

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE WHOLE HELD AT DODD MIDDLE SCHOOL
ON JANUARY 30, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Anthony Perugini-Chair; Adam Grippo-Vice Chair; Anne Harrigan-Secretary, Faith Ham, Andrew Martelli

Board Members Absent: Tim White (arr.7:18)

Administrators Present: Jeffrey F. Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer; Robin-Anne Carey, Director, Pupil Personnel Services; Mary Jocelyn-Gadd, Principal-Cheshire High School; Mike Woods, Principal-Dodd Middle School; Diana Burns, Principal-Chapman Elementary School; Katharine Carlucci-Assistant Principal-Chapman & Norton Elementary Schools; Kimberly Dessert, Principal-Darcey School; Kelly Grillo, Principal-Norton School; Scott Jeffrey, Principal-Highland Elementary School; Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator; Ryan Murphy, Community Engagement Coordinator.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

A. Roll for Quorum. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Grippo led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He explained that this is the first of two meetings this evening. The hope is that the outcome of this meeting is that the Committee will vote on a motion to bring to the full Board at the second meeting this evening. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Grippo, Chair of the Finance Committee.

2. AUDIENCE

None.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE 2023/2024 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

Mr. Grippo explained that over the course of the last three budget meetings, they have reviewed certified and non-certified salaries, employee benefits, instructional expense, support services and maintenance and operations. The Superintendent has asked for a budget increase of \$5,208,171, which is a total increase of last year's approved budget at 6.46%. He said the Finance Committee will make a motion and if approved, it will be brought to the full Board of Education.

MOTION by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Ms. Rosenberg.

MOVED that the Finance Committee approve a budget of \$85,872,591, which is an increase of \$5,208,171 or 6.46%. for the 2023 2024 budget.

Discussion:

Board members asked for clarification on a few budgeted accounts. Mr. Masciana and Dr. Solan answered their questions.

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Ham, and seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Perugini, Board Chair

Attest:

Carol K. Jesensky, Board of Education Clerk

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