

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2020

PRESENT

John Paul Garcia
Lisa Gaw
EJ Maher arrived at 6:04 pm
Christopher Pittenger, Ex-Officio arrived at 6:03 pm
Dorothy Seaton, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Colleen Murray
Brandy Spargo
Sue Carpenter

ABSENT

Call to Order

Mrs. Seaton called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Minutes

Motion by Gaw, seconded by Garcia to approve the March 10, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 3 yes, 2 absent (Maher, Pittenger).*

New Business

Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Spargo reviewed the March 2020 Operating Budget Summary.

Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Spargo provided information on the impact of COVID-19 on the 2019-2020 budget. Mrs. Murray reported that budget line items will show some savings, some overages, and some loss of revenue. All projections are made with the caveat of "at this time."

Mrs. Murray stated that the 2020-2021 budget may be impacted by current events due to COVID-19 such as Excess Cost funds, bus contracts, and health insurance changes. At the Town level, it is Mrs. Murray's understanding that the Board of Selectman will issue a resolution to give the Board of Finance the authority to set a budget and mill rate and is working on ways to include the community in feedback before it is passed.

Mrs. Murray stated that per the Governor's Executive Order, she is in negotiations with B&B and BOWA Superintendents to come to an agreement.

Mrs. Murray reported that the Food Service contract with Chartwells is still being reviewed by the state and legal counsel. There is a loss of revenue and any fees that may need to be paid will be paid from the operating budget.

Mrs. Murray reported that the Audit is finally complete and the results were favorable for the BOE. However, the auditors are recommending that the Town and the BOE reconcile monthly which is not currently being done. Mrs. Murray is working with Mrs. Cofrancesco to determine how this will be accomplished.

Mrs. Murray reported that the Annex II Exterior work is complete and Phase II of the abatement project is underway. She reported that construction has begun on the exterior stairs and water issues are being investigated.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

- Approval of the April 7, 2020 minutes
- April 2020 Budget Summary Review
- COVID-19 Budget Impacts


Susan Carpenter
Recorder

Approved May 12, 2020

APPROVED