



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 14, 2009

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden, Gary Regan, John Dietter and Timothy Draper. Also in attendance was Barry Curina, Comptroller.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: J. Philip Gallagher called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Minutes of November 9, 2009 Regular Meeting: William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to approve the minutes of November 9, 2009 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Abstention: William Kingston and Timothy Draper.

Minutes of November 24, 2009 Special Meeting: Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to approve the minutes of November 24, 2009 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Abstention: William Slifkin, William Kingston and Timothy Draper.

Election of Officers

1.) Chairman: John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to nominate J. Philip Gallagher as Chairman.

James Roden made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to nominate William Slifkin as Chairman.

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Voting in favor of J. Philip Gallagher as Chairman: J. Philip Gallagher, William Kingston, John Dietter and Timothy Draper.

Voting in favor of William Slifkin as Chairman: William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan.

J. Philip Gallagher was elected Chairman.

2.) Vice-Chairman

J. Philip Gallagher nominated Gary Regan as Vice-Chairman. Gary Regan declined the nomination.

J. Philip Gallagher nominated James Roden as Vice-Chairman. James Roden declined the nomination.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to nominate William Slifkin as Vice-Chairman. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Secretary

J. Philip Gallagher nominated James Roden as Secretary. James Roden declined the nomination.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to nominate Gary Regan as Secretary. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Old Business

1.) Consideration of Update on Legislative Action – Section 19 of HB-6901

Theresa Yonsky, Board of Education Director of Fiscal Services was present at tonight's meeting and advised that she has filed for the first installment (30%) and will file each month (10%) and has assured the Board of Finance that the funds will be transferred to the town when received.

2.) Consideration of Board of Finance sub-committee

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to re-authorize the Board of Finance sub-committee. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. J. Philip Gallagher re-appointed sub-committee members William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan.

New Business

1.) Establish 2010 Regular Meeting Schedule

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to hold (beginning in February 2010) the regular Board of Finance meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Tuesday, February 9, 2010	Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Tuesday, April 13, 2010	Tuesday, May 11, 2010
Tuesday, June 8, 2010	Tuesday, July 13, 2010
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Tuesday, October 12, 2010	Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Tuesday, December 14, 2010	Tuesday, January 11, 2011

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2.) Discussion with Board of Education Director of Fiscal Services – transfers, accounts, budget format, etc.

A general discussion took place regarding recent transfers. Mrs. Yonksy noted that the internship program, previously included in the business account, now stands as its own account. She advised that this program has grown steadily with 120-200 seniors taking advantage of the program. Tuition rates were discussed. It was noted that the costs (to Bethel) do not go away because students go to schools like the Magnet School or Nonnewaug, however the number of students who do go to other schools are not included in Bethel’s enrollment numbers.

James Roden presented a sample spreadsheet on how he would like the Board of Education budget presented. It includes, for example, columns for each school and each school is broken down into principals and benefits, asst. principals and benefits, teachers

and benefits, tutors and benefits, secretaries and benefits, etc. as well as system wide costs. Ms. Yonsky will review and see what their system can accommodate.

3.) Consideration of potential impact from 2009-2010 State Budget cuts

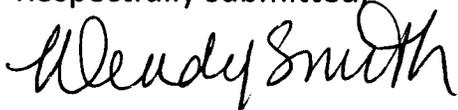
General discussion took place regarding the state budget and the concern that there may be reductions to the amounts pledged by the state to municipalities.

4.) Consideration and/or discussion of 2010-2011 budget information

A general discussion took place regarding the upcoming budget year. Barry Curina, Comptroller noted that the tax collections have been right on target and that the Tax Collector has scheduled another tax sale for February 13th.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith".

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary