



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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*Daniel E. Carter, First Selectman*  
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*Richard C. Straiton, Selectman*

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING with the Board of Finance

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:**

First Selectman Dan Carter, Selectman Richard Straiton, and Selectman Bryan Terzian. Also in attendance were members of the Board of Finance, Comptroller: Brad Heering, Assistant Comptroller: Sebbie Preston, and Town Counsel: Melanie O'Brien

### **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:**

First Selectman Carter and Board of Finance Chair, Nick Ellis called the special meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Boards in 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 First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recess for five minutes at 7:57pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.  
The meeting resumed at 8:02pm.

**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:**

First Selectman Carter made a motion to adjourn and 8:40pm, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Churchill".

Mary Churchill  
Recording Secretary