BUDGET COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: May 1, 2026

PLACE: Havemeyer Building

ATTENDANCE:
Committee:
Ms. Sophie Koven, Chair
Mr. Paul Cappiali (arrived at 9:20 am)
Mr. Bob Chaney
Ms. Karen Krause

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

1. Meeting Opening
A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Koven at 9:06 am.

2. Discussion Item
Transportation:
The committee discussed the new parking location for the 2026/2027 school year. All buses have been removed from Western Middle School and other temporary parking locations. The district continues to look for other long term parking options in town. The current bus contract runs through the end of 2027.

Capital:
The committee discussed the 5 year capital plan. Questions were raised in regards to the placeholder amount for a new administrative building for the BOE. Further information will be provided at later meetings.

Operating Budget:
Discussion of changing K-5 start times; Dr. Jones advised that the community does not seem to support that change given the cost. Questions were raised as to whether we can be more granular and accurate on enrollment. Discussion of areas of investment including the arts program at the high school and career in tech programs. The success of the Ham Ave extended day program was discussed and board members wish to explore adioting similar programs at other "Titan" schools like JC, New Leb and Cos Cob.

BET Guidelines:

Discussion of new BET guidelines. General consensus that BOE practice of building budgets from scratch is aligned with the BET memo on guidelines for the 26/27 budget year. Consideration of AI and other technology offering efficiencies, particularly in scheduling, summer school offerings and the like. Discussion of making further cuts to the administrative team. Curriculum team has been reduced by 50%, various other cuts. Central Office accounts for approximately 3 percent of the budget, so cuts to

DRAFT

that line item unlikely to have impact overall, but will still be considered, as with all other line items in the budget.

3. Adjournment

MOTION	Mr. Chaney moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cappiali.
VOTE	4 in favor, none opposed.
	MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Koven
Chair

DRAFT