

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL/BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER**  
**Library Program Room**  
**MARCH 14, 2019**

**Present:** Bill Eccles, Dave Skoczulek, John Reagan, Paul Reynolds, Tammy Nuccio, Christine Vincent and Brenda Falusi, Colleen Yudichak, Karen Moran, Katherine Howard-Bender; Michelle Harrold; Robert Pagoni; Jane Pasini; Christina Plourd and Jeff Schroeder

**Also Present:** Steven Werbner, Town Manager  
Michael Wilkinson, Director of Administrative Services  
Lisa Hancock, Director of Finance and Records  
Chris Jordan, Asst. Finance Director  
Walt Willett, BOE Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

The discussion started with a handout from Town Manager Steve Werbner on Birch Grove where several action items were discussed. Canopy has to come down and portables have to be ordered this week. State of CT to pay for these items upfront. Throughout the presentation there were questions from Town Council members and BOE members on the following topics: Walt Willett question responses; BOE Goals; budget versus actuals; can a 5% tax increase pass; school consolidation by State; what are out year needs of BOE; Birch Grove effect on operating budget; one to one technology; household income statistics.

Town Manager gave brief summary of his budget. 1.3 million required to get to 2.5% tax increase.

There was public comment from residents that included; need support for gifted children; support for BOE budget; not supporting BOE budget at this level; support for BOE budget; need to bring single people to Town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wilkinson  
Director of Administrative Services