

Town of Andover

Board of Finance

Wednesday, March 16th 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Location: virtual Zoom meeting

Special Meeting Budget Workshop Minutes

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Marc Brinker called the meeting to order at __7:01 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Chair Marc Brinker, Vice Chair Diane Choquette, members Louise Goodwin, Linda Fish, Robert England, Joanne Hebert.

Members Absent: Curt Dowling

Others Present: Town Administrator: Eric Anderson, Finance Director Sherry Holmes via phone, Andover Elementary School Board of Education: Superintendent Valerie Bruneau, Principal John Briody, BOE Chair Gerry Crème, Board Members Chris Bernard, Celeste Willard, Shannon Loudon, Steven Fuss and Adrian Mandeville

2. Public Speak – None.

3. Presentation on Andover Elementary School Board of Education Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget approved by BOE. Valerie Bruneau presented the proposed AES Board of Education budget. The presentation along with other budget materials are included on the Andover Elementary School Website. The Superintendent presented a budget timeline, reviewed workshops, mission statement, vision, noted enrollment was up 9% year over year. She reviewed achievements and significant changes in the educational environment, and an overview of why grants that support the general fund declined overall. Also reviewed were contractual obligations, increased utility cost (\$26,289.95), MERF, and special education costs, and premium reductions for benefits, professional services. AES has no Capital budget but will have capital projects in the coming years. Discussed additional outplacements for special education resulting in \$90,000 in costs. Total budget \$4,122,787 approved by Board of Education.

Board Member Questions:

Louise Goodwin Questions about outplaced student and threshold for state rebates.

Rob England also questioned outplacement returning to AES

Linda Fish discussion of social services and psychologist costs. Val Bruneau noted \$10,000 from a grant to cover part of the costs, questioned class size the Superintendent responded there will be 13 classrooms, smallest class size is 12 students and largest class is 20 students.

Joanne Hebert questioned current enrollment and out of town students in preschool: answer: 2 students currently but both will be Andover residents next year. Questioned adoption of Powerschool software and budget transfers' process. Discussion of MERF for Non-Certified staff. Dianne Choquette questioned the net vs gross line items in the budget and requested additional information from Sherry Holmes

4. Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed Town Budget Eric Anderson recommended that the next Budget workshop be dedicated to discussions of public works. Members discussed budget and information that they wanted for future workshops Board agreed to focus on public works in the next budget.

Membership discussion of the following items:

- Year to date revenue updates and discussed differences in tax collectors report and budgeted actual data for 2020-21-year review budgeted amount,
- Fuel prices and review of Senior transportation and PW gasoline cost estimates,
- Details of the Connectivity Grant. Grant expenses,
- RHAM referendum dates May 3rd budget email address and who monitors it.

5. Correspondence – Administrator Eric Anderson Emailed board members information on grants received by the town, response to Dianne Choquette revised excel spreadsheet, update on last years roadwork spending.

6. Public Speak – No Comments

7. Adjournment

Louise Goodwin MOVED to adjourn the meeting Joanne Hebert SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0

Marc Brinker adjourned the meeting at 9:08 P.M.

Submitted by Eric Anderson

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the corrections to and approval of these minutes.