

**Special Meeting Minutes
for a Tri-Board Meeting of the
Board of Education, Board of Finance & Board of Selectmen
November 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm**

Call to Order: First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 6pm in attendance was Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Jeff Farr, Dick Bochinski, Greg Murphy, Rone Baldwin, Ruby Hedge, Bill McKersie, Tony Pesco, Amy Gare, Steve Ezzes, Gina Albert, Melissa Walker, Hilary Koyner, Steve Ezzes, Taffy Miller, Allan Grauber, Jonathan Luiz, Victor Escandon, Gayle Weinstein, Phil Cross, Ken Craw, Richard Bertasi and Town Residents participating.

- 1- **Discussion of budget planning for FY 21-22:** Mr. Ezzes opened up the discussion with comments on the current market, upcoming considerations and costs, as well as a look forward. Mr. Baldwin provided a summary and comparison of surrounding town's mill rates, per pupil costs and future projections, with comments from Mr. Farr and Mr. Grauber and Mr. Murphy. Gayle Weinstein and Richard Bertasi from the Facility Optimization committee lead a discussion on the goal of their committee as well as the time line for projected work. They mentioned they have interviewed five consultants to help with gathering and analyzing the data and by the end of next year they will have worked through analysis and plans, public comment etc. Ms. Weinstein mentioned anticipating a request for a supplemental approval of budget to pay for consultant within the next fiscal year. Mr. Ezzes turned the meeting over to First Selectman Spaulding from the Board of Selectmen and Tony Pesco from the Board of Education for highlights on their projected budgets and additional costs for the upcoming 21/22 fiscal year. Mr Ezzes then opened the meeting to public comment with Mr. Luiz moderating. The Board answered questions from: Kristana Esslinger, Frank Billone and Greg Haythorn.

2- Adjournment: 8pm

Minutes submitted by:

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