



## CITY OF DANBURY

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### **MEETING NOTICE**

- Who:** City Council – Ad Hoc Committee
- When:** **7 P.M. – Thursday, January 18, 2024**
- Where:** 3C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue
- Purpose:** Danbury Public Schools: Additional Funding Request  
for Special Education

*\*Agenda Item on file in the Legislative Assistant's Office*

#### **Committee Members, Department Representatives & Petitioners:**

Joseph Britton, Chair  
Holly Robinson, Council  
Elmer Palma, Council  
Corporation Counsel Representative  
Dan Garrick, Finance Director  
Kevin Walston, Superintendent of Danbury Public Schools  
John Spang, CFO of Danbury Public Schools  
Ralph Pietrefesa, Board of Education Chair  
Mayor's Office

**Noticed:** Kara Pompano, Danbury Public Schools

**Posted:** Town Clerk                      Information Board                      City Website Calendar

4. COMMUNICATION - Donation from Danbury Kitchen Warehouse - Fire Dept.

*A motion was made by Councilman Giordano, seconded by Councilman Duane Perkins, to receive the communication and approve accepting the donation of kitchen cabinets valued at \$8,123.59 and counter tops valued at \$3,250.00, at the Engine number 24 station, as presented with an appropriate letter of thanks to be sent.* The motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATION - Funding Request for Technology Expenses - Danbury Public Schools

*A motion was made by Councilman Simone, seconded by Councilman Perkins, to refer this to an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Corporation Counsel, City Director of Finance, Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, Chief Financial Officers, and a representative from the Mayor's Office.* So ordered.

The Mayor appointed Councilman Britton in the chair, along with Councilwoman Robinson, and Councilman Palma.

6. COMMUNICATION - Additional Funding Request for Special Education - Danbury Public Schools

*A motion was made by Councilman Dennis Perkins, seconded by Councilman Perkins, to refer this to an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Corporation Counsel, City Director of Finance, Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, Chief Financial Officers, and a representative of the Mayor's Office.* So Ordered.

The Mayor appointed Councilman Britton in the chair, along with Councilwoman Robinson, and Councilman Palma.

7. RESOLUTION - ARPA Allocation of Funds - Finance

\**CONSENTED* - as received.

8. RESOLUTION - CT DOT Click It Or Ticket Grant Program - Police

\**CONSENTED* - as received.

9. REPORTS - Engineering & Planning: Sewer Main Ext.- 22 DePalma Lane

\**CONSENTED* - as received.

10. REPORTS - Engineering & Planning: Sewer Main Ext - Fairfield Ave. & Morton St.

*A motion was made by Councilman McAllister, seconded by Councilman Salvatore, to receive the reports from the Director of Public Works, the City Engineer, and the Planning Commission, and adopt their positive recommendations for the sewer main extension of Fairfield Avenue & Morton Street.* 18 Yes, 1 No (Rickert). The motion carried.

11. REPORTS - Engineering & Planning: Water Main Ext. - Fairfield Ave. & Morton St.

*A motion was made by Councilman Ratchford, seconded by Councilman Chianese to receive the reports from the Director of Public Works, the City Engineer, and the Planning Commission, and adopt their positive recommendations for the water main extension at Fairfield Avenue & Morton Street.* The motion carried unanimously.

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2023

The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 PM

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

### ROLL CALL

Hawley, Rickert, Simone, Gartner, Salvatore, Peter Buzaid, Emile Buzaid, Coelho, Lapine, Ratchford, Dennis Perkins, Masi, Palma, Robinson, Britton, McAllister, Duane Perkins, Chianese, Rotello, Giordano, Tomchik

\_\_\_ PRESENT \_\_\_ ABSENT

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

**MINUTES** - Minutes of the Council Meeting held November 9, 2023

### CONSENT CALENDAR

### AGENDA

1. COMMUNICATION - Police Department Appointment - Russell Tompkins
  2. COMMUNICATION - Request to review Elderly Tax Relief Programs
  3. COMMUNICATION - CT DECD Community Investment Fund Grant
  4. COMMUNICATION - Donation from Danbury Kitchen Warehouse - Fire Dept.
  5. COMMUNICATION - Funding Request for Technology Expenses - Danbury Public Schools
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  11. REPORTS - Engineering & Planning: Water Main Ext. - Fairfield Ave. & Morton St.
- ADD ON - BRT Brookview Commons Tax Deferral – 333 Main St.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police, Fire, Health & Human Services, Public Works, Permit Center, U.N.I.T., Elderly Services, Public Library, Tax Assessor

### ADJOURNMENT

Copies of Agenda Items are available in the Legislative Assistant's Office and on the City's website.



## DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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John H. Spang, Jr  
Chief Financial Officer

Danbury City Council  
Mayor Dean Esposito

November 15, 2023

Following a recent lawsuit in federal court, the State of Connecticut was forced to change its special education mandate to include service for disabled students up until the age of 22. For many years the mandate was up until age 21. In June of 2023 the Connecticut General Assembly adopted this change with it's Public Act 23-137.

Unbudgeted out-of-district tuition is expected to cost \$244,000, transportation an additional \$140,000, and supplies and materials \$16,000.

This total of \$400,000 is expected to be spent this year and on October 25, 2023 the Board of Education resolved:

*"... that the Board of Education requests a \$400,000 additional appropriation (City Charter Sec. 7-9f.) for unanticipated special education expenses, resulting from Public Act 23-317 An Act Concerning Resources and Support Services for Persons with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability, extending the age for providing special education services effective July 1, 2023, as recommended by the Finance Committee.."*

We would appreciate your approval of this request.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John H. Spang, Jr.', is located to the right of the text 'We would appreciate your approval of this request.'

Cc: Daniel Garrick, Director of Finance  
BOE Chairperson  
Kevin Walston, Superintendent

2023-24 Pupil SPED Cost (Ages 21-22)

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	<u>Amount</u>
Out-of-District Tuition	\$254,000
Transportation (1)	70,000
Transportation (2)	70,000
<u>Supplies, materials, other</u>	<u>16,000</u>
Total	\$400,000