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**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN  
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2022 – 2023 FY TOWN BUDGET**

The East Haven Town Council held a public hearing with regard to the Board of Education portion of said budget it was held at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

In accordance with Chapter VII, Section 5 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council will hold two public hearings regarding the proposed 2022 - 2023 fiscal year Town Budget.

Chairman Deko called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call - 12 Present                      3 Absent (Santino, Pompano, and Ruggiero)

Chairman Deko recognized Donna Richo, 67 Charnes Drive who directed her comments to Superintendent Erica Forti. She noted that EAS funds have increased minimally over the past 8 years. She asked how the state calculates these funds.

Superintendent Forti indicated that the state looks at x, y, and z for cost share; there are several things involved; there is nothing we can do about the calculations. They will be looking into a new way to calculate.

Chairman Deko recognized Lorena Venegas, 73 George Street who stated that she was in support of the 1.9% increase in the budget. The Board needs to attract more talent with regard to special education to make accommodations within the schools. It is also hard to find resources for the children; they don't know what is available. There is also a language barrier that needs addressing. We also need a dedicated space for intramural sports.

Board of Education Member Michele DeLucia stated that she considers the increase obligation to be met as well as the contractual issues.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Voice Vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta A. DeLuca  
Town Council Clerk