

**Draft Minutes1**  
**BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING**

**April 8, 2010**  
**7:30 PM – Room 206**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chairman Murry Stegelmann. All members of the Board of Finance were present except for Mr. Duwan. Kate Clarke Buch, Finance Director was also present. Mr. Don Fital, Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Kimberly Westcott, Chairman of the Board of Education, were also present, along with several members of the Board of Education.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Chairman Stegelmann noted that arriving at the Board of Education's operating budget was a tough process and that the Board members had made hard decisions to arrive at their number. He then noted that the Board of Finance thought a 75 percent estimate on Excess Costs reimbursement was more likely than the proposed 70 percent number. In addition, the ECS \$230, 000 was being redirected to the BOE. Members of the Board of Finance discussed whether to fund the operating budget but cut some BOE capital items.

Mr. Joe Duwan arrived at 7:45 PM.

Chairman Stegelmann reviewed the list of cuts in the BOE's Capital Budget, which included the cut of the MMS gym floor. Liz Mao made a motion to fund the MMS gym floor. The motion was seconded and the motion was defeated by a vote of 2-5. Ms. Mao and Ms. Bora voted in favor of restoring the funding to the MMS gym floor and the five remaining members voted in favor of keeping the cut.

Jon Zagrodzky then made a motion that the Board of Finance accept Mr. Stegelmann's list of cuts as a sense of the board. This list is as follows:

<b>Estimated Cut</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Actual Cut</b>
100,000	Police Retiree Medical	98,704
177,000	Town OPEB reimbursement	177,000
160,000	Royle Windows	70,000
	Reduce Contingency by old Royle window closeout	90,000
80,000	MMS Bleachers	80,000
45,000	Ox Ridge Portable	45,000
	BOE Operations - ECS Grant Credit	

230,000		230,000
(230,000)	Reduce ECS Grant	(230,000)
168,000	Increase Special Ed Excess estimate to 75%	168,000
103,240	Reduce RFCNRE Contingency (Police Cars)	103,240
(10,000)	Increase Police Vehicle Maintenance	(10,000)
140,000	Infrastructure Reserve	140,000
(72,000)	Increase Gen'l Fund Contingency	(72,000)
30,000	Guardrails	30,000
96,000	Personnel	96,000
	BOE Error in totaling their capital	(65,000)
<u>210,000</u>	MMS Gym Floor	<u>210,000</u>
1,227,240		1,160,944
	OPEB Funding Adjustment	<u>10,022</u>
	The estimate used on 04/06 was \$300k.	<u>1,170,966</u>
	The actual funding needed is \$303,978.	
	The budget already included \$14,000.	
	The difference between the number used on 04/06/10 and the actual additional amount that needs to be added to the budget is \$10,022.	
	The \$300,000 had already been added in to the amount shown as taxes needed.	

It was suggested that the First Selectman asked that the proposed cut in personnel costs of \$96,000 be adjusted to be \$68,000, and that the actual position/s to be cut be left to the First Selectman. Following some discussion expressing concern that this had not been proposed during the budget process, a vote was taken on the cut list as amended. Mr. Zagrodzky's motion was seconded and approved 6-1, with Liz Mao voting no.

It was agreed to wait until the next meeting to close out the Royle windows account.

There being no other business, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Zagrodzky, seconded and approved 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at xxPM

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Smith Mao, Clerk

