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BOARD OF FINANCE

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Minutes: Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 2018
Thompson Library/Community Center
7:00 PM

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Chairman Aaron McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

1. Roll call

- Members Present: Aaron McGarry, Larry Groh Jr., Susanne Witkowski, Jim Bellavance, Rhonda Rooney and Rob Mann
- Members Absent: None
- Staff Present: Orla McKiernan-Rafferty, Diane Minarik, Recording Secretary
- Also Present: Members of the Public

2. Approve Minutes:

A. September 13, 2018 Special Meeting

Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to accept the minutes. Discussion on actual date;

Motion and second withdrew.

Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to approve the 9/13/18 minutes with these correction: 1) change date from 19th to 13th, 2) correct item numbering, 3) add to Financial Report – will be transferring \$50 K from Fringe Benefits line item into Transfer Fund incase needed for MERS.

Five members voted to approve.

Rob Mann abstained – was not present at the 9/13/18 meeting.

The motion carried.

B. October 15, 2018 Regular Meeting

Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to approve the 10/15/18 minutes with the correction of the item numbering.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Correspondence

- A. 11/8/18 Email re: 2 BOE Meeting Agendas
- B. BOF Account Budget Report 7/1/18-10/25/18

4. Citizen's Comments: None

5. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update: None – he was out plowing.

6. Melinda Smith: Education Update:

Enrollment and BOE Financial Report handed out and summary given; hired new Interim Middle School Principal Steven Knowlton.

7. Orla McKiernan-Rafferty: Financial Report:
Summary on the Towns Budget;
Audit update: town side has provided everything to the auditors and the school side is finalizing their Grant info for them; BlumShapiro is not scheduling any audit presentations because the state is very behind in providing reports for the Teachers Retirement Board and Municipal Retirement Board; hopefully Auditor's will present in December; Town wants to file before January.
8. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update:
Bill Witkowski is Interim Chairman and there is no update.
9. New Business:
 - A. Special Ed Excess Costs
A lengthy discussion ensued; Special Ed budget is over because there are currently 14 Out-of-District Placements; rest of budget has to cover this excess cost.

7:43 Rhonda Rooney left the meeting.

The school is asking the Town to abide by State Statue and transfer the Excess Costs monies to the School; Board will run statue past Town Attorney and Auditors; Melinda will email spreadsheet on past years excess costs; tabled to next meeting.

10. Old Business:
 - A. BOE - discussion on establishing a savings account with any remaining funds at years end up to 1% of the school budget as allowed under state statute.
Town Attorney drafted a Resolution Regarding Nonlapsing Excess Education Appropriation Account; tabled to next meeting when all Board Members are present.
11. Board of Finance Member