

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

7:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

Note: These are summary minutes; a tape recording of this meeting is on file in Commission Secretary's Office in Wolcott Town Hall.

Chairman Valletta called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Valletta, Vice-Chairman Gale Lanza Mastrofrancesco, Francis Masi, Roger Picard, Jeffrey Slavin, Rachel Wisler, Charles Marsella, James Pape, and Donald Charette Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Thomas G. Dunn; Linda Bruce, Municipal Finance Officer; Brian Tynan, Town Attorney; Cheryl Brundage, Tax Collector; Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Patricia Najarian, Board of Education Chairperson; Tony Gugliotti, Taxpayer, et al.

▪ **Special Meeting – April 10, 2012**

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Jeffrey Slavin, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 10, 2012.

▪ **Regular Meeting – April 17, 2012**

Upon **MOTION** by Roger Picard, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 17, 2012.

TAXPAYERS' TIME: (Limited to Items on the Agenda)

No taxpayers came forward.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

1. Finance Office Transfers, submitted by Linda Bruce
2. Notice to Town Clerk dated April 24th regarding May 15th regular meeting cancellation and the Public Hearing for the FY 2012-2013 Budget scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Tyrrell Middle School Auditorium (legal notice attached)
3. Letter dated April 26th from Linda Bruce regarding the purchase of a pumper/tanker for the Wolcott Fire Dept. (additional information attached)

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4. Proposed Contract for Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc. for drainage structures and drainage piping
 5. Invitation dated April 27th from Joseph Monroe, Wolcott High School Principal, for Commencement Exercises on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m.
 6. Tax Collector's Suspense List dated 04-30-12 (CT General Statutes Section 12-165 attached)
 7. Submitted at meeting by Cheryl Brundage, 'Report of Property Tax Collector-Statement of Cash Collections' Report of Property Tax Collector-Statement of Cash Collections' June 1, 2010 – May 1, 2011, June 1, 2011-May 1, 2012, & July 1, 2010-May 1, 2011, & July 1, 2011-May 1, 2012; List of Properties for Tax Sale scheduled for 6-6-12
 8. Submitted at meeting by Joseph Macary, copy of Power Point Presentation of Proposed Education Budget for FY 2012-2013

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dunn came forward and reported on the recent house fire, the brush fire, and the quad accident. There were two tragedies involved and he commended all of the emergencies responders for their hard work and dedication. He next reported the following:

- It is Municipal Clerk's Week this week; if anyone has the opportunity they should stop into the office
- New gates are being installed at the recycling center; the center will have new hours and cameras will be down there; cards have been issued for personnel who need to get in there; only leaves can be dropped there with no fee; everything else requires a permit; fines will be will issued for violators

Mrs. Wisler inquired if there has been any progress on the Andrews Road issue, at which time Mayor Dunn stated the only progress is that it is not an easement. Mrs. Wisler stated that she will give them a call to set a meeting.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT/TRANSFERS:

Linda Bruce came forward and reported the following:

- The bids for the Woodtick Road Waterline were opened this morning and are under review; this is one of the projects under the August 2011 Bond Authorization

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- They continue to review items for bid notices to maximize cost savings; bids for vehicle repairs are due tomorrow; a bid will be placed for the radio communications system maintenance
 - An updated Cash Flow will be provided at the budget workshop which will provide an estimate as to the current fiscal year's projected performance
 - Blum, Shapiro is scheduled for the last week of May for preliminary audit work related to the current fiscal year
 - She submitted two transfers for approval

Upon **MOTION** by Jeffrey Slavin, seconded by Charles Marsella, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the following transfer; Dept. 112-General Government; from line item #8998 Contingency Account \$5,000.00, to line item #8180 Tax Refunds \$5,000.00 (**see attached**).

Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Francis Masi, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the following transfer; Fund 36 – Water Usage; from line item #4470 Water Meter Set-Up Parts \$1,500.00, to line item #4710 Telephone \$1,500.00 (**see attached**).

SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

WOLCOTT ACTIVITY & LEARNING CENTER (WALC): Mr. Masi thanked everyone for attending the WALC's ziti dinner, and especially to Pat's IGA for their contribution to it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Report from Tax Collector

Cheryl Brundage came forward and referenced back property taxes for the current fiscal year and reported that they were budgeted to collect \$625,000; to date they have collected \$605,098, which leaves a remaining balance of \$19,902. She added that the number can change slightly due to adjustments, returned checks, etc. Mrs. Brundage next referenced current property taxes for the current fiscal year and reported that they were budgeted to collect \$30,442,973; to date they have collected \$30,299,634 leaving a balance of \$143,339. She stated that she and her staff have worked very hard on back tax collection and noted that in these economic times, she thinks the Town of Wolcott is doing very well.

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Mrs. Brundage next submitted reports entitled, 'Report of Property Tax Collector-Statement of Cash Collections' June 1, 2010 – May 1, 2011, June 1, 2011-May 1, 2012, & July 1, 2010-May 1, 2011, & July 1, 2011-May 1, 2012. She advised that these reports depict what they collected last year compared to this year on current and back taxes, at which time she reviewed the reports in detail. She noted that there is a tremendous increase in delinquent tax collections. She next referenced the list of properties up for tax sale on June 6th. She noted that back in August or September she turned over 40 properties to the State Marshal, at which time she advised that they are down to only four properties; three are residences and one is a lot. A brief question and answer period followed.

2. Discussion & Possible Action on Tax Collector's Suspense List

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to **table** the Tax Collector's Suspense List.

Mrs. Brundage advised that per State Statutes, the list must be filed before June 30th and requested that action be taken before that date.

Chairman Valletta stated that the Finance Sub-Committee will be meeting soon to review the list.

3. Discussion & Possible Action on Building Committee for the Walking Trail

Mayor Dunn stated that he is requesting that the above building committee that was established by the Town Council be dissolved and authorize a sub-committee of the Parks & Recreation & Acquired Facilities Commission to oversee the project. Three of those members are already on the Commission. He noted that he spoke with two of the other individuals who would no longer be on it and that they are fine with it, and he will be speaking with the other one who he will be asking to work through the Mayor's Office with it.

Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Jeffrey Slavin, it was unanimously voted to **dissolve** the Building Committee for the Walking Trail and instead allow a Sub-Committee of the Parks & Recreation & Acquired Facilities to oversee the project.

Mayor Dunn advised that the Commission has discussed this issue for many years and have done some work on it; it is a project that they have always wanted to do but did not have the funding. They figured that the three of them who are on the Commission would be meeting another night and that it would be easier to oversee it with their own sub-committee. It was noted that Mr. Charette will remain the Town Council liaison.

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4. Discussion & Possible Action on Expenditure for Fire Dept. Vehicle

A **MOTION** was offered by Jeffrey Slavin, seconded by Charles Marsella, to **approve the discussion and possible action** on the expenditure for Fire Dept. vehicle (**see attached**).

Mr. Charette questioned why the price came so close to the monies that were granted. Mrs. Bruce advised that in reviewing all of the bids, Firematic Supply has taken only one exception to the bid; they were not the lowest bidder, however, when you look at all of the add-ons that they had asked for, it brought the price up to \$499,472. Firematic was the only bidder that quoted all of the items. Mr. Charette next question if the extra items were actually part of the bond. He stated that he thought the bond was just for the vehicle and not for all of the equipment. Mrs. Bruce advised that the equipment is inclusive in order to operate the apparatus and for safety purposes. He commented that some of that equipment could be bid out separately to get a different price. He also commented that their price is actually more than the \$500,000 granted and that only the trade-in value brings it under that. Mrs. Bruce stated that they are authorized to spend \$500,000 and not paying out more than that. She also noted that this is the recommendation of the Building Committee that worked on this.

Chairman Valletta stated that there is a motion and a second on the floor to approve the expenditure for the Fire Dept. vehicle, at which time he asked for all in favor. The above motion **carried** by voice vote, with one opposition from Mr. Charette.

5. Discussion & Possible Action on Drainage Contract (Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc.)

A **MOTION** was offered by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Roger Picard, to **open the discussion and possible action** on drainage contract for Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc. (**see attached**).

Attorney Tynan came forward and advised that he understands that the contract has been awarded to Tabacco & Son for the drainage labor and equipment and to install new and repair existing drainage structures and drainage piping. He stated that he has reviewed all of the paperwork and recommends that a motion be presented to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the Town. He added that this was also approved by the Road Reconstruction Building Committee and that the funds are available.

A question and answer period was held regarding the following:

- Prevailing wage
- Cap for the contract

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- Issue of paying this company only for labor, yet the Town Crew is doing some of this work
 - Amount of drainage structures that they will be replacing

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the above and specifics of the contract.

Chairman Valletta stated that there is a motion and a second on the floor for possible action on drainage contract, at which time he asked for all in favor. The above motion **carried** unanimously by voice vote.

6. Board of Education Proposed Budget Presentation for FY 2012-2013

At this time, Joseph Macary and Patricia Najarian came forward and proceeded to review the proposed budget presentation for FY 2012-2013, in detail (**see full presentation attached**).

2012-2013 Total Proposed Budget	\$32,333,281
2011-2012 Budget	\$32,135,940 (including jobs funding)
2.74% increase	

Budget Recap 2012-2013

Payroll	\$19,738,246	61.05%
Other Employee Related Costs	\$ 5,120,545	15.84%
Contracted Services		
▪ Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,748,890	5.41%
▪ Tuition to Other Schools	\$ 552,824	1.71%
▪ General Operations	\$ 1,890,375	5.85%
Supplies	\$ 952,158	2.95%
Equipment & Capital Improv.	\$ 221,060	.68%
Utilities	\$ 1,472,417	4.55%
Technology	\$ 484,835	1.55%
Miscellaneous	\$ 151,931	.46%
TOTAL	\$32,333,281	100%

When the presentation was concluded, a question and answer period followed. Discussions focused on the following:

- Zero increase for the past two budgets

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- The loss of \$665,000 in Educational Jobs Funding from the Federal Government
 - Elimination of 11 positions; approximately a \$285,000 deduction in the budget in just salaries; approximately an additional \$40,000 in benefits
 - Special Education Services; detailed explanation as to how outplacements work and what they cost; they receive some funding for this but to only augment the budget
 - Students from group homes are one of the biggest hurdles they face with respect to their budget; the cost is approximately \$500,000; large number of them in the district; cannot anticipate the numbers; also, there is a cost with regard to police and emergency services
 - Increase in transportation costs; they are in the last year of a five year contract with Worhunsky; they saved almost a million dollars; usually the last year is the highest; they will be going out to bid again next year
 - Probability of having Yankee Gas run a gas line for free while the waterline is being installed at the high school
 - Last year's budget was actually a 2.11% increase, offset by the Jobs Funding which resulted in a zero increase to the taxpayers; however, if last year's is counted as a 2.11% increase, then the proposed budget only has a .61% increase and not a 2.74% increase
 - Electricity bills; all Town department line items decreased; Board of Ed's rates did not decrease; the Town recently went out to bid and probably received a better rate
 - The Jobs Funding money last year was not used to create three new positions; 95% percent of the money was used for salary increases
 - Specific line items were referenced and clarifications were provided by Mr. Macary and Mr. Najarian

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Chairman Valletta advised that the next meeting is the Public Hearing for the budget scheduled for Tuesday May 15th at 7:00 p.m.

TAXPAYERS' TIME:

1. **Tony Gugliotti, of 21 Colman Drive**, came forward, at which time he referenced the proposed education budget for FY 2012-2013. He stated that it is a responsible budget and should be approved as presented. He also added that people move to Wolcott because of its quality education and added that property values are high due to Wolcott's schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION**, by Roger Picard, seconded by Charles Marsella, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi, Secretary
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

David Valletta, Chairman
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL



TOWN OF WOLCOTT

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April 30, 2012

David Valletta, Chairman
Wolcott Town Council
10 Kenea Avenue
Wolcott, CT 06716

RE: TRANSFERS WITHIN/BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012

Dear Mr. Valletta:

In accordance with the provisions of the Wolcott Town Charter, I am hereby notifying you of the following transfers for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 contained in Schedule A (Fund 01 and Fund 36) which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Bruce,
Municipal Finance Officer

LRB/jes
Enclosure

MAYOR'S ACTION:

DATE: April 30, 2012

APPROVED BY:

Thomas G. Dunn, Mayor
Town of Wolcott

COUNCIL'S ACTION:

DATE: May 1, 2012

APPROVED BY:

Chairman, Wolcott Town Council

SCHEDULE A
TRANSFERS WITHIN / BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS - FUND 01
2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR - FOR REVIEW ON MAY 1, 2012

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
DEPT. 112 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
	TO 01-1-112-8-8180	TAX REFUNDS	5,000.00	
	FROM 01-1-112-8-8998	CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT		5,000.00

Reason: To pay anticipated tax refunds through the end of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

SCHEDULE A
TRANSFERS WITHIN / BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS - FUND 36
2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR - FOR REVIEW ON MAY 1, 2012

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
FUND 36 - WATER USAGE				
	TO 36-3-351-4-4710	TELEPHONE	1,500.00	
	FROM 36-3-351-4-4470	WATER METER SET-UP PARTS		1,500.00

Reason: To pay for Comcast internet service and the telephone costs for Sunrise Pump Station, Beach Pump Station and the Wolcott Town Line Vault.

TOWN of WOLCOTT REQUEST FOR TRANSFER

DATE: 4/23/12

REQUESTOR: Linda R. Bruce

DEPT. 112

The following budget transfer(s) is requested:

	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TO	<u>01-1-112-8-8180</u>	<u>TAX REFUNDS</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
FROM	<u>01-1-112-8-8998</u>	<u>CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>

**ALL REQUESTS FOR TRANSFERS MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE
TOWN COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL - PLEASE ENSURE
THAT ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE & ACCURATE**

The reasons the "to" account(s) are exhausted:

Unanticipated tax refunds have exhausted the account.

Transfer is needed for:

To pay anticipated tax refunds through the end of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

The effect on the "from" account(s):

The account will retain a balance.

APPROVAL L. Bruce.....

FINANCE OFFICE USE

DATE: 4/23/2012

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
REPORT OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR
TYPE: 14 CODE T
STATEMENT OF CASH COLLECTIONS
Jul 01, 2010-May 01, 2011

EXCLUDES : [R,S], [B,C], [TRF,TRP]
A/S/C : All

YEAR	TAXES	BOND INT	INTEREST	LIEN	FEES	DEFERRED TAXES	DEFERRED BOND INT	DEFERRED INTEREST	DEFERRED LIEN/FEE	TOTAL
2008	149,672.84	0.00	44,995.17	744.00	718.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	196,130.08
2007	19,096.58	0.00	7,997.23	192.00	29.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,314.93
2006	4,230.70	0.00	3,603.23	72.00	23.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,929.15
2005	2,404.34	0.00	2,276.75	24.00	1.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,706.77
2004	5,490.12	0.00	6,403.16	48.00	45.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,986.84
2003	4,955.00	0.00	5,863.36	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,866.36
2002	4,755.66	0.00	6,495.07	24.00	60.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,335.41
2001	4,342.91	0.00	6,718.56	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,085.47
2000	5,797.35	0.00	8,505.42	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,326.77
1999	4,779.68	0.00	9,106.25	24.00	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,914.10
1998	35.74	0.00	2,245.49	0.00	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,283.73
1997	0.00	0.00	1.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.11
1996	39.25	0.00	208.22	0.00	4.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	252.14
1995	115.76	0.00	307.34	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	424.10
TOTAL	205,715.93	0.00	104,726.36	1,224.00	890.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	312,556.96
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	205,715.93	0.00	104,726.36	1,224.00	890.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	312,556.96

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 TYPE: 14 CODE T
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 Jul 01, 2011-May 01, 2012

DATE : 05/01/2012
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 A/S/C : ALL

YEAR	TAXES	BOND INT	INTEREST	LIEN	FEES	DEFERRED TAXES	DEFERRED BOND INT	DEFERRED INTEREST	DEFERRED LIEN/FEE	TOTAL
2009	434,601.09	0.00	87,583.55	4,128.00	978.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	527,291.53
2008	128,414.46	0.00	37,774.44	991.52	194.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	167,374.91
2007	23,059.87	0.00	13,340.64	168.00	119.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,688.05
2006	11,008.74	0.00	8,013.56	72.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,094.30
2005	3,121.40	0.00	2,967.78	0.00	10.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,100.03
2004	2,117.76	0.00	2,217.13	0.00	22.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,357.27
2003	1,028.52	0.00	768.62	0.00	5.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,802.25
2002	692.93	0.00	1,065.24	0.00	25.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,783.75
2001	605.32	0.00	1,015.40	0.00	36.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,657.70
2000	192.70	0.00	375.77	0.00	37.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	606.28
1999	177.72	0.00	675.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.42
1998	300.04	0.00	687.72	0.00	42.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,030.02
1997	498.36	0.00	1,257.29	0.00	47.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,802.96
1996	145.24	0.00	359.79	0.00	2.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	507.60
1995	117.86	0.00	404.75	0.00	9.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	532.03
TOTAL	606,082.01	0.00	158,507.38	5,359.52	1,533.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	771,482.10
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	606,082.01	0.00	158,507.38	5,359.52	1,533.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	771,482.10

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2010	30,306,168.40	0.00	91,387.30	1,320.00	9,646.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,408,521.89
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>30,306,168.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>91,387.30</u>	<u>1,320.00</u>	<u>9,646.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30,408,521.89</u>
<u>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>30,306,168.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>91,387.30</u>	<u>1,320.00</u>	<u>9,646.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30,408,521.89</u>

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YEAR	TAXES	BOND INT	INTEREST	LIEN	FEES	DEFERRED TAXES	DEFERRED BOND INT	DEFERRED INTEREST	DEFERRED LIEN/FEE	TOTAL
2009	30,233,446.21	0.00	83,305.54	1,728.00	8,898.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,327,378.11
TOTAL	30,233,446.21	0.00	83,305.54	1,728.00	8,898.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,327,378.11
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	30,233,446.21	0.00	83,305.54	1,728.00	8,898.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,327,378.11

A	B	C	D	E
1	OWNER	LOCATION	ID #	INC FEES*
2	Boutin Lou J	177 Clinton Hill Rd	B0057700	\$ 12,421.18
3	Copeland Deborah	45 Hempel Dr	C0119600	\$ 19,511.85
4	Fost and Reinig	264 Lyman Rd	S0491400	\$ 10,757.40
5	Houle Suzanne	10 Hunters Ridge Rd	K0289203	\$ 46,344.38
6	Lewis Raymond estate	Karen Ave (lot)	L0328101	\$ 5,479.02
7	Sendzimir Stanley	Nutmeg Valley Rd	S0503900	\$ 26,859.73
8				Removed Paid
9	For additional information contact State Marshal Vincent Messina			
10	Agent for the Town of Wolcott			
11	860 584 1085 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Mon-Fri			
12				
13	*subject to change			

Removed Bankruptcy



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April 26, 2012

To: Mayor Thomas G. Dunn

From: Linda R. Bruce, Municipal Finance Officer

Re: Purchase of Pumper/Tanker

In accordance with the Town of Wolcott Ordinance #75, Section 2 (A), it is my opinion that, in the best interests of the Town, the bid from Firematic Supply Co., Inc., be accepted to supply a new Pierce pumper/tanker. While Firematic Supply Co., Inc. was not the low bidder, this vendor met the requirements set by the Wolcott Fire Company 3 in their specifications.

The justification for recommending Firematic as the supplier is based on the following:

- Compliance with essentially all of the specifications with the exception of one minor cosmetic item.
- A single point of warranty service for the chassis, cab and body.
- Provision of the specified make of engine.
- The Fire Truck Building Committee has comprehensively evaluated the bids and believes that the Pierce apparatus supplied by Firematic will best satisfy the Town's needs as indicated in the attached letter.

Town of Wolcott

Fire Truck Building Committee

April 26, 2012

*To: Thomas G. Dunn, Mayor
Linda R. Bruce, Municipal Finance Officer*

From: Steven Valenti, Chairman, Wolcott Fire Truck Building Committee

Subject: Purchase of New Pumper/Tanker

The Committee for the purchase of the new fire apparatus for Company 3 has voted to accept the bid from Firematic Supply Co., Inc. to supply a new Pierce pumper/tanker. In addition to the bid received from Firematic Supply Co., Inc., two other firms offered proposals. Northeastern Fire Apparatus offered a bid for a Marion unit and Tri State Fire Apparatus submitted a bid for KME unit. A comparison of the pricing and other information regarding the units is as follows:

	<i>Firematic Supply Co., Inc.</i>	<i>Northeastern Fire Apparatus</i>	<i>Tri State Fire Apparatus</i>
	<i>Make: Pierce</i>	<i>Make: Marion</i>	<i>Make: KME</i>
<i>Gross Bid</i>	<i>\$538,500</i>	<i>\$485,700</i>	<i>\$456,629</i>
<i>Less Trade of 1996 Unit</i>	<i>60,000</i>	<i>7,500</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Net Price</i>	<i>\$478,500</i>	<i>\$478,200</i>	<i>\$456,629</i>
<i>Exceptions to Specifications</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>Single Source Warranty for Chassis, Cab & Body</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Engine as Specified</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>

While the Pierce apparatus proposed by Firematic took only one minor cosmetic exception to our specification, the other proposed units differed on important items such as the make of the motor and suspension. Further, we believe that the Pierce apparatus will serve the Town for the longest amount of time (25 to 30 years) as the exceptions taken by other bidders would result in their proposed apparatus having a shorter life.

In addition to the assembled unit with factory installed options, six additional pieces of equipment would be purchased from Firematic Supply Co. Inc., with a total bid value of \$21,282. One piece of equipment (a generator) would be mounted on the apparatus while the remaining five items would not be permanently affixed. Northeastern Fire Apparatus chose not to bid on two of the additional items while Tri State Fire Apparatus did not bid on four items. The total cost of the Pierce unit supplied by Firematic, including the six additional pieces of equipment, would be \$499,782.

The Committee believes that based on the evaluation of the three bids the Town would be best served with the Pierce apparatus supplied by Firematic Supply Co., Inc.

TOWN of WOLCOTT

TOWN HALL 10 Kenea Avenue

Wolcott, Connecticut 06716

Phone: (203) 879-8100 Fax: (203) 879-8106



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NO 26070

REQUISITION

VENDOR	FORWARD INVOICES TO:	SHIP TO:
FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO., INC. 651 BROOK ST. ROCKY HILL, CT 06067	TOWN of WOLCOTT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FINANCE OFFICE 10 KENEA AVENUE WOLCOTT, CT 06716	TOWN of WOLCOTT DEPT: <i>Wolcott Vol. FIRE DEPT.</i> ADDRESS: ATT: WOLCOTT, CT 06716
VENDOR #		

ALL VENDOR INVOICES MUST INCLUDE A TOWN of WOLCOTT PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER

QTY.	UNIT MEASURE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE		
1	EA.	NEW PIERCE PUMPER TANKER IN ACCORDANCE WITH VENDOR'S BID RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT'S INVITATION TO BID #12-23 "PUMPER TANKER" PRICE TO INCLUDE ASSEMBLED UNIT WITH FACTORY INSTALLED OPTIONS AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AS SPECIFIED BY THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT FIRE TRUCK BUILDING COMMITTEE	87-7-221-9-9130	499,782			
				TOTAL	499,782		
REQUESTOR	DATE	DEPT. APPROVAL	DATE	MFO APPROVAL	DATE	ENCMBR'D.	DATE
<i>[Signature]</i>	4/26/12						

REQUESTOR

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
Finance Office
10 Kenea Avenue
Wolcott, CT 06716

Invitation to Bid #
Date Awarded
Date Bid Opened

12-12
April 18, 2012
Sept. 26, 2011

CONTRACT AWARD

Contract Description: Labor & Equipment to Install New & Repair Existing
Drainage Structures & Drainage Piping
Contract Value: Dependant on miles/linear feet assigned
Contract Term: April 2012 through completion of project
Delivery Requirements: _____

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR: This notice of award is not an award to ship or provide services. Purchase orders against this contract will be issued on behalf of the department requiring materials or services. Do not perform any service without a purchase order.

TAXES: As a political subdivision of the State of Connecticut, the Town of Wolcott, CT is exempt from the payment of taxes imposed by the Federal Government and/or the State of Connecticut.

TERMS: The Invitation to Bid and the contractor's response constitute the entire agreement.

INDEMNIFICATION: The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the Town of Wolcott, as well as its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting from the performance of this Contract, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or Corporation who may be injured or damaged by the Contractor in the performance of this Contract.

NO WORK WILL BE PERFORMED ON TOWN OF WOLCOTT PROPERTY UNTIL ALL OF THE REQUIRED INSURANCE CERTIFICATES ARE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT FINANCE OFFICE

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Name:	Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc.	Payment Terms:	45 Days following acceptance of goods or services
Address:	45 Stafford Avenue Bristol, CT 06010	Telephone:	860-589-2989
Contact:	Robert Tabacco President	Fax:	860-582-8217
		Email:	tabaccoandson@aol.com

Acceptance by the Contractor

Acceptance by the Town of Wolcott

Signature Date

Signature Date

Printed Signature Title

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Wolcott Public Schools Educational Budget FY 2012-2013

Presented to the
Wolcott Town Council
Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Budget Perspective

- Last two school budgets were 0% (zero percent) increases in spending – flat-lined
- Loss of \$665,000 in Educational Jobs Funding from the Federal Government
- Jobs Funding was used for salary increases last year and certain positions
- Increase in State ECS Funding of \$148,495
- Initial (continuation) budget was 6.37%

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Budget Requests

- 2009-2010 \$31,470,976
- 2010-2011 \$31,470,976
- 2011-2012 \$32,135,940
Includes Jobs Funding
- 2012-2013 \$32,333,281
- Budget Increase: 2.74%

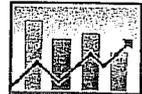


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Budget Trends

<u>Fiscal Years</u>	<u>Increase</u>
■ 2008-2009	4.16%
■ 2009-2010	0.61%
■ 2010-2011	0.00%
■ 2011-2012	0.00%
■ 2012-2013	2.74%



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Student Enrollment

October 1 Counts

- 2007 – 2928
- 2008 – 2866
- 2009 – 2770
- 2010 – 2756
- 2011 – 2664
- 2012 – 2625?



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School Enrollment

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Alcott	368	344	351
Frisbie	384	385	378
Wakelee	434	435	396
Tyrrell	729	685	670
WHS	844	902	869

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Student Enrollment

- 2007 – 10 Kindergarten Classrooms
- 2008 – 9 Kindergarten Classrooms
- 2009 – 8 Kindergarten Classrooms
- 2010 – 8 Kindergarten Classrooms
- 2011 – 7 Kindergarten Classrooms
- 2012 – 8 Kindergarten Classrooms

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Wolcott Public Schools is to develop in each student the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become a productive member of the community and a contributing member to society.



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Core Beliefs

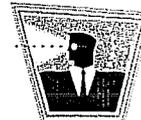
- All Students Can Learn
- Set high expectations for student achievement in every classroom
- Literacy is an important component of learning and a fundamental life skill
- Technology should be used as a tool to enhance teaching and learning
- High Standards for Faculty and Staff

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Vision...

- The vision of the Wolcott Public Schools is to prepare students for a 21st Century Global economy by teaching the required skills and competencies needed to be successful in career pathways that lead to meaningful post-secondary experiences.



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District Goals 2008-2013

- Goal One – High Expectations for Students
- Goal Two – Environment for Learning
- Goal Three – High Performance Standards for all School Personnel
- Goal Four – Effective and Efficient Resource Allocation
- Goal Five - Direct Involvement of Citizens

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Education Jobs Funds

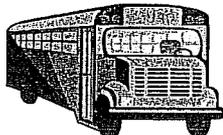
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| ■ Education Jobs Grants | \$791,647 |
| ■ Grade 2 Teacher at Alcott | \$ 40,000 |
| ■ Security Aide at WHS 09-11 | \$ 32,352 |
| ■ Security Aide at WHS 09-11 | \$ 32,352 |
| ■ Instruct. Aide at Wakelee | \$ 21,979 |
| ■ Balance of Jobs Funding
Used in 2011-2012 Budget | \$664,964 |

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Changes for 2012-2013

- Personnel & Staffing
- Technology Integration
- Quality-Core Instruction



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Budget Changes for 2011-2012

Personnel Changes

- Changes in teaching personnel are mainly due to student enrollment changes and resource management allocation within/ between grade levels
- Elementary Schools: student enrollment decreases versus "bubble" classes with large student enrollment

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Personnel & Staffing

Alcott ES

- Eliminate a Grade 3 Classroom/Teacher
- Eliminate a Grade K Classroom/Teacher
- Add a Grade 1 Classroom/Teacher

Frisbie ES

- Eliminate a Grade 5 Classroom/Teacher
- Eliminate a Grade 1 Classroom/Teacher
- Add a Grade K Classroom/Teacher

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Personnel & Staffing

Wakelee ES

- Eliminate a Grade 3 Classroom/Teacher
- Eliminate 2 Grade 1 Classrooms/Teachers
- Add a Grade 2 Classroom/Teacher
- Add a Grade K Classroom/Teacher
- Eliminate one Primary Grade Aide

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Personnel & Staffing

Tyrrell MS

- Eliminate 2 Life Skills Aides (based on IEP)

Wolcott HS

- Eliminate 2 Life Skills Aides (based on IEP)
- Eliminate Discipline Aide for ISS
- Eliminate 1 Facilities Monitor

District

- Eliminate 1 Paraprofessional at WAMS

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Technology Integration

- Starting Year Two of the Five Year Computer Deployment plan with the purchase of 280 new computers...
- Purchase of Document Cameras for classroom use in schools (student work)
- All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classrooms will have mounted LCD Projectors and mimios installed for use of technology & internet

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Quality Core Instruction

- UConn ECE (Early College Experience) Classes at WHS for student to earn credits
- New Textbook Series to enhance Science Curriculum at TMS (Integrated Grades 6-8)
- Occupational Therapists to be used in all Kindergarten Classrooms for student handwriting intervention



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Reflection

- "When you improve a little each day, eventually big things occur... Not tomorrow, not the next day, but eventually a big gain is made. Don't look for the big, quick improvement. Seek the small improvement one day at a time. That's the only way it happens- and when it happens, it lasts."



- John Wooden

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Per Pupil Expenditures 2010-11

- Wolcott ranks 167 out of 169 towns in CT for per pupil spending on Education
- State Per Pupil Expenditure : \$13,991
- Wolcott Per Pupil Expenditure : \$10,888



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Total Budget Changes

■ Tyrrell Middle	\$207,472
■ Frisbie Elementary	\$(114,052)
■ Alcott Elementary	\$128,983
■ Wakelee Elementary	\$ 21,197
■ Wolcott High School	\$304,556



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Total Budget Changes

■ Special Education	\$354,862
■ Central Office	\$ 57,817
■ Athletics Tyrrell	\$ 1,113
■ Athletics WHS	\$ 28,165
■ District	\$(417,972)



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Total Budget Changes

■ Pupil Transportation	\$148,290
■ Health Services	\$(3,833)
■ Facilities & Grounds	\$ 22,613
■ Misc- Technology	\$ 68,338
■ Alternative Education	\$ 54,556



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Budget Highlights

- ☒ The district is purchasing an on-line software program to replace the card catalog system in 3 schools (K-5), that are linked to TMS & WHS
- ☒ Phase One of a two year plan to overhaul the WHS weight room for wellness

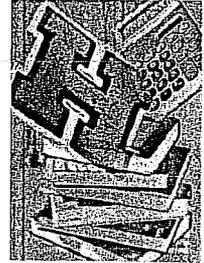


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Budget Highlights

- ☒ TMS Athletics will be getting new uniforms in BB, GB, SB, and BA
- ☒ Maintaining class sizes for maximizing student learning in the classroom
- ☒ Offer Spanish & French in Grade 6 to 12. Latin @WHS
- ☒ Continue with Virtual Learning Lab at WHS



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Budgeted Staff by Union

	<u>09-10</u>	<u>10-11</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>12-13</u>
☒ Administrators	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
☒ WEA Teachers	238.0	228.4	227.4	224.4
☒ Para-Professionals	62.0	58.0	57.0	49.0
☒ Nurses	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
☒ School Secretaries	12.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
☒ Central Office Sec.	7.0	7.0	6.0	6.0
☒ Custodians	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
☒ Independents	<u>11.0</u>	<u>10.0</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>8.0</u>
TOTAL	370.0	354.4	349.4	338.4

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Student:Staff Comparisons

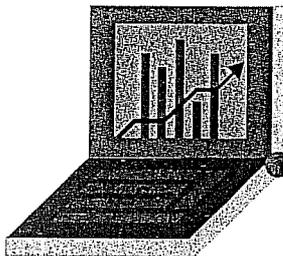
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
☒ Students	2770	2664	2586
☒ Total Staff	370.0	349.4	338.4

- ☒ From 2009 to 2011, a reduction in students of 3.8% and a reduction in staff of 5.6%
- ☒ From 2009 to 2012, a projected reduction in students of 6.6% and a proposed reduction in staff of 8.5%

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Data Analysis



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Wolcott vs. State

Grade 5 CMT in 2011

Percentage of Students in the Proficiency Range

	<u>State</u>	<u>Wolcott</u>	Difference
Math	87.6%	96.7%	+ 9.1%
Reading	75.1%	91.1%	+ 16.0%
Writing	88.0%	98.9%	+ 10.9%
Science	82.4%	95.7%	+ 13.3%

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Cohort Analysis

Grade 3 in 2009; Grade 4 in 2010; Grade 5 in 2011
 (This is the same group of students in our schools)
 Percentage of Students in the Proficiency Range

	<u>2009/3</u>	<u>2010/4</u>	<u>2011/5</u>
Math	95.2%	97.6%	97.6%
Reading	84.1%	88.4%	91.5%
Writing	95.9%	98.2%	98.8%

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Cohort Analysis

Grade 6 in 2009; Grade 7 in 2010; Grade 8 in 2011
 (This is the same group of students in our schools)
 Percentage of Students in the Proficiency Range

	<u>2009/6</u>	<u>2010/7</u>	<u>2011/8</u>
Math	100%	98.9%	99.5%
Reading	92.9%	95.6%	95.1%
Writing	95.2%	95.2%	93.0%

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ERG/DRG Comparisons

Canterbury	Seymour
East Windsor	Sprague
Enfield	Stafford
Griswold	Sterling
Montville	Thompson
North Canaan	Voluntown
Plainville	Windsor Locks
Plymouth	Region 11

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Student Achievement in 2011

- Wolcott ranked # 1 in its DRG (District Reference Group) in 8 out of 24 areas
- Wolcott ranked # 2 in its DRG (District Reference Group) in 6 out of 24 areas
- Wolcott ranked # 3 in its DRG (District Reference Group) in 6 out of 24 areas
- Wolcott ranked # 4 in its DRG (District Reference Group) in 4 out of 24 areas

Mastery of Subjects in Goal (Level -4)

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Expenditure Comparisons

Waterbury ranks 49 out of 169 towns
Region 16 ranks 96 out of 169 towns
Cheshire ranks 130 out of 169 towns
Southington ranks 131 out of 169 towns
Bristol ranks 140 out of 169 towns
Plymouth ranks 148 out of 169 towns
Watertown ranks 163 out of 169 towns
Wolcott ranks 167 out of 169 towns

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Student Achievement

Grade 8 CMT Proficiency 2011

	Math	Reading	Writing	Science
Bristol	87.1%	83.8%	81.2%	77.1%
Cheshire	97.0%	96.7%	94.3%	94.0%
Plymouth	87.6%	75.8%	68.6%	82.4%
Region 16	95.2%	90.4%	90.6%	89.0%
Southington	96.3%	91.7%	90.5%	86.6%
Waterbury	58.5%	59.2%	63.9%	41.0%
Watertown	85.0%	91.2%	89.1%	82.7%
Wolcott	99.0%	92.7%	91.8%	91.8%

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Special Recognition

- All students in AP English, U.S. History, Calculus, and Chemistry courses passed the Advanced Placement Exam in May.
- Alcott Grade 3 Students achieved 100% **Mastery** in Writing on the CMT!!!
- Tyrrell MS Grade 8 Students achieved 99% Proficiency in Mathematics on the CMT!

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District Highlights

- The Board of Education received two Communications Awards from CABE last year. Award for the FY2011 Budget and the honorable mention for the Annual Report of the Superintendent
- United Way Spirit of Excellence Award
- Theory of Action Model used by other Superintendents in New England area

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School Highlights

- Tyrrell MS received the CAS School Climate Award for creating a safe and positive learning environment 2010-12
- Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Award for Frisbie Elementary School
- WHS State Championship Golf Team
- Alcott ES is a Higher Order Thinking School integrating arts and academics

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Student Highlights

- WHS Students started Rachel's Challenge and a SADD Chapter for improve school climate and raise awareness about drugs
- Last year 100 student athletes were named to the Rep-Am All Academic Team
- The State recognized 16 Juniors as CAPT Scholars in 2011 (Advanced in all 4 areas)
- Class of 2010 Valedictorian & Salutatorian went to IVY League Colleges

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How much does each Diploma Cost?

- The average Connecticut high school graduate cost taxpayers about \$133,000 from kindergarten through senior year, according to new research by the Yankee Institute. For high school graduates in the city of Hartford, which has the state's most expensive graduates, that figure climbed to just under \$200,000 per graduate.

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Yankee Institute

Costs for a High School Diploma (K to 12)

STATEWIDE AVERAGE \$ 133,074

- 5 - COVENTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT \$ 110,380
- 4 - NEW FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT \$ 110,309
- 3 - WOLCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT \$ 109,981
- 2 - TOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT \$ 107,552
- 1 - WATERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT \$ 106,303

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Yankee Institute

- "The most efficient school districts – Watertown, Tolland, and Wolcott – generate nearly two diplomas for the same price it cost Hartford to generate just one. It costs nearly as much to graduate one student in Hartford as it does to purchase a home in the Hartford market (\$225,900), based on pricing from the National Association of Realtors..." *Web Site*

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Budget Recap

• Payroll	\$19,738,246	61.05%
• Other Employee Related Cost	\$ 5,120,545	15.84%
• Contracted Services:		
– Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,748,890	5.41%
– Tuition to Other Schools	\$ 552,824	1.71%
– General Operations	\$ 1,890,375	5.85%
• Supplies	\$ 952,158	2.95%
• Equipment & Capital Improve.	\$ 221,060	.68%
• Utilities	\$ 1,472,417	4.55%
• Technology	\$ 484,835	1.50%
• Miscellaneous	\$ 151,931	.46%
■ TOTAL	\$32,333,281	100%

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Revenue

• Local Property Taxes	\$ 18,378,382	56.84 %
• State Grants:		
– ECS	\$ 13,685,912	
– Transportation	\$ 141,636	
	\$ 13,827,548	42.77 %
• Tuition	\$ 95,000	0.29 %
• Miscellaneous	\$ 32,351	0.10 %
• Total	\$ 32,333,281	100.00 %

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Union Negotiations

The following Unions (CBA) agreed to a Zero Percent increases in salaries:

- Administrators' Union (0%) for 2009-10
- Custodian's Union (0%) for 2010-11
- Teachers' Union (0%) for 2011-12
- Central Office Union (0%) for 2012-13
- All Independent Contracts took a 0%

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Items Not Covered in Budget

- Title 1 Funding / Reading Tutorials
- Unanticipated Special Education Student Out-Placements due to Homes
- Unanticipated Special Education in District Costs due to No-Nexus (State Mandated)
- Unpredictable Medical experience costs because of Self Insured Plan

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Budget Issues

- Excess Costs budgeted at 70%. Two years ago excess cost reimbursement was 86%
- Burden of Group/Foster Homes on Schools and Student Services Budget
- Reduction of \$400,000 in health benefits
- Increase in High Cost Students



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Budget Summary

- This is a budget with an increase of 2.74% to the 2012-2013 Budget
- There is a 0.61% increase of spending from last year. Difference is Jobs Funding
- The budget is built on the most accurate information available and district needs
- This budget meets the needs of all students and their learning



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Questions



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