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BOARD OF FINANCE
APRIL 5, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order at 9:15 P.M. in the Simsbury High School Auditorium. The following members were present: Paul Henault, Peter Askham, Nicholas Mason, Anita Mielert and Barbara Petitjean. Member Kevin North was absent due to a business commitment. Also present were First Selectman Mary Glassman, Superintendent of Schools Diane Ullman, Board of Education Chairman Jack Sennott, Board of Education Business Manager David Holden and other interested parties.

2. MINUTES

Ms. Mielert made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011 Special Meeting. Mr. Mason seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Ms. Mielert made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011 Regular Meeting. Mr. Askham seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Proposed 2011/2012 Board of Selectmen Operating Budget

Ms. Mielert made a motion to forward the proposed 2011/2012 Board of Selectmen operating budget in the amount of \$17,860,913 on to Town Meeting and referendum. Ms. Petitjean seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Proposed 2011/2012 Debt Retirement Budget

Ms. Mielert made a motion to forward the proposed 2011/2012 Debt Retirement budget in the amount of \$6,079,862 on to Town Meeting and referendum. Ms. Petitjean seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Proposed 2011/2012 Board of Education Operating Budget

Ms. Mielert made a motion to forward the proposed 2011/2012 Board of Education operating budget in the amount of \$62,797,320 on to Town Meeting and referendum. Ms. Petitjean seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Ms. Petitjean appreciated the number of people that came out to offer their comments and felt it was important to note that the Board of Education budget is approved and moved forward as a total amount and that, during the year, there is some discretion within the Board of Education, as long as they are within this total, to accommodate some of the concerns that citizens have raised at the public hearing.

Mr. Mason also noted that there had been some comments relative to guidelines and that this year there had been no intent on the part of the Board of Finance to set guidelines, but rather they had requested that both boards present various scenarios as to the effects of what a -1%, 0% or +1% increase budget would produce. He commended each board for responding to that request and for a budget process that has proceeded without the level of acrimony being experienced in other towns.

Proposed 2011/2012 Non-Public Schools Budget

Ms. Mielert made a motion to forward the proposed 2011/2012 Non-Public Schools operating budget in the amount of \$524,208 on to Town Meeting and referendum. Mr. Mason seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

3. TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES

Mr. Mason made a motion to transfer \$125,000 from reserves pursuant to Section 909(c) of the Town Charter for improvements at the Central School parking lot. Ms. Petitjean seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Mason made a motion to transfer \$120,000 from reserves pursuant to Section 909(c) of the Town Charter for repairs to Memorial Park pool. Ms. Petitjean seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Henault adjourned the Special Meeting at 9:30 PM.

Paul Henault, Chairman

Debra L. Sweeney, Clerk