to Mr. Dziezyc's Motion? Seconded.

MR. DeLUCA: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We will go right to the machine to Move the question. We are voting on the deletion of Administrative Building, Hillandale renovation, \$80,000. Vote up for yes if you're for this deletion, down for no.

We just have a little bit more to go, let's all stay together. We're going to make it yet.

The Motion passed, 20 Yes, 11 No, 1 Abstention and 2 not voting.

ASPHALT AND RESURFACING

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a motion to delete 810.0204, Asphalt and Resurfacing. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Second to the Motion?

MR. BLAIS: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Second to Moving the question? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We'll Move right to the machine vote. We're voting on the deletion of \$50,000 Asphalt and Resurfacing. Mr. Blum, it's very difficult to see you; if you want to be heard, stand up. We're proceeding to a vote.

The Motion has passed, 17 Yes, 15 No, 1 Abstention and 1 not voting.

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a Motion to delete 810.0904, Davenport Ridge Elementary School Roof for \$60,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyc, that's on page 172? Okay. Is there a Second to Mr. Dziezyc's Motion? Now, you know what we're voting on now, so I want to move quickly. 810.0904, Davenport Ridge Elementary School roof, deletion \$60,000.

MR. FRANCHINA: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We'll go right to the machine for a vote. If you're in favor of the deletion, vote up for yes.

The Motion is defeated, 13 Yes, 16 No, 3 abstentions, and 2 not voting.

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a Motion to delete 810.0925, Burner Replacements, \$112,000, because there's still \$800,000 in the Burdick Junior High School Capital Fund. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made to delete \$112,000 Burner Replacements.

MRS. HAWE: I'd just like to say something about the fact that we have all this money in the Burdick School account. We discussed with the Board of Education and they said at that time, they had not made a decision regarding Burdick School. They went back and they met and they sent us a memorandum which indicated that in most probability they would not be closing Burdick School. So if you're counting on them transferring that money, I think you might be mistaken. Second of all, the replacements for these burners are they're replacing the least efficient burners in Newfield, Roxbury, and Westover Schools, and they're replacing them with more energy-efficient burners.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Before you go any further, Art Kelly has been sitting here freezing and he wouldn't turn around and close the window. Thank you so much, Art. Continue. I think let's give him an applause, he's been here right with us.

MRS. SIGMORE: I think it's very interesting that certain members of this Board have decided already that unilaterally the Burdick School is among the schools to be closed when Dr. Jones has not

even made that recommendation.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Signore. We are now addressing the Motion made by Mr. Dziezyc to delete \$112,000.

MRS. GUROLAN: I think a lot of us are aware of the fact that Dr. Jones nor the school board has made that decision, but this is the only way we can give them a message as to what the decision we would like them to make since they don't come to us for that appropriation and I don't think they come to us for the transfer.

MR. BLAIS: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion has been Seconded. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? Go right to the machine for a vote on a deletion of \$112,000, Burner Replacements.

The Motion has been defeated, 15 Yes, 16 No, 1 Abstention and 2 not voting.

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a Motion to delete 810.926 Northeast Roof Restoration, \$40,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Seconded. There's a Motion made to delete \$40,000 Northeast Roof Restoration. Any discussion? Is there a Second to Moving the question? All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We're going to move the question right to the machine. If you're in favor of this deletion, please vote up for yes, down for no.

Mr. Esposito, are you leaving the meeting? Good Morning, Mr. Esposito, and thanks very much. Let's give Mr. Esposito a hand.

Motion is defeated, 14 yes, 15 no, 2 abstentions and 3 not voting. We have 36 people present, we still have a quorum.

MR. DZIEZYC: , I make a Motion to eliminate 810.0929, Tennis Court Reconstruction, \$91,350. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Seconded.

MR. DeLUCA: I'd have to speak out against this one, because it's one of the few tennis courts in the area that's free to the public and it's in the inter-city location, and to deprive the people of something like this here recreational facility will be a disgrace.

MR. BLAIS: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made to Move the question. All in favor... you can vote against Moving the question...all in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We're going to move right

to a machine vote. It's on the deletion of \$91,350, right to the machine.

We're going to tabulate, has everyone voted?

The Motion passed, 15 Yes, 14 No, 2 abstentions and 4 not voting.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to Move to delete the \$15,000 on item 810.0928 inasmuch as Ryle is one of the schools that has been mentioned as possibly closing. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Boccuzzi, Mrs. Conti made a Motion. Is there a Second to that Motion? There's a Second. Mr. Boccuzzi, would you like to speak to them?

MR. BOCCUZZI: Here again, we're assuming things are going to happen. I don't know where everybody gets all this information, what schools are going to close. The Board of Ed doesn't even know what they're closing, and yet members of this Board insist on what school is closing.

MRS. CONTI: The staff of Ryle has already been informed that that school may be one of those...

MR. BOCCUZZI: No way! Because that's my district...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Boccuzzi, let Mrs. Conti speak... Mrs. Conti has the Floor. A few minutes ago, we liked each other; let's keep it that way. Mrs. Conti, do you have anything further to say?

MRS. CONTI: I just said that the staff of Ryle has already been informed that they may be one of the schools to close.

MR. BLAIS: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Second to Move the question? All in favor of Moving the question? Opposed? We are now going to Move the question to the deletion of \$15,000 Ryle School Waterproof.

This Motion was defeated, 19 No, 8 Yes, 2 abstentions and 4 not voting. We are now waiting for a section total.

Please give Mrs. Guroian your attention. We have to have this figure. Mrs. Guroian, repeat that slowly.

MRS. GURQIAN: \$367,000 passed. \$310,630 in cuts.

MRS. HAWE: The total amount approved is \$367,000. The total cuts in this Board of Education grouping is \$310,630. And now we'll need a grand budget total, so if you'll give us a couple of minutes.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: Then you're going to work on the resolution. Mrs. Guroian, if you have your total, why don't you come up here to Mrs. Huffman...add you have your blank sheet for the appropriation resolution that you can read immediately. No, we have another meeting to convene.

If you all would like to take one minute to notify your spouses where you are, we're waiting for the total, because we still have another few minutes of work left.

We have not recessed, we're still in session; if you want to get up and stretch..

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to make a Motion that we send a letter to the Police Chief thanking him for his protection the last 3 days.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, there was no reason to make a Motion because I intended to do that as your President.

We have a total...Ladies and gentlemen, we have been here all night; we are almost through. If you want to have the final totals, please stay in your seats. Please keep the conversation down so Mrs. Hawe can give us those figures.

MRS. HAWE: The total capital project budget as approved is...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mrs. Hawe. Please give her your attention.

MRS. HAWE: \$7,971,375. \$7,971,375. And now the total amount of cuts out of the capital project budget is \$2,757,057.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, will you continue with the operating budget? I would ask all the representatives to please take your seats. We just have a few more minutes and we can complete this.

MRS. HAWE: Should I read this, Madam President? I think maybe I should.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, we have to complete the operating budget. Did you give us that total yet?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, I gave you the capital; now, should I read this and fill in the figures when I get to them?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, you should, Mrs. Hawe. Please pay attention; we need 21 votes to pass this.

MRS. HAWE: Whereas, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended budgets for the ensuing year commencing July 1, 1982 and ending June 30, 1983 for final action

by the Board of Representatives, be it hereby resolved by the City of Stamford that the itemized estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year 1982-1983 in the budget that is submitted by the Mayor and is acted upon by the Board of Representatives in the amounts of \$7,971,375 capital projects budget, \$133,027,911 operating budgets. Be and it is hereby accepted, adopted and approved and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of budgets under the heading Board of Representatives, recording the approval or other action of said Board of Representatives. **SECONDED.**

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made. Is there a Second to the Motion? Several Seconds. We're going to use the machine. If you are in favor of this appropriation resolution, please vote up for yes.

Mr. Donahue and Mrs. McInerney have joined the group; we have 33 representatives present. We are voting on our appropriation resolution, bearing in mind we need 21 votes to adopt this budget.

Just a minute, we have to put Mr. Donahue and Mrs. McInerney on the computer.

You may now vote by using the machine. We are voting on the final adoption of the budget.

Has everyone voted? We are going to lock up the machine.

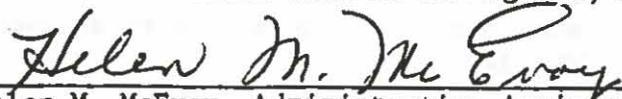
The budget is adopted, 25 Yes, 4 No, 4 abstentions, and 2 not voting.

MR. DeLUCA: I make a Motion for adjournment. **SECONDED.**

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion to adjourn. We have to adjourn this meeting before we can convene the second. All in favor of adjourning, please say Aye. Opposed?

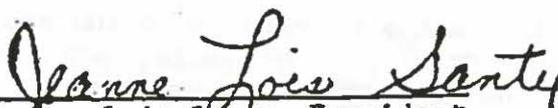
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business concerning the budgets for the fiscal year 1982-1983 to come before the Board, the budget portion of the meeting is adjourned. The Board will now consider the other item on the Agenda, being the proposed Phase-In ordinance.


Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant
(and Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

(The meeting was broadcast in its entirety by Radio Station Stamford.)


Jeanne-Lois Santy, President
17th Board of Representatives

TG:AK:HM

MRS. SANTY: The meeting will come to order. It is now 6:30 A.M. May 14, 1982. First, we will stand and salute the flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. The assemblage pledged allegiance to the flag.

MRS. SANTY: Rev. Hoover gave the INVOCATION and that prayer will carry us into this meeting. I will read the CALL of the Meeting:

"I, JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, PRESIDENT of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby CALL a SPECIAL MEETING (or meetings) of said Board of Representatives at the following time(s) and place(s):

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1982

after the budget meeting is completed.

In the Municipal Office Building, Second Floor, Legislative Chambers, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

for the following purpose(s):

To consider adoption of a proposed ordinance supplemental providing for staged increases in certain real property tax assessments.

MR. FLOUNDERS: May I ask if you need to call the roll for attendance at this meeting?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, we do. Yes, we're calling the roll and then we're going to go right to the question. The question has been Moved, but we should have a Roll Call at this time.

CLERK OF THE BOARD ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE took the Roll. There 34 members present.

THE PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We already Moved to consider the question. We're going to proceed with that.

MRS. McInerney: I would like to ask for a Roll Call vote, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: How many desire a Roll Call vote? We just need 1/5. There's a 1/5. We can move ahead with the Roll Call vote. Mrs. Hawe, would you repeat the Motion once more.

We are going to have a roll Call vote; is there anyone who would like a tabulation sheet, just raise your hand.

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CONCERNING ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PHASE-IN ORDINANCE

MRS. HAWE: Fiscal Committee, by a 5 to 4 vote, recommends not to accept the ordinance. But I make, for the sake of clarity, a positive recommendation. And might I yield the Floor to Mrs. Goldstein another member of the Committee?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, Mrs. Hawe, at this time I recognize Mrs. Perillo next. I will recognize Mrs. Goldstein second.

MRS. PERILLO: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's been a Motion made to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? Will the No's please raise their hand? Will our Tellers count. There is 2/3 vote to Move the question. Before we move the question, we did not take a Roll Call; and I think it's important that we know who is present at this time for this vote.

MRS. HAWE: I make a Motion to approve an ordinance providing for staged increases in certain real property tax assessments, keeping in mind Fiscal recommends that the ordinance not be accepted. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will vote on the ordinance now, which Fiscal is not in favor of I would like to give the tally of this vote; the Tellers are tabulating it now.

The Motion is lost, 26 No, 8 Yes...Miss Summerville would like to make a statement before we accept it.

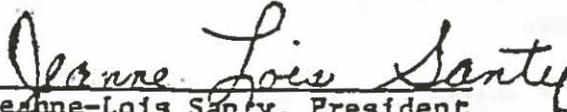
MS. SUMMERVILLE: I think out of courtesy, on behalf of this Board, I think it would be in order to thank Stamford's "Finest" under the direction of Chief Considine for assisting us; and also I would like to thank Mrs. McEvoy, our staff, and the two other ladies, Marion Huffman and Marilyn Walker, for staying with us all the way, and also Art Kelly, the technician for the computer.

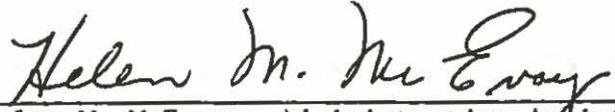
MRS. SIGNORE: Yes, I'd like to thank Mrs. Santy whose been talking non-stop since 8:00 last night, the Finance Committee members who also have been working non-stop, and all of us, thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Signore. There's a Motion to adjourn. SECONDED. All in favor of adjourning? Have a nice day.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 a.m.

APPROVED:


 Jeanne-Lois Santy, President
 17th Board of Representatives


 Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant
 (and Recording Secretary)

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