

COMMON COUNCIL ----- SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 10, 1984

Meeting called to order at 7:00 O'Clock P.M. by the Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER

ROLL CALL

Council Members - Johnson, McGarry, Foti, Torcaso, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Chianese, Skoff, McManus, DaSilva, Gallo, Cassano, Charles, Boynton, Butera, Durkin, Eriquez, Farah, Torian.

17 Present 4 Absent.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING - to be held on the 10th day of May, 1984 at 7:00 O'Clock P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall for the purpose of acting upon the following:

01 - ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1985.

02 - RESOLUTION - A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1985.

RETURN OF SERVICE - Notices delivered and served by Police Officers of the City of Danbury.

A motion was made by _____ & seconded by _____ for the Call & Return of Service to be accepted.

01
ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1985.

THE ORDINANCE WAS

02
RESOLUTION - A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1985.

THE RESOLUTION WAS

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

There being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by _____ & seconded by _____ for the meeting to be adjourned at _____ O'Clock P.M.



RESOLUTION

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CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

May 10, A. D., 1984

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1985.

SECTION 1. The sum of Forty-five Million, Eight-Hundred and Forty-four thousand, Two-Hundred & Thirty-Five Dollars (\$45,844,235.00) representing the gross appropriation for the City of Danbury of \$62,773,281.00 for the fiscal year of July 1, 1984 and ending June 30, 1985, minus Indirect Revenue of \$16,429,046.00 and minus Estimated Available "Surplus" of \$1,000,000 plus uncollectible taxes reserve in the amount of \$500,000.00, is hereby levied and assessed on all taxable property in the City of Danbury as set forth on the annual Grand List as of October 1, 1983.

SECTION 2. Accordingly, the General Fund Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 and ending June 30, 1985 shall be as follows:

TAX RATE: 40.06 Mills

SECTION 3. The taxes levied and assessed as hereinafter provided shall be payable in quarterly installments on July 2, 1984, October 1, 1984, January 2, 1985, April 1, 1985, except for taxes levied and assessed on Aircraft, Boats, Mobile Homes, Motor Vehicles and where not in excess of \$100.00 Dollars, which taxes shall be paid on July 2, 1984, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, unless said dates shall have lapsed before the effective date of this Resolution, in which case the Tax Collector shall fix the dates and installments as if said dates had not been fixed herein as provided by law.

SECTION 4. The Tax Collector shall cause the said taxes above levied and assessed to be inserted on the Tax Rolls for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 and ending June 30, 1985.

CERTIFICATION

I Elizabeth Crudginton, City Clerk of the City of Danbury, Connecticut, do hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true copy of the original Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Danbury, Connecticut, on the 10th day of May, 1984.

Attest:

Elizabeth Crudginton
Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk

Dated at Danbury, Connecticut this 11th day of May, 1984.



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ORDINANCE
CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
COMMON COUNCIL

May 10, 1984

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1985.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

SECTION 1. That the amounts hereinafter set forth aggregating

\$62,773,281.00 or so much as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated for the General Fund, from current revenue, for the use of the several Departments of the municipal government and for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 and ending June 30, 1985.

<u>I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
Common Council	5,500	10,500
Mayor's Office	127,125	127,125
City Clerk's Office	50,998	50,998
Ordinances	9,000	9,000
Probate Court	9,118	9,118
Jury Committee	900	900
Registrars & Elections	89,352	89,352
City Treasurer	21,515	21,515
Comptroller's Office	225,056	225,056
Data Processing	324,378	324,378
Independent Audit	25,000	25,000
Bureau of Assessments	179,793	179,793
Board of Tax Review	2,415	2,415
Tax Collector	213,407	213,407
Purchasing	115,275	115,275
Corporation Counsel	188,448	188,448
Town Clerk	134,406	134,406
Annual Report	5,000	5,000
Environmental Impact Commission	4,910	4,910
Planning Commission	7,360	7,360
Planning Department	234,700	234,700
Zoning Commission	13,950	13,950
Zoning Board of Appeals	8,665	8,665
Civil Service Commission	57,552	57,552
Conservation Commission	5,070	5,070
Personnel Department	64,264	64,264



ORDINANCE

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COMMON COUNCIL

May 10, 1984

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
IV. <u>HEALTH & HOUSING DEPT.</u>		
Health & Housing Dept.	388,986	388,986
<u>TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>\$388,986</u>	<u>\$388,986.</u>
V. <u>PUBLIC WELFARE, SOCIAL AGENCIES</u>		
Welfare Department	928,660	928,660
Veterans Advisory Center	24,583	24,583
Youth Commission	2,000	2,000
Commission on Aging	72,076	72,076
Elderly Transportation	12,500	12,500
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE, SOCIAL AGENCIES</u>	<u>\$1,039,819</u>	<u>\$1,039,819</u>
VI. <u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>		
Schools, Regular	32,582,305	\$32,582,305
<u>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$32,582,305</u>	<u>\$32,582,305</u>
VII. <u>LIBRARIES</u>		
Danbury Public Library	796,007	796,007
Long Ridge Library	3,000	3,000
<u>TOTAL LIBRARIES</u>	<u>\$799,007</u>	<u>\$799,007</u>
VIII. <u>PARKS & RECREATION</u>		
Parks & Recreation	490,500	490,500
Richter Authority	70,000	70,000
War Memorial	105,000	105,000
Tree Warden/City Forester	178,239	178,239
Cultural Commission	34,100	34,100
<u>TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION</u>	<u>\$877,839</u>	<u>\$877,839</u>
IX. <u>RECURRENT COSTS</u>		
Claims		5,000
F.I.C.A.	423,729	423,729
Pension Expense	3,199,550	3,154,550
Employees Merit Increases	70,000	70,000
Workmen's Compensation	105,000	105,000
State Unemployment Compensation	25,000	25,000
Employee Health & Life Insurance	977,785	977,785
Union Welfare	190,351	190,351
Insurance & Official Bond Premium	1,102,432	1,102,432
<u>TOTAL RECURRING COSTS</u>	<u>\$6,093,847</u>	<u>\$6,053,847</u>



ORDINANCE
CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
COMMON COUNCIL

May 10, 1984

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

<u>X. DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
Interest on Bonds	225,252	225,252
Interest on Debt-School	743,602	743,602
Redemption of Debt	385,000	385,000
Redemption of Debt-School	827,089	827,089
<u>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$2,180,943</u>	<u>\$2,180,943</u>
<u>XI. CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$634,639</u>
<u>XII. TRANSPORTATION</u>		
Danbury Airport	175,074	175,074
H.A.R.T.	220,000	220,000
<u>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>\$395,074</u>	<u>\$395,074</u>
<u>XIII. CONTINGENCY</u>	<u>\$700,000</u>	<u>\$700,000</u>
<u>XIV. STATE & FEDERAL SCHOOL PROJECTS</u>		
Appro. City Depts.-Conting.	\$1,485,146	\$1,485,146
<u>XV. GRANTS-HUMAN & SOCIAL WELFARE</u>	<u>\$917,266</u>	<u>\$917,266</u>
<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$62,757,962.</u>	<u>\$62,773,281</u>

SECTION 2. That the amount of Ninety-seven Thousand, seven-hundred & ninety-three (\$97,793.) Dollars is appropriated in the same manner as in Section 1 hereof, for the DOG LICENSE FUND.

SECTION 3. That the amount of One-Million, twenty-nine thousand, three hundred & Fifty-five (\$1,029,355.) is appropriated in the same manner as in Section 1 hereof, for the REVENUE SHARING BUDGET in compliance with the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, as amended.

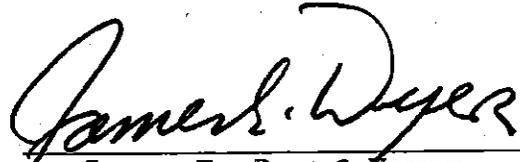
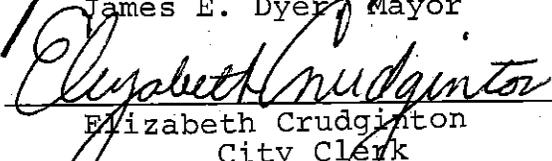
SECTION 4. That the amount of Three Million, eight-hundred & Fifty-five thousand, five-hundred & fifty-six (\$3,855,556) Dollars is appropriated to the WATER ACCOUNT in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 5. That the amount of One-Million, Six-hundred & Forty-one Thousand, two-hundred & eighty-four (\$1,641,284.) Dollars is appropriated to the SEWER OPERATING BUDGET in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 6. That a provision for uncollectible taxes reserve is established in the amount of \$500,000.00

SECTION 7. That the amount of \$793,607.00 Dollars is appropriated to the Danbury Sanitary Landfill Enterprise Fund in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

Adopted by the Common Council May 10, 1984.
Approved by Mayor James E. Dyer, May 11, 1984.


James E. Dyer, Mayor
Attest: 
Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk

COMMON COUNCIL BOARD OF EDUCAT. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

1/5/83 BOARD OF ED. BUDGET WORKSHOPS

1/6/83 " "

1/10/83 " "

1/13/83 " "

1/18/83 PUBLIC HEARING RPJH
SUB-TOTAL

2/2/83 CC. LIAISON BUDGET MEETING

2/16/83 " "

2/23/83 " " CITY-WIDE PARENT GROUP

3/2/83 " "

3/9/83 " "

3/10/83 " " BD OF ED. W. SKODRONSKI, B. BEDFORD

3/23/83 " " " " W.S. P.F. S.C. R. BEDFORD B. BAKER

3/30/83 " " MR. ROBT. WINKEISTER Supt. Public Buildings

4/5/83 " " Bd of Ed. R. BEDFORD, W. HODGETT, W. SKODRONSKI, J. WOLFKEL

4/11/83 " " PUBLIC HEARING (RPJHS) COMMITTEE

4/13/83 " " CITY HALL MEETING

TOTAL HOURS

TOTAL	ET.	TE	MF	JL	CT.	G.E.	R.E.	CM.	R.F.
11.5	4.0	-	-	-	-	2.5	1.0	4.0	-
10.5	4.0	-	-	4.0	-	2.5	-	-	-
5.5	1.5	-	-	1.5	-	1.0	-	1.5	-
4.3	2.8	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31.8	12.3	-	-	7.0	-	6.0	1.0	5.5	-
9.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	-	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	-
12.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
6.4	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8
29.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
24.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	-
17.5	2.5	2.5	-	2.5	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
17.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	2.5	-
16.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
18.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
16.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-
38.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
233.8	37.2	24.9	22.1	21.1	27.9	30.9	23.4	30.4	15.9



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May 10, 1984

REPORT

EDUCATION LIAISON BUDGET COMMITTEE

Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer
Honorable Members of the Common Council

Your Education Liaison Committee began its study of the School system's fiscal condition early in February of this calendar year. The committee met frequently with representative members of the Board of Education and with the Superintendent of schools and other key administrators. Our inquiries were answered with promptness and full cooperation.

The Board submitted a Budget which requested a sum of \$33,384,499. to cover the Danbury School system's expenses in the fiscal year 1984-1985. This is an increase of \$3,780,961.00 or 12.77% over the current budget.

There are 121 line items in this budget. Each line item was explained by School administrators and Board members. Supportive materials and further verbal explanations were furnished upon request.

The committee's recommendations were based on :

- 1) The educational needs of our School children which include the maintenance of sound and attractive physical facilities.
- 2) The status of unencumbered accounts and anticipated surplus in the School Budget as of April 23, 1984, and
- 3) The willingness of our taxpayers to fund improvements leading to educational excellence in Danbury.

Recommendations

1. Approve a school funding level of \$32,602,080. for the 1984-1985 fiscal year. This is an increase of \$2,998,542. or 10.13% over the current year's level. Although this falls \$782,419. short of what the Board has requested, we feel that the recommended amount will not only maintain the status quo in our schools but will provide the means to make a reasonable progress in all vital areas.

Our research and investigation show that the schools will need \$31,907,705 to maintain the present programs and to meet all present contractual commitments including salaries, transportation, insurance cost, and fringe benefits. Our recommendation will provide an additional \$694,375. for improvements and for upgrading the system.

Unexpected expenses may be offset by unexpected windfalls. Even if unexpected expenses exceed unexpected windfalls by about \$100,000, there will still be nearly \$600,000 for improvements.

2. Cognizant of the Board's right to reallocate funds within its budget, the Committee decided to merely express its desires to the Board regarding certain programs. We ask the Board to make every possible effort to enhance Art and Music programs, and to improve student's care and classroom management and instruction in Special Education.

We also recommend that the Board seek more efficient alternatives for the transportation of Special Education students, and abandon the practice of withholding allocated funds for instructional supplies and books until past midyear. Such withholding deprives students of the opportunity to derive the most out of what is rightly earmarked for their instructional materials.



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Shortly after the conclusion of budget deliberation and adoption, the committee and representatives of the Board of Education and the School Administration will convene regularly in order to continue the open dialogue and cordial and cooperative relationship which, despite occasional disagreements, prevailed throughout our meetings.

Respectfully submitted

Mounir Farah Chairman

Gene Eriquez

Stephen Flanagan

Carole Torcaso

Edward Torian

MF/mr



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May 10, 1984

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Subject: Salary Increase - Welfare Department.

After some discussion with the Welfare Supervisor and during further discussions on this matter, when the committee was holding deliberations it was the feeling of this committee that the Welfare Supervisor deserved a larger salary increase than had been proposed by the Mayor for the following reasons:

1. The committee doesn't feel the Welfare Supervisor is being paid a salary commensurate with her duties.
2. The committee feels the increase is necessary to bring the Welfare Supervisor's salary in line with other management people working in City Government.
3. Members of the committee that served on other committees involving the Welfare Supervisor, all remarked on how well this Supervisor represents herself and the City at any committee meetings or hearing she is asked to attend.



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COMMON COUNCIL

1984-1985

May 10, 1984

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members - B. Gallo, J. Esposito, J. Chianese, J. Butera, J. McGarry, N. Zotos, E. Torian, T. Skoff and R. Foti.

As a result of a series of budget review meetings, including meetings with the Department Heads involved, the Health & Public Safety Budget Committee recommends that the following changes be incorporated in the 1984-1985 Budget as proposed by the Mayor:

	<u>Mayor's Proposals</u>	<u>Committee Recommendations</u>
<u>02-100- Police Department</u>		
020300 - Communications Svs.	\$60,000	\$72,499
061500 - Automotive Equipment	0	4,400
Bottom line		\$4,146,926
<u>02-102 - Dog Warden</u>		No Change
Bottom Line		\$75,293.
<u>02-110-Fire Department</u>		No Change
Bottom Line		\$3,928,981.
<u>02-122 - Building Inspector</u>		
010100 - Regular Salaries	\$138,081	\$125,862
Bottom Line		\$134,962
<u>02-123 - Weights & Measures</u>		No Change
Bottom Line		\$6,200.
<u>02-134 - Dept. Civil Preparedness</u>		No Change
Bottom Line		\$52,079
<u>04-101 - Health & Housing Dept.</u>		No Change
Bottom Line		\$388,986.
<u>05-100 - Welfare Dept. (See attached Report)</u>		
010100 - Regular Salaries	\$102,225 <i>Amendment 1985</i>	\$104,399.
Bottom Line		\$930,834.
Dog License Fund		No Change
Bottom Line		\$97,793

Respectfully submitted

Bernard Gallo Chairman
Bernard Gallo

John Esposito
John Esposito

Joseph Chianese
Joseph Chianese

Janet Butera
Janet Butera

John McGarry
John McGarry

Nicholas Zotos
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Edward Torian
Edward Torian

Thora Skoff
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Russell Foti



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PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT 1984-1985

Committee Members - Anthony Cassano, Joseph DaSilva, Carole Torcaso, John Esposito, Mounir Farah, Gene Enriquez, Constance McManus.

As the result of budget review meetings, including meetings with Public Works Department management, the Public Works Budget Committee recommends that the following changes be incorporated in the 1984-1985 Budget as proposed by the Mayor:

	<u>Mayor's Proposal</u>	<u>Committee Recommendations</u>
03-117 - <u>Equipment Maintenance</u>		
010100 - Regular Salaries	\$157,115	\$168,115
Bottom Line	\$400,640	\$411,640

The above recommendation includes a secretary/dispatcher position for the nine month period (October 1, 1984 through June 30, 1985). following construction of the Equipment Maintenance facility.

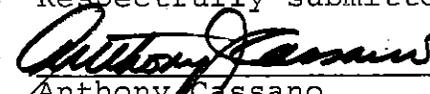
The Public Works Budget committee recommends no changes in the following accounts in the 1984-1985 Budget as proposed by the Mayor:

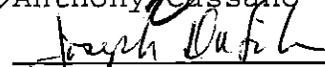
- 01-222 - Public Buildings
- 01-224 - City Hall Building
- 01-225 - Library Building
- 01-226 - Police Station Building
- 01-228 - Old Library Building
- 01-229 - Water Use City Departments
- 03-109 - Director of Public Works
- 03-110 - Highways
- 03-111 - State Aid - Highway Project
- 03-112 - Snow and Ice Removal
- 03-113 - Street Lighting
- 03-115 - Bridges and Rivers
- 03-116 - Public Building Maint-Repair
- 03-124 - Storm Water Drains
- 03-127 - City Contribution-Landfill
- 03-130 - Engineering Department
- 08-145 - Tree Warden/City Forester

- Landfill Operations Budget - All Accounts
- Sewer Operations Budget - All Accounts
- Water Operations Budget - All Accounts

The above recommended change results in a net increase, over all the considered accounts, of \$11,000 in the Mayor's proposed budget.

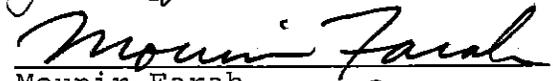
Respectfully submitted

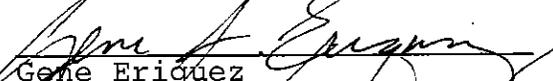

Chairman
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May 10, 1984

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The General Government Budget Committee met on six separate occasions to study the various accounts in the Mayor's proposed budget for the purpose of recommendation to the Common Council.

The committee met on April 9, 1984 to organize its procedures. It then met on April 16, April 18 and April 23, 1984 with seventeen various Department Heads, Directors and Commissioners, to obtain input on their particular budget accounts. On April 25, 1984 and May 2, 1984 the committee met to deliberate its recommendations to the Common Council.

The committee found the large majority of items to be acceptable appropriations and recommend the adoption of all items within the scope of General Government Budget Committee, with the following exceptions:

1. <u>01-100 Common Council</u>			
029500 Outside Services	+ \$5,000	to read	<u>\$9,500.</u>
		Total	<u>\$10,500</u>

The addition of this amount is to provide secretarial help to the major, ongoing committees during the year as well as the budget committees each Spring.

2. <u>09-110 - Claims</u>			
073500 Settlement of Claims	+\$5,000	to read	<u>\$5,000</u>
		Total	<u>\$5,000</u>

This amount was added for the settlement of any outstanding claims that predate the City's nondeductible insurance.

3. <u>09-121 - Pension Expense</u>			
072801 - Pension expense	-45,000	to read	<u>\$3,154,550</u>
		Total	<u>\$3,154,550.</u>

This adjustment was made to realign recommendations for increased spending within this committee report. A reduction was suggested here because there have been occasions when funds have been left unspent in this account at the end of the fiscal year.

4. <u>11-000 - Capital Program</u>			
850015 Fire Hose	+\$18,020		
850016 Fire Headquarters Insulation	+ 7,519		
850017 Fire Dept. Storm windows	+ 9,100		
		Total	\$634,639.

These items were referred to our committee by the Public Safety Committee. We found them appropriate for the Capital Budget and worthy of inclusion.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph DaSilva Chairman
Joseph DaSilva

Joseph Durkin
Joseph Durkin

Ernest Boynton

Louis T. Charles, Jr.
Louis T. Charles

Carole Torcaso

Beverly B. Johnson
Beverly Johnson

Robert Godfrey
Robert Godfrey

Gene Enriquez
Gene Enriquez

Stephen Flanagan
Stephen Flanagan

May 3, 1983

COMMON COUNCIL EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Common Council Liaison Budget Committee consisting of Council members Torian, Evans, Farah, Torcaso, Eriquez, McManus, Foti, Elder and Leopold, met on the following dates to review the budget proposal of the Board of Education for the fiscal year of 1983-1984.

As Observers in attendance at Board of Education Budget Workshop Sessions: Jan. 5, 1983, Jan. 6, 1983, Jan. 10, 1983, Jan. 13, 1983.

Common Council Budget committee meetings:

Feb. 2, 1983	Committee members only, including D. Setaro Ass't Compt.
Feb.16, 1983	" " " " " " "
Feb.23, 1983	Presentation by City-wide Parent Teachers Rep. Assembly.
Mar. 2, 1983	Committee members only, including D. Setaro, Ass't Compt.
Mar. 9, 1983	" " " " " "
Mar.10, 1983	Appearances by Bd. of Ed. representatives W. Skowronski & R. Bedfore
Mar.23, 1983	Appearances by Bd. of Ed. representatives W. Skowronski, R. Bedford, P. Fenster, B. Baker and S. Carter.
Mar.30, 1983	Appearance by R. Winkelstern - Supt. of Pub. Buildings.
April 5,1983	Appearance by Bd. of Ed. representatives, R. Bedford, W. Hodge, W. Skowronski and J. Wolfkeil.
April 11,1983	Public Hearing - Board of Education Budget (Rogers Pk JHS)
April 13,1983	Committee members only including D. Setaro Ass't Compt.

