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BOARD OF FINANCE

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Minutes: Regular Meeting Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 7:00 PM Thompson Library/Community Center Meeting Room

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Chairman Aaron McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

- 1. Roll Call
 - Members Present: Aaron McGarry, Jim Bellavance, Rhonda Rooney, and Rob Mann.
 - Members Absent: Larry Groh Jr. and Susanne Witkowski
 - Staff Present: Orla McKiernan-Raftery, Diane Minarik, Recording Secretary
 - Also Present: Members of the Public
- 2. Approve 11/15/18 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Jim Bellavance moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 11/15/18 regular meeting as written.

The motion carried unanimously 4-0

- 3. Correspondence:
 - A. 11/20/18 Email re: 2 BOE Meeting Agendas
 - B. 12/5/18 Email re: DPW 2018 Overview
 - C. BOF Account Budget Report 7/1/18-11/30/18
 - D. Minutes from BOS, BOE & EDC
- Citizen's Comments:
 - Steve Hebert, Wilsonville Rd, Army beat Navy 3rd year in a row.
- 5. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update
 - DWP Report will be reviewed during the budget process; all BOF Members are invited and encouraged to visit the DPW Garage; discussion ensued on revising Ordinance No. 10-005.; will start working on the FY19-20 budgets after the holidays.
- 6. Melinda Smith: Education Update
 - Discussion on student enrollment and the connection to the current deficit of the Special Education budget; Grant's applied for; results from the requested Capacity and Coherence Review of the public schools; Café Fund is running in the black \$61,000 with free breakfast available to all students.
- 7. Orla McKiernan-Raftery: Financial Report
 - Report given; additional \$78 K above anticipated supplement motor vehicle taxes; the auditors will be filling their report next week, Board Members will get a copy when it's available and the auditors will present their report at the January 17, 2019 meeting.

- 8. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update: No update.
- 9. New Business:
 - A. Security Funds for the school up to \$49,000.
 - A site and facility assessment was conducted by members of CT Dept. of Emergency Services, Public Protection Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security Protective Security Advisor on 3/27/18; A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the need for additional security at the schools for after school hours and weekends.

Aaron McGarry moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to appropriate \$19,500 from Contingency Fund into Transfer Fund to be used for a Security Program at the school. A roll call vote was taken.

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

- 10. Old Business:
 - A. BOE establishment of savings account with any remaining funds at years end up to 1% of the school budget as allowed under state statute. <u>No action taken</u>
 - B. Special Education Excess Costs. No action taken
 - C. Oil Spill transfer funds from the project contingency to cover cost and disposal of carbon filters up to \$10,000

Rob Mann moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to take \$10,000 out of Oil Spill Project Contingency Fund for the cost and disposal of carbon filters.

A roll call vote was taken.

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

D. Replacement of underground oil tanks – request to appropriate funds to cover the monthly cost of temporary tanks up to \$15,000

Aaron McGarry moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to appropriate \$15,000 from General Fund Contingency for the purpose of monthly rentals of 2 temporary fuel/oil tanks at the school. A roll call vote was taken.

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

- 11. Board of Finance Members Comments: None
- 12. Adjourn:

Jim Bellavance moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

Diane Minarik Recording Secretary