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**RTM Education Committee  
Town of Branford**



Josh Brooks, Lindsay Greenberg, Joseph Loffredo,  
Barbara Maresca, Shaída Soomro, Tom Keefe  
Donna Laich, Chair

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**Regular Meeting Minutes**

April 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm  
7:00 PM, Community House, 46 Church Street

**1. Call to Order: 7:07 pm**

**2. Roll Call:**

**Representatives Present:** Brooks, Greenberg (7:20), Maresca, Laich

**Representatives Absent:** Loffredo, Keefe, Soomro,

**3. Approval of Minutes March 10, 2025**

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, meeting by Rep. Greenberg; 2nd by Rep. Maresca and unanimously approved.

**4. The following budget request (2025-2026) presentations were heard:**

- a. Jennifer Sullivan presented the budget for the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library. The requested budget of \$299,959 is an increase of \$20,509 over last year. She stated library traffic has increased and it is crucial to have a minimum of two staff members present in the library at all times.
- b. Katy McNicol presented the budget request for the James Blackstone Memorial Library. The budget request for this year is \$1,789,500, a 2.64% increase over last year's budget.
- c. Lauren Skultety presented the budget request for School-Age Child Care. The program is self-funded, at no extra cost to taxpayers. The program services approximately 150 families during the school year and about 60 families during the summer.
- d. Christine Bjork presented the Adult Education Budget. Christine gave an overview of the services provided. This program is self-funded at no cost to taxpayers.
- e. Blaize Levitan (Chief Operating Officer) and Chris Tranberg (Superintendent) provided an update on the Board of Education's (BOE)

operating and capital budget requests. On March 31, 2025 the Board of Finance (BOF) reduced the BOE's budget request by \$50,000, lowering the total request from \$69,214,640 to \$69,164,640.

The Capital budget request was reduced by 1,879,000. Details were provided by Blaize and Dr. Tranberg and discussion continued with several questions from RTM members.

5. No other business came before the committee.

**6. Adjournment: 8:15**

Motion to adjourn by Rep. Greenberg; 2nd by Rep. Brooks and unanimously approved

Respectfully Submitted April 10, 2025

Donna Laich

Chair, RTM Education Committee