



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 14, 2008
7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

Present: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, Kevin Riley, William Slifkin and James Roden.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: J. Philip Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Future regular Board of Finance will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence:

Letter from Comptroller Barry Curina advising that some of the information requested by the Board of Finance Chairman is not yet available and will be provided when ready.

Letter from Board of Education Chairman William Kingston advising that some of the information requested by the Board of Finance Chairman is available and has been provided, other items requested are not yet available and will be provided when ready.

Minutes of December 10, 2007: Kevin Riley made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2007 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

New Business

Discussion with Board of Education Director of Fiscal Services – Budget Information, transfers, etc.

Theresa Yonksy, Director of Fiscal Services for the Board of Education was present. Chairman Gallagher had written to the Board of Education (and to the First Selectman) requesting several items he believes would be beneficial to the Board of Finance. Among the items requested, and provided, was the Strategic School Profile for 2006-2007 which was discussed. Another item provided for tonight's meeting was the Public School Financial Report and Grant Applications form (year ending June 30, 2007) and filed with the State of Connecticut, Department of Education. This was also discussed. Ms. Yonksy also provided the Board of Finance members with a copy of the most recent transfers as approved by the Board of Education.

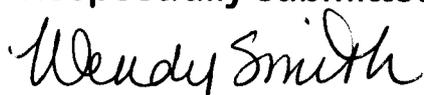
Discussion of 2008-2009 Budget Process, establish meeting dates for department budget presentations and public hearing:

Tentative dates for budget presentations are Monday, February 11th, Wednesday, February 13th or Thursday, February 14th, Tuesday, February 19th, Thursday, February 21st and Monday, February 25th. The Board of Selectmen will adopt the final schedule and notifications will be sent to the various departments with the reminder that those budgets falling under the direction of a board or commission shall be presented by the board or commission chair, or their designated board or commission member.

William Slifkin reported on his attendance at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, at which time, they discussed their budget request. He advised that the budget request while not finalized by the Parks & Recreation Commission appeared reasonable and includes several capital improvements.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Riley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary