

The Ansonia Cost Cutting Commission
Special Meeting
March 27, 2014

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Members Present

Nancy Valentine
John Izzo
Michael Egan
Ed Norman
Susanna Kurus
Larry Boemmels

Members Absent

Ryan Hunt

Others Present

Chris Timniak
Charlie Stowe
Joe Coppola Esq.
Bill Nimons
James Gaskins
Dr. Carol Merlone

Call to Order:

Chairman Valentine called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. The recording clerk took a roll call attendance and a quorum was declared present. (6)P (1) A

Consideration of Previous Minutes:

Chairman Valentine noted that the meeting minutes from March 18, 2014 should have read Regular Monthly Meeting not Special Meeting. Mr. Izzo made a motion to approve the minutes from March 18, 2014 with necessary corrections. Mr. Norman seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public Session:

No one from the public present to address the commission.

Old Business:

There was a discussion of future monthly meeting dates. The commission agreed the regular monthly meetings will be held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are listed as follows:

- April 22, 2014
- May 27, 2014
- June 24, 2014
- July 22, 2014
- August 26, 2014
- September 23, 2014
- October 28, 2014
- November 25, 2014
- December 23, 2014

New Business:

Chairman Valentine asks the commission to review the list of overdue tax collections. Chairman Valentine briefly explains the delinquent taxes. The commission discusses these overdue taxes

and would like to come up with a tax collection policy. The commission agrees to propose a letter of said recommendation to Mayor Cassetti and present it to the Board of Alderman.

Chairman Valentine invites Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol Merlone, Mr. Gaskins, and Mr. Nimons to discuss, explain, and answer any questions regarding the Board of Educations proposed budget. Mr. Izzo explains that the commission asked Dr. Merlone, Mr. Gaskins, and Mr. Nimons to come answer any questions and the commission will take everything into consideration and give the BOE recommendations. Topics of discussion are as follows:

- 27% of the BOE budget is Special Education
- The loss of grant money from the state
- New Mandates
- The number of BOE employees district wide
- Number of enrolled students throughout the district
- Expenses to accommodate performance tests
- Transportation expenses
- No new positions (any posted position is an existing position needed to be filled)
- \$650,000 more projected in special education expenses alone

Dr. Merlone invites members of the commission to do a walk through of the schools and give any feedback.

Mr. Izzo and Mr. Boemmels agree to do a walk through.

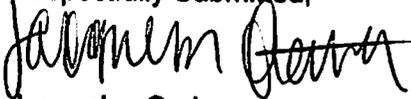
Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 22, 2014 at 6:30p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Izzo made a motion to adjourn at 9:34p.m., Mr. Egan seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jacquelyn Craig
Cost Cutting Secretary