

UNAPPROVED

SALEM BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 28, 2013

PRESENT

TJ Butcher
Carole Eckart
Janet Griggs
John Dolan (Alt)
George Householder
David Kennedy
Greg Preston
Bill Weinschenker

ABSENT

Peter Lee (Alt)

B. Weinschenker called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

Seat Alternates: NONE

1. APPROVAL OF BOF MEETING MINUTES

- G. Preston stated that he thought the Board of Finance meeting minutes were only approved during regular meetings not special meetings. Chairman Weinschenker informed the members, because March 14, & 21 minutes dealt with the budget items, the meeting minutes should be approved before proceeding with reviewing the budget requests.

M/S/C (Butcher/Eckart) to approve the BOF March 14, 2013 regular meeting minutes as amended:

- Change the word "line" to "column" to the BOE Budget to add expenses to date. Change spelling from Kate to Kaye. On page four change the person that made the motion from Butcher/Griggs to Preston/Kennedy.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Approval of the March 21, 2013, Special BOF meeting minutes.

In the March 14, meeting minutes there was mention of addressing the Zemko property at the March 21, 2013 meeting. It was stated that this discussion was addressed at the March twenty first meeting under the Open Space discussion.

Place a period after \$2,275. and add the words "budget for this" on page three.

M/S/C (Griggs/Preston) to approve the BOF March 21, 2013 special meeting minutes as amended:

Vote: Yes: Eckart, Griggs, Householder, Kennedy, Preston, Weinschenker

Abstain: Butcher

2. REVIEW/ACT ON BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FY 2013/2014

A. TABLED ITEMS

Department #138: The budget for this department was tabled to adjust the salary benefit line items because of adjustment to Department #105 - Salaries- that was approved at the March 21, 2013 meeting.

M/S/C (Griggs/Preston) to approve Department #138, Employee Benefits, in the amount of \$418,344, subject to review for presentation at the Public Hearing.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

DEPARTMENT #910 INTEREST PAYMENTS

- Chairman Weinschenker informed the board that an adjustment to this department is needed. Original approved amount was \$11, 000; it should be corrected to \$18,000.

M/S/C (Preston/Butcher) to approve line item for Library/Gadbois bond interest, Department #910, Interest Payment, for the 2013/2014 budget in the amount of \$18,000 for presentation at the Public Hearing.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

M/S/C (Preston/Butcher) to add a line item in Department #910, East Lyme High School Debt Service Interest payment for the 2013/2014 budget in the amount of \$39,017, for presentation at the Public Hearing.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

M/S/C (Preston/Butcher) to approve Department #910, Interest Payments for the 2013/2014 budget in the amount \$57,017, for presentation at the Public Hearing.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

M/S/C (Butcher/Preston) to approve Department #920, East Lyme High School Debt Service Principal for the 2013/2014 budget in the amount of \$47,689, for presentation at the Public Hearing.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

M/S/C (Butcher/Preston) to approve Department #920, Principal Payable, for the 2013/2014 budget in the amount of \$247,689, for presentation at the Public Hearing.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

A continual appropriation for the balance in the School Building line for 2012/2013 budget year was suggested. This will cover the interest rate for the 2013/2014-budget year.

M/S/C (Butcher/Preston) to remove the 2013/2014 school building renovation from the 10 year capital plan

Vote: Approved Unanimously

ITEMS FOR THE SCHOOL BUDGET

The school will go out to bid for the Technology upgrade. This upgrade will be finished in the year 2015.

M/S/C (Butcher/Preston) to approve Capital Technology Upgrade, for the 2013/2014 budget in the amount of \$437,560, for presentation at the Public Hearing.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

SALEM SCHOOL 2013/2014 BUDGET

- G. Householder was concerned about approving the school's budget as proposed. His main concern was the MBR. If increases should continue, the school's budget over ten years will increase by \$4.5 million. G. Householder stated that the cost per student is at \$15,800. Superintendent Joe Onofrio II stated that the Special Education funds go to the School directly.

TJ Butcher proposed a 1% decrease in the requested School Budget.

M/S/C (Butcher/Eckart) to approve the Salem School Operating Budget for the 2013/2014 budget in the amount \$10,461,450 for presentation at the Public Hearing.

Vote: Yes (Butcher, Griggs, Householder, Preston, Weinschenker)

No (Eckart)

B. FINALIZE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC HEARING

V. Casey is to ask Mary Ann Ferren to check on the school transportation grant.

Don Bourdeau stated that he needs all the money that has been proposed in Road Rehab. With the higher price of petroleum he

does not get as much supplies as in past years. Some roads have not been looked at since 1997.

The BOF is looking at a third of a percent increase in the mil rate at this point.

G. Preston stated that in his opinion there are two capital items that need to be reviewed, these being Road improvement and the other being the Tanker/Pumper truck.

TJ Butcher suggested that purchasing the Tanker/Pumper truck should be kicked back to the BOS. He believes the Town should fund a study by an outside consultant to evaluate the needs of the Town's emergency equipment and give a recommendation. It was determined that the Safety Upgrades for the existing Tanker/Pumper are \$24,197. The safety upgrade to the truck will buy the town two years.

M/S/C (Preston/Griggs) to remove The GLFCO Tanker/Pumper from the 2013/2014 Capital Plan item in the amount of \$140,000 and also remove the \$140,000 for the 2014-2016 years.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

M/S/C (Preston/Butcher) to remove The GLFCO Tanker/Pumper from the 2013/2014 Capital Plan in the amount of \$140,000 and place the Tanker/Pumper in the 2015/2016 and for the next 2 consecutive years in the amount of \$140,000 per year.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

M/S/C (Preston/Eckert) To add a new line item in department #220 - Gardner Lake Fire Co. for Safety Upgrades for the 1989 Tanker/Pumper in the 2013/2014 budget year in the amount of \$25,000.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Make sure that there is an explanation on the increase in this Department on the budget.

(M/S/C (Preston/Householder) to remove the last motion from the floor.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

The BOF thinks it would be a good ideato do safety upgrades to the GLFCO Tanker/Pumper truck in the 2012/2013 FY

M/S/C (Householder/ Butcher) to fund a Public Safety Study in the amount of \$25,000 and to create a new line item in department #100- Selectman, for the 2013/2014 budget year for presentation at the Public Hearing.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

M/S/C (Preston/Eckart)

To place \$50,000 in the capital reserve account in the 2013/2014 budget.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

M/S/C (Preston/Householder) to send to the Public hearing the following budget items as follows:

General government	\$ 3,451,585
Board of Education	\$10,461,450
Capital	\$ 858,092

Motion to adjourn Householder/Butcher @ 9:46 pm

Virginia Casey

Recording Secretary