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TO: Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer - Mayor of the City of Danbury.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council held on July 23, 1981.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 O'Clock P.M. by his honor Mayor James E. Dyer who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilman Joseph DaSilva offered the prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Elizabeth Crudginton with the following members being recorded as:

PRESENT: Councilmembers - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Rinder, Repole, Eppoliti, Cassano, Ryan, Zotos, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Evans, Torian, Scialabba.

ABSENT: Councilmembers - White, Murray, Burke, Butera, Farah.

16 members present - 5 members absent.

It was reported that Councilman Murray was away on business and Councilwoman Buter was away on vacation.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING to be held on the 23rd day of July, 1981 at 7:00 O'Clock P.M. for the purpose of acting upon the following:

1. Report - 1979-1980 School Department Deficit.

2. Report - Grants for fiscal year 1980-1981

RETURN OF SERVICE - Notices served by Police Officers of the Danbury Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Evans for the Call and Return of Service to be accepted. Motion carried.

REPORT - School Deficit.

Councilman Ryan submitted a report stating that the Education Liaison Committee of the Common Council met on July 16, 1981 with various school officials.

The Board of Education finished the 1979-1980 fiscal year with a deficit in the amount of \$13,443.64. The Council has appropriated \$45,000 to the Board of Education in relation to the 1979-1980 year.

The committee recommends that the Comptroller be authorized to pay the outstanding obligations. The committee recommends this action based on the testimony of the Director of Finance and the Comptroller. The committee does not however do so enthusiastically. The committee continues to oppose shoddy financial scrutiny which results in over-spending.

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Torian to accept the Report as submitted.

Councilman Scialabba asked if there was an Attorney present at the committee meeting.

Councilman Ryan replied that no attorney was invited, and that the bills from the Danbury Hospital and Cummings & Lockwood were expenses not anticipated and must be paid.

A motion was made by Councilman Scialabba and seconded by Councilman Walsh for the matter to be recommitted.

Councilman Evans spoke against recommitment stating the bills are two years old and must be paid. No purpose for a recommitment.

Councilman Delsin asked if the City had to pay these bills. Councilman Ryan replied that lawsuits could be brought against the City and they would win.

Councilman Scialabba asked are the Board of Education or the people of Danbury responsible?

The Corporation Counsel was not able to answer that question at this time.

Councilman Ryan stated that Mr. J. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, has asked for authority to pay the bills. \$13,000 will be paid from unappropriated fund balance.

The motion for recommitment was denied by a majority of the Councilmembers present.

At this point Councilman Scialabba left the meeting.

The original motion for acceptance of the report was carried by a roll call vote of 2 Nays (Councilman Walsh and Councilwoman Eppoliti voted Nay). Councilmembers - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Rinder, Repole, Cassano, Ryan, Zotos, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Evans, Torian, voted Aye (13 votes). Six members were absent.

REPORT - School Grants.

Councilman Ryan submitted a report stating that the Education Liaison committee of the Common Council met on July 16, 1981 with various school officials.

Estimated grants for the fiscal year that ended June 30th amounted to \$1,625,800. This figure was an estimate. Actual revenues will total \$2,210,126.

The committee recommends that the Director of Finance be authorized to adjust the records to reflect the correct total.

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Delsin to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried, by a roll call vote of 15 Ayes - six members absent. Councilmembers - Scialabba, Burke, Butera, Murray, and Farah were absent.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

Mrs. Barbara Baker, Chairman of the Board of Education spoke thanking the Common Council for their action in authorizing the funds. Mrs. Baker stated that this situation would not come up again.

Mayor Dyer asked if this past year would end in deficit. Mrs. Baker replied that if so it would be less than \$1,000 due perhaps to the utility bills which have not been received as yet.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Delsin for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:45 O'Clock P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Robert
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

Elyse Mudgett