

Seymour Board of Education



FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 5, 2018

Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School

7:00 pm

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 2/10/18
TIME: 2:00pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Champagne
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent - Finance & Operations
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Harmeling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:08 p.m.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Champagne nominated Mr. Hatfield as chairperson of the Finance Committee

Ms. Harmeling nominated herself as chairperson of the Finance Committee saying she didn't think this was a good time to make a change on this committee

For Ms. Harmeling as Chairperson, Mr. Wilson announced there was (1) yes vote –Ms. Harmeling

For Mr. Hatfield as Chairperson, Mr. Wilson announced there were (2) yes votes –Mr. Champagne, Mr. Hatfield

As a result of the vote Mr. Hatfield was elected Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Information and Recommended Action

1. Financial Management Summary ending January 30, 2018

Mr. Hatfield asked Mr. Belden to do an overview of the Financial Management Summary. Mr. Belden reported the approved 2018-19 Board of Education budget was provided to the First Selectman for inclusion in the Town 2018-19 budget process. The education budget will be presented on February 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm. He said the hard freeze continues on all discretionary line items with a target of \$309,000 in bottom line savings to be returned to the Town fund balance at year end. The certified staff line item, continue to remain on track, non-certified staff line item continue to be with budget parameters with the clerical paraprofessionals reflecting a savings to be carried forward to year end. This is due to the reduction in force in December, 2017. Benefits are trending on budget. Tuition for Special Education private facilities is currently over budget due to having several new students who were outplaced in the last several months. The discretionary accounts continue to maintain a hard freeze as these funds are being used to provide the projected savings needed by the Town to offset the mid-term revenue reduction.

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Financial Management Summary ending January 30, 2018 as presented

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield

B. Reports

1. Chairman's Report

Mr. Hatfield reminded the committee that the budget will be presented on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm in town hall.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wilson thanked the administrative team who worked hard to put the budget together and distributed a few copies for the committee to review. He asked them to get back to us before the meeting if they had any questions, concerns, or changes. He said the state budget remains unchanged and there have been no further cuts but it is ever changing situation.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk