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Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes
BOE Budget Workshop

April 19, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

Members Present: A. Migliaccio (Chair), J. Thomas, M. Egan, A. Shilosky, M. Hayes, and T. Vaillancourt
Also Present: M. Williamson (Finance Director), C. Rivers (BOE Member), D. Sullivan (Superintendent of Schools), C. Hewes (Assistant Superintendent), R. Linkkila (Business Director – BOE), D. Antonacci (BOE Member), M. Gignac (BOE Member)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 6 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizens Comments
 - N. McKenzie spoke about objective data. J. Shuman spoke about procedure. M. Dubreuil spoke about per student spending. C. Praisner recognized the volunteerism of the BOF and spoke about the importance of collaboration. J. Seigny spoke against holding grudges due to past administrators and overall funding. T. Moroch spoke about seeking answers. J. LaChapelle spoke about the Charter, per student spending, and the decorum of the BOE.
 - The Board of Finance and Board of Education answered questions and concerns.
4. Discussion of the BOE Budget Process
 - The Board of Finance discussed expenditures, needed information, the budget process, the audited report, curriculum/programs, revenue, the security initiative, and potential reductions.
5. Citizens Comments
 - J. LaChapelle spoke about the administrative costs and school security. D. Antonacci spoke about funding. J. Ford spoke about historical BOE budget trends. K. Belding was thankful for the Education Budget Workshop and discussed spending ideas. M. Dubreuil was thankful for the collaborative budget workshop. B. Dennler spoke about recurring expenses. J. Rose spoke about the auditor and funding reimbursements. A. Lepar asked questions about the mill rate. M. Gignac spoke about pay to play.
 - The Board of Finance and Board of Education answered questions and concerns.
6. Next Steps
 - Discussed the schedule for the BOF.
7. Adjournment – A. Shilosky made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by J. Thomas. Meeting adjourned 9:26 PM

Submitted by A. Migliaccio