



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes

BOE Budget Workshop

April 26, 2023, at 5:30 PM

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

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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. Linkila (Business Director – BOE), M. Gignac (BOE Member)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Citizens Comments

- K. Belding spoke about the budget process. J. LaChapelle spoke about the BOE budget. E. Shuman spoke about pay to play. J. Sevigny spoke about compromise. S. Smith- Levine about the BOE budget. B. Dennler spoke about the budget process.

4. School Budget Discussion

- The Board of Finance and Board of Education discussed expenditures, potential reductions, potential revenue streams, reclassification, program modifications, needed information, the budget process, and various proposals.

5. Citizens Comments

- J. McKenzie spoke about the Charter and data. J. Sevigny spoke about education budget options. T. Moroch spoke about the BOE budget. D. Lambert spoke about the BOE budget. N. McKenzie spoke about BOE reductions. J. Shuman spoke about potential reductions. A. Shod discussed the budget process. S. Milner spoke about the budget process. K. Belding discussed the referendum amount. R. Silberman spoke about the budget process. S. Mussen asked questions related to the BOE budget. S. Croucher discussed funding allocation. A. Wilbanks discussed the administration. J. Farrell spoke about the BOE budget. C. Pedroso (Student) spoke about world languages. D. Lambert presented information on the town of Colchester. J. Alash asked questions related to the senior center project. R. Coyle provided the latest update from the appropriations committee. C. Praisner praised the numbers presented by A. Migliaccio. J. Shuman spoke about the survey monkey. J. McKenzie spoke about investing in education. D. Lambert spoke about the schools.
- A. Migliaccio left the meeting at 8:42 PM.
- The Board of Finance answered questions and concerns.

6. School Budget Discussion - None

7. Next Steps

- Discussed the schedule for the BOF.

8. Adjournment – A. Shilosky made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by T. Vaillancourt. Meeting adjourned 8:58 PM

