EAST WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Finance Sub-Committee Special Meeting –August 18, 2026
Room A5, Broad Brook Elementary School
14 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT

N. Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Attendance: N. Farmer, F. Neill, D. Menard, Dr. P. Tudryn, R. Galloway

Approval of Minutes 6.10.26:

- Minutes from the June 10, 2026 meeting were approved.

FY26 EOY Update:

- The previously reported anticipated year-end balance in the 2% contingency fund was revised to approximately $205,000, rather than the previously projected $375,854. The primary reason for the change was an issue with the high school's main natural gas meter, which recorded zero usage from April 2024 through November 2025. Because FY26 utility budgeting was based on FY25 expenditures, the gas budget reflected unusually low costs during the period when usage was not being properly measured. After Eversource replaced the meter, normal winter gas usage resumed on the District's bills. Natural gas expenditures ultimately totaled $290,619 against a budget of $189,034, resulting in an approximately $101,586 unfavorable variance. There was no retroactive rebilling; the higher expenditure reflects actual current usage that is now being properly measured.
- Additional unfavorable variances occurred in electricity ($9,577), water ($2,009), and bus fuel ($14,367). Sprague has escalated the gas-meter matter with both its director and the utility and continues to investigate potential solutions and credits. Preliminary estimates indicate possible credits of $20,000–$45,000, which have not been included in the projected year-end balance.
- As a result, the 2% contingency fund is now anticipated to end the year at approximately $205,000. The District can still apply the full $187,927 planned offset for FY27, but doing so would leave only approximately $17,100 in reserve, significantly reducing the District's ability to absorb an unexpected expense such as an additional outplacement. FY27 natural gas is also budgeted below FY26 actual expenditures. Administration will continue working with Sprague to identify savings and other options for the coming year and will present recommendations to the Board.

FY26 EOY Transfers:

- End-of-year transfers across departments were reviewed and discussed. The Subcommittee agreed to forward the transfers to the full Board of Education for consideration and approval.

FY27 Financials:

- It is still early in the fiscal year to provide a meaningful update on the FY27 budget. A more comprehensive budget review and discussion will be provided at the next meeting.

FY28 Budget:

- P. Tudryn shared that an in-depth review of the budget will begin in early October in preparation for anticipated fiscal challenges as the District begins planning for the FY28 budget.

Miscellaneous:

- None

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan Galloway
Sub-Committee Member/Director of Finance