The committee voted to recommend to the full Common Council a 9.5% increase in funding to the Board of Education for the fiscal year 1983-1984, totalling \$2,568,343 for a total budget of \$29,603,538. This represents approximately 92.484% of the total amount of \$32,009,295 requested by the Board.

The committee takes note of the Board's concern that shortages exist in efforts to eliminate split classes, textbooks, supplies and equipment, funding of inter scholastic and intramural sports program, including an Athletic Director.

The committee's analysis of the budget revealed that several areas of the budget showed evidence of substantial over-funding, and our suggestion to the Board would be to consider the re-allocation of funding in these areas to cover the above shortages.

Specific instances of over-funding appeared in the following areas: non-teaching salary accounts, employee benefits, public utilities, gasoline, fuel oil accounts and the absence of a 3-year bid solicitation on garbage refuse removal.

The committee recognizes that the Common Council has only bottom-line authority in this budgetary process and it is the exclusive authority of the Board to make line item funding decisions.

We would hope however, that some consideration would be given to our suggestive comments.

The City of Danbury has always championed education and considers it key to its goals of long-range development and sustained growth as evidenced by the attached statement which depicts in part, the City's priority to education in its total City Budget funding over the past several years.

Respectfully submitted

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	Adopted Budget* 1978-79	Council** approved 1982-83	Mayor Proposed 1983-84	Total change 1978-79 to 1983-84	Total change 1978-79 to 1983-84
Total City Budget	38,662,933	52,113,159	55,880,320	17,217,387	+44.5%
City Operating Budget School & School Debt Service	17,983,737	23,459,442	24,644,994	+ 6,661,257	+37.0%
School Operating Budget	19,300,000	26,965,786	29,603,538	+ 10,303,538	+53.4%
School Enrollment	10,052	8999	8908	(1144)	-11.4%
Per pupil expenditure	1920	2997	3323	;403	+73.1%
Does not include debt service or maintenance of schools.					
From 1978-1979 City Budget					
*From 1982-83 Budget appropriation as of 12/1/82					



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May 10, 1984

REPORT

EDUCATION LIAISON BUDGET COMMITTEE

Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer
Honorable Members of the Common Council

Your Education Liaison Committee began its study of the School system's fiscal condition early in February of this calendar year. The committee met frequently with representative members of the Board of Education and with the Superintendent of schools and other key administrators. Our inquiries were answered with promptness and full cooperation.

The Board submitted a Budget which requested a sum of \$33,384,499. to cover the Danbury School system's expenses in the fiscal year 1984-1985. This is an increase of \$3,780,961.00 or 12.77% over the current budget.

There are 121 line items in this budget. Each line item was explained by School administrators and Board members. Supportive materials and further verbal explanations were furnished upon request.

The committee's recommendations were based on :

- 1) The educational needs of our School children which include the maintenance of sound and attractive physical facilities.
- 2) The status of unencumbered accounts and anticipated surplus in the School Budget as of April 23, 1984, and
- 3) The willingness of our taxpayers to fund improvements leading to educational excellence in Danbury.

Recommendations

1. Approve a school funding level of \$32,602,080. for the 1984-1985 fiscal year. This is an increase of \$2,998,542. or 10.13% over the current year's level. Although this falls \$782,419. short of what the Board has requested, we feel that the recommended amount will not only maintain the status quo in our schools but will provide the means to make a reasonable progress in all vital areas.

Our research and investigation show that the schools will need \$31,907,705 to maintain the present programs and to meet all present contractual commitments including salaries, transportation, insurance cost, and fringe benefits. Our recommendation will provide an additional \$694,375. for improvements and for upgrading the system.

Unexpected expenses may be offset by unexpected windfalls. Even if unexpected expenses exceed unexpected windfalls by about \$100,000, there will still be nearly \$600,000 for improvements.

2. Cognizant of the Board's right to reallocate funds within its budget, the Committee decided to merely express its desires to the Board regarding certain programs. We ask the Board to make every possible effort to enhance Art and Music programs, and to improve student's care and classroom management and instruction in Special Education.

We also recommend that the Board seek more efficient alternatives for the transportation of Special Education students, and abandon the practice of withholding allocated funds for instructional supplies and books until past midyear. Such withholding deprives students of the opportunity to derive the most out of what is rightly earmarked for their instructional materials.