



BETH DELBUONO
MAYOR

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

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This hearing was presented as a Zoom Webinar/Meeting

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To provide an opportunity for interested individuals to express their views regarding the proposed amendment to the Newington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 48, Funds, Article IV, Public School Capital Improvement Projects Reserve Fund, 48-14, Definitions, 48-15, Creation of fund; revenues

Mayor DelBuono called the Public Hearing to order at 5:50 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION regarding the proposed amendment to the Newington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 48, Funds, Article IV, Public School Capital Improvement Projects Reserve Fund, 48-14, Definitions, 48-15, Creation of fund; revenues (VIA TELEPHONE: 860-665-8736) (4 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON ANY ITEM)

- Steven Silvia, 45 Basswood Street thanked the council for discussing potential amendments to this ordinance. With the advent of the pre-K program the board introduced this past year, we've had nice success in the application of tuitions towards the operational expenses to offset the salary and running of the program to such an extent that I'm encouraging that we expand the program and enhance the tuition revenues to the school system with the idea being every dollar we can help generate for the school system, through the tuition program, in theory we reduce the demand for tax dollars to supplement to overall budget. For that to be successful, there is a level of transparency required by the school systems and the board to demonstrate trust and compliance with the wishes of the town. The intent of the tuition is well founded, it does serve a purpose for this past year and it's been applied, but like any other program that's within the board, unless there is full transparency of the application of the generosity of the town, could be misconstrued. I am available if anyone has any questions. I can't answer on behalf of the board, that would be for the Chairman, Mr. Vassella, but if there is any kind of clarity, I can share what I do know and I am very interested in understanding the discussions you will have.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor DelBuono adjourned the public hearing at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gibbon
Council Clerk

**Pursuant to §805 of the Town of Newington Charter*

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