

**Follow up Questions from BOE (Wednesday, January 28, 2015)**

**General Substitute Question**

**1.) Substitutes – Quantify the proposed \$10.00 daily increase for substitute teachers.**

**Response:** The \$10.00 daily increase represents approximately \$35,413.

**RC 3 MMS**

**2.) Clubs and Councils – Please review.**

**Response:** Added two (2) new stipends for Quiz Bowl. = \$1,297 x2 = \$2,594.

**RC 11 PE/Health**

**3.) Increase of three coaches (Freshman Football, Girls / Boys Lacrosse). What is the ratio that we are using for adding coaches?**

**Response:** The current and proposed ratios are as follows:

	<b>Current Ratio</b>	<b>Staff to Student</b>	<b>Proposed Ratio</b>	<b>Staff to Student</b>
Freshman Football	40 to 2	20	40 to 3	13
Freshman Lacrosse (B)	45 to 1	45	45 to 2	23
Freshman Lacrosse (G)	36 to 1	36	36 to 2	18

Comparison of surrounding Freshman Football Coaches:

New Canaan	4 Freshman Coaches
Staples	3 Freshman Coaches
Greenwich	3 Freshman Coaches
Wilton	3 Freshman Coaches

**4.) What is the % ratio (parent/BOE) for all sports? Please provide a chart detailing all sports in which this pertains.**

**Response:** The following is the current contribution ratios by activity:

Sport	BOE Contribution	Parent Contribution	Total	% Paid- BOE	% Paid- Parents	Price per Participant
Hockey	\$24,000	\$54,300	\$78,300	31%	69%	\$850
Skiing	\$2,000	\$14,700	\$16,700	12%	88%	\$490
Squash	\$14,320	\$26,100	\$40,420	35%	65%	\$725
Sailing						\$375 *

\* Sailing charges a yearly participant fee to build up a reserve in their student activity account so that they may purchase new boats every 7-8 years.

## **RC 19 Curriculum**

### **9.) If we remove technology stipends at the elementary level what is our plan for addressing the needs in the elementary schools?**

**Response:** Professional development at the elementary level will be provided by the District Director of Instructional Technology and the proposed Technology Integration Specialists. The Technology Integration Specialists will work directly with teachers and students in the classroom. Professional development will also be provided in other settings, such as Professional Learning Community (PLC) time, Professional Development days, and staff meetings by the Director and Technology Integration Specialists.

Proposed building-based technology leads at Middlesex and Darien High School will provide support for applications that enhance instruction, student learning, and achievement in the classroom. I.e. Google Apps for Education (Google doc, Google slides), Typing Club, Speak It! (text-to-speech extension).

There is a centralized IT help desk that maintains and monitors the technology infrastructure, and oversees the acquisition, maintenance, and repair of computer equipment for the Town of Darien and Darien Public Schools. Staff experiencing issues with technology use a ticketing system to log a concern. IT staff are then assigned to resolve or fix the issue as soon as practical.

New technology frequently comes with training as part of the purchase. For example, SMART Boards and the new video-on-demand service, DEVOS. Chromebook orientation is performed in a variety of formats, including whole-school trainings, grade-level Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings, and department meetings.

### **10.) Add a Program Coordinator for World Language?**

**Response:** To be determined.

## **RC 20 Finance**

### **11.) Should phones be put in the capital budget? Budget \$225,000**

**Response:** The phone replacement can be put in either capital or operating budgets.

## **RC 24 Special Education**

### **12.) Decrease transportation costs for offering our own internal transportation.**

**Response:** Proposal to decrease special education transportation costs by \$101,304.

**Budget Considerations (+/-)**

**Current Budget**    **Proposed Budget**    **% Increase**    **Dollar Increase**  
 \$ 88,135,967.00    \$ 91,355,326.00    3.65%    \$ 3,219,359.00

Responsibility Center	Location	Account	Description	Proposed Budget	Adjustment	Revised Proposed Budget	Page #	Comment
RC 5	Hindley	021603	Teacher Aide	\$ 295,871.00	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ 280,871.00	47	Reduction of .5 Aide based on projected enrollment
RC 8	Ox Ridge	021603	Teacher Aide	\$ 256,324.00	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ 241,324.00	51	Reduction of .5 Aide based on projected enrollment
RC 19	Curriculum	022056	Technology Integrator	\$ 67,774.00	\$ 67,774.00	\$ 135,548.00	92	Reinstatement of 1 Technology Integrator
RC 19	Curriculum	021220	Curriculum Supervision	\$ 36,470.00	\$ (10,885.00)	\$ 25,585.00	92	Decrease of 5 Technology stipends at Elementary Level
RC 24	Special Ed	052002	In District Sped Transportation	\$ 660,974.00	\$ (26,889.00)	\$ 634,085.00	107	
RC 8	Ox Ridge	023003	Periodicals	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,660.00	51	Adjustment to Periodical Lines
RC 8	Ox Ridge	022003	Textbook Consumables	\$ 27,413.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 25,913.00	51	
RC 9	Royle	023003	Periodicals	\$ 345.00	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 2,405.00	53	Adjustment to Periodical Lines
RC 9	Royle	022003	Textbook Consumables	\$ 25,995.00	\$ (2,060.00)	\$ 23,935.00	53	
RC 10	Tokeneke	023003	Periodicals	\$ 359.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,359.00	55	Adjustment to Periodical Lines
RC 10	Tokeneke	022003	Textbook Consumables	\$ 26,039.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 24,539.00	55	
RC 10	Tokeneke	022002	Textbooks Replacements	\$ 3,591.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 3,091.00	55	
RC 19	Curriculum	021058	Program Coordinators	\$ 537,884.00	\$ (165,080.00)	\$ 372,804.00	92	Move Director of Inst. Tech to another line
RC 19	Curriculum	021201	Director	\$ -	\$ 165,080.00	\$ 165,080.00	92	Create new line item for Director of Inst. Tech
RC 24	Special Ed	021303	Special Class Teachers	\$ 2,440,975.00	\$ 111,848.00	\$ 2,552,823.00	107	Correction - Move employee from RC 26 to RC 24
RC 26	Early Learning	021303	Special Class Teachers	\$ 778,200.00	\$ (111,848.00)	\$ 666,352.00	113	Correction - Move employee from RC 26 to RC 24
			Difference	\$ -				

**Additional Proposed Modifications after 1-28-15 Mtg.**

Responsibility Center	Location	Account	Description	Proposed Budget	Adjustment	Revised Proposed Budget	Page #	Comment
RC 24	Special Ed	052002	In District Sped Transportation	\$ 634,085.00	\$ (74,415.00)	\$ 559,670.00	107	Decrease projected costs by a total of \$101,304 for in-house transportation
			Difference	\$ (74,415.00)		\$ 559,670.00		

**Revised**  
**Current Budget**    **Proposed Budget**    **% Increase**    **Dollar Increase**  
 \$ 88,135,967.00    \$ 91,280,911.00    3.57%    \$ 3,144,944.00