

BUDGET COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: January 22, 2026

PLACE: Havemeyer Building (Virtually via Zoom)

ATTENDANCE:

Committee:

Ms. Sophie Koven, Chair
Mr. Paul Cappiali
Mr. Bob Chaney
Ms. Karen Krause (*via Zoom*)

Administration:

Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent
Mr. Ben Branyan, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
Mr. Patrick Lai, Director of Finance

Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Koven at 6:00 pm.

Discussion Item

Dr. Jones and Mr. Branyan presented a draft FY 27-29 Operating Budget Model for discussion only. The committee discussed the underlying assumptions used in the draft, including the teacher census, the rising cost of transportation and the estimated cost of utilities.

The committee discussed various trends impacting salaries, including vacant positions, use of FMLA and the difference in salaries between retiring teachers and new hires.

The committee also discussed career in technical education offerings at the high school level and the opportunity to intern in the fields of medicine, early childhood education and automotive technology. No votes were taken.

Adjournment

MOTION	Mr. Chaney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cappiali.
VOTE	4 in favor, none opposed.
	MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Koven
Chair