EAST WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Finance Sub-Committee Special Meeting – October 14, 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: D. Menard, N. Farmer, Dr. P. Tudryn, R. Galloway

Approval of Minutes 09.9.2026:

- Minutes from the September 9, 2026 meeting were approved.

FY27 Financials:

- The subcommittee reviewed the FY27 financial report through September. Given that the fiscal year is still in its early stages, there were limited financial developments to report.
- Additional Appropriation: The subcommittee reviewed and discussed the allocation of the $226,764 additional appropriation within the Board of Education's budget.
- Audit Update: R. Galloway provided an update on the ongoing audit. Auditors continue to review the requested documentation and are scheduled to be on-site next week.
- FY28 Budget Planning: Initial departmental budget planning meetings for FY28 are scheduled to begin next week.

Natural Gas Update:

- R. Galloway reported that the district's gas supply contract with Sprague expires at the end of November and will not be renewed. Moving forward, the district plans to purchase natural gas directly from Eversource, consistent with the Town's current practice.
- The recent gas meter issue at the high school and the associated unexpected costs prompted a review of alternative supply options. This review identified potential cost savings for the district by transitioning to Eversource and staying within the budgeted amount.

OSHA Discussion:

- Dr. Tudryn shared information obtained through his superintendent network regarding recent unannounced OSHA inspections of school districts. These inspections have reportedly resulted in significant fines, often totaling tens of thousands of dollars, along with required corrective action plans subject to strict timelines.
- Dr. Tudryn explained that districts may request voluntary OSHA inspections, which reportedly place them at a lower priority for unannounced inspections. While voluntary inspections may identify necessary improvements and associated costs, participating districts reportedly avoid fines and are generally provided 90 days to address identified deficiencies.
- As a proactive measure, the district has reached out to other school districts that have participated in voluntary inspections to gather information about common findings and recommendations. This information will help East Windsor identify and address potential concerns within its own facilities.