



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING with the Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, MTG RM A, 1 School St., Bethel, CT
Google Meet link

Present:

Chairman: Nick Ellis, John Lennon, Will Duff, Bob Manfreda, and Cynthia McCorkindale attended in-person. Dalene Foster attended via Google Meet. Also in attendance, in-person, were all members of the Board Selectmen, Comptroller Brad Heering, Assistant Comptroller Sebbie Preston, and Town Counsel Melanie O'Brien

Absent: Bobbi Jo Beers

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Board of Finance Chair, Nick Ellis, and First Selectman Carter, called the special joint meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2024 – 2025 Department Budget Presentations:

70-450 -Board of Education

Request \$54,751,132

School Superintendent, Dr. Christine Carver, and BOE Chair, Scott Clayton, presented the request and noted a 2.99% increase from last year's budget. Also presented were proposed capital expenditures in the amount of \$4,505,007. Discussion ensued.

70-460 -Board of Education Maintenance

Request \$626,017

School Superintendent, Dr. Christine Carver, presented the request and noted a 21.82% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Bob Manfreda, and seconded by John Lennon, to recess for five minutes at 7:57pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

The meeting resumed at 8:02pm.

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Presentation from the Board of Fire Commission regarding fire apparatus:

Fred Ingram, chair of the Board of Fire Commission, presented several options for firetrucks to purchase for Stony Hill Fire Department. Discussion ensued. It was noted that an expenditure of over one million dollars would need to go to a referendum and the earliest that could happen would be on April 23, 2024. More information is needed before a decision can be made.

Adjourn:

Will Duff made a motion to adjourn and 8:40pm, which was seconded by Bob Manfreda. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Churchill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary