

Approved 4-22-15

**BOARD OF FINANCE
Minutes
Meeting with Board of Education
March 24, 2015**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Vice-Chairman D. Norell
Members present: D. Norell, R. Droesch, E. Chalfant
Members absent: H. Tuttle, P. Tracey, R. Sulich
Alternates present: L. Pecoraro
Alternates absent: S. Pelletier, A. Fritzsche

Vice-Chairman D. Norell asked that L. Pecoraro sit in as a voting member.

- II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - None

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Education Budget by the Board of Education

Superintendent Lois Knapton presented the members with a booklet containing the proposed Education Budget for the 2015-2016 FY and informational statistics.

Highlights of the presentation were as follows:

Goals for the school include improving standards-based instructional practices and student learning outcomes; Developing, implementing and monitoring a technology infrastructure plan; and Implementing a facilities, buildings, and grounds improvement plan.

The budget for 2015-2016 proposed is \$11,446,790.00, which is an increase of \$55,962.00 or 0.49%. This budget presented has been reduced from the budget presented to the Board of Education in February, 2015.

High school tuition for NFA, Woodstock and Griswold had been budgeted for a 4.5% increase, but are less than expected.

Medical insurance premiums had been expected to have a 13% increase, but were actually only 6.2% increase.

Special Education costs will be more than anticipated. The current proposed budget does not account for an increase at this point.

The Board of Education would like to have 1% of any unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year, set aside into a special fund for the schools' use. This amount would be overseen by the Board of Finance, but spent specifically for school purposes. L. Knapton provided information on C.G.S. Sections 10-248a and Section 10-222 which speak to this issue.

It was noted that Canterbury is one of only six (6) towns that maintain their own transportation fleet of buses. This has been reviewed in the past and has been found to work best for Canterbury.

Enrollment was discussed. L. Knapton pointed out that enrollment has actually increased and not decreased, as previously expected.

Specific detailed numbers are contained in the hand-out, showing the increases and decreases in the education budget.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by L. Pecoraro at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn. Second by E. Chalfant.

Vote 4-0-0. Passed.

R. Droesch / E. Chalfant / D. Norell / L. Pecoraro

Yes Yes Yes Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bissonnette
Recording Secretary