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COMMON COUNCIL

## REPORT

January 4, 2005

Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Members of the Common Council

Re: **Board of Education Energy Cost Savings Program**

The Common Council Committee appointed to review a Board of Education Energy Cost Savings Program met on December 28, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Third Floor Caucus Room in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Saracino and Riley. Also in attendance were Director of Finance & Personnel Dena Diorio, Superintendent of Public Buildings Richard Palanzo, Corporation Counsel Robert Yamin, School Board Finance Director Elio Longo and Kathy Clark and Scott Hinson from New England Energy.

Ms. Saracino asked the representatives of New England Energy for an overview of the program. Ms. Clark said that the program was started in June. It used to be for distressed cities at 100% financing and has now been opened up to the rest of the State. Connecticut Light & Power will pay 75% for cost effective programs. Towns will pay 25%. It is done by bid pricing. Lighting is changed from 455 watts to 245 watts. It is a basic program. The technology is good for 20,000 hours and there is no maintenance cost.

Mr. Riley said the 0% financing is a win-win situation. He asked why Danbury High School is at .083 and Stadley Rough is 1.09. Ms. Clark said that the larger building is cheaper. Kilowatt-hours determine what you will pay. Rates will go up because of the CL&P rate increase. Ms. Saracino said that Danbury did retrofitting some time ago. Mr. Palanzo said the last one was 100% funded by CL&P. All classrooms were done and a similar program was done at City Hall. They are now looking for smaller projects. Mr. Longo said that the total cost is \$280,000. Our cost will be between \$68,000 and \$69,000. He favors financing at 0% over a twelve-month period, which could have a positive cash flow. Mr. Riley asked about the timeframe. Ms. Clark said the project would be completed by the end of January or mid-February.

Mr. Riley made a motion to recommend approval of the energy cost savings program as presented and authorize the Board of Education to enter

into the appropriate contracts. Seconded by Ms. Saracino. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARY SARACINO, Chairman

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ROBERT RILEY

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