

**AD HOC REPORT**  
**Board of Education-Additional Appropriations**

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Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor  
Common Council Members

January 29, 2007

Chairman Robert Riley called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Committee members Councilwoman Louise McMahon and Councilman Fred Visconti; Elio Longo, Director of Finance & Support Services; Dena Diorio, Director of Finance & Personnel and Councilwoman Lynn Taborsak, ex-officio were in attendance.

Mr. Riley read the charge of the committee, which was to review the request of the Danbury Board of Education seeking supplemental energy and education cost sharing assistance for the fiscal year, 2006-2007. He assigned a Part I and Part II to the request from the Board of Education.

Mr. Longo gave an overview of the supplemental requests. In Part 1, \$459,000 was requested in the area of energy assistance. The original request for Part 2 contained a typo. The amount should have been stated as \$169,707.

Ms. Diorio stated that she had discussions with Mr. Longo. She advised that the assistance from the State is \$454,000. She also stated that she would be more comfortable appropriating funds for Part 2 at a later date when she has a better estimate of the amount that will be reimbursed to the City.

Mr. Visconti requested an explanation for the energy assistance request. Mr. Longo stated that the amount was over and above the budget request. Due to high cost of fuel, electricity and other related energy needs.

Mr. Riley suggested a committee be formed to study the energy needs and requirements of the Board of Education.

Mr. Long stated that studies have been done in the past and improvements have been implemented over the last 2-3 years.

Ms. Taborsak requested the source of the \$454,000, did the City agree to the purchase of electric power and if a less costly source were found would it be disclosed.

Ms. Diorio stated that the \$454,000 came from a one time Revenue Sharing Grant from the State of Connecticut, exploration of other energy options continues and the Board of Education would be informed.

Ms. McMahon moved to approve \$454,000 to the Board of Education for the supplemental energy and education cost sharing assistance for fiscal year, 2006-2007, seconded by Mr. Visconti. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Visconti moved to defer Part B, Transportation Reimbursement and agency placements/Excess Costs to a future date, seconded by Ms. McMahon. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McMahon moved to adjourn at 6:15 P.M., seconded by Mr. Visconti

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Riley, Chairman

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Louise McMahon

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Fred Visconti