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Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 31, 2021
7:00pm via Cisco Webex Meetings

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Present: Jeff Otto, Drew Dionne, Sandy Brodeur, Kim Conroy, Heather Allen, Ken Dykstra and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Rick Ives, Lou Brodeur, Patti Buell, Justin Phaiah and Melissa Perkins-Banas

- 1. Determination of Quorum and Opening of Meeting:** Jeff Otto called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- 2. Public Comment:** None
- 3. Discussion and Approval of Previous Minutes:** Sandy Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/17/21 & 3/22/21 as submitted. Kim Conroy seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- 4. Presentation and Review of Proposed Board of Education Budget for FY2021/22 by Superintendent Buell and Chairman Lyons:** 2021-2022 budget request is \$19,629,374. Increase from last year \$455,383; 2.38% increase. Mrs. Buell explains this budget assumes we resume back to a typical school year. Last year many programs and classes were cut due to COVID. Some grant funding was used this current year for PPE, desk dividers, additional cleaning, etc. A shared IT position was added in this current year and an executive secretary to the superintendent and a shared HR employee. There was a major increase with CTCHIP for the upcoming fiscal year, over 23%. It was decided to leave the group and found insurance with a 9% increase. High school tuition is down, there are 20 fewer students, and 17 are going to Ellis Tech. This can fluctuate. Capital projects have been submitted to the Selectmen, there is a meeting tomorrow to review. The board will wait to discuss until recommendations are presented by the capital committee. Mrs. Buell explains the bottom number of the budget is what is presented tonight, but many of the inside components have changed. This was completed last night, thus why an updated version was not given to the board in time for tonight's meeting. The board will be sent an updated, adopted version and discuss further at a later meeting. Sandy Brodeur made a motion to receive the Board of Education budget for further consideration. Drew Dionne seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Old Business

- a. **Prospective Dates to Reschedule Budget Hearing and Meeting:** Drew Dionne made a motion to schedule the budget hearing on June 9, 2021 and the annual meeting on June 23, 2021. Sandy Brodeur. Rick Ives states most likely, the hearing will be via webex and the meeting will out be held outside at the fairgrounds. Motion passed 6-0.
- b. **Any Other Old Business:** Executive orders have been extended through May 20th. Still no solution on holding public meetings. Maybe a decision will be made prior to the budget meeting in June.

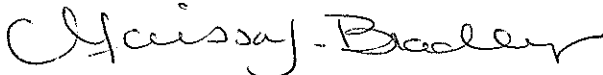
Jeff Otto states Stephanie Levin was unable to join the meeting but a few topics at the previous meeting that need to be addressed before the start of the fiscal year; Discussion on pooled cash and a new policy moving into separate bank accounts; Two discrepancies in two different checking accounts; and meeting with the fire departments.

6. New Business: None

7. Public Comment: None

8. **Adjournment:** Drew Dionne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Allen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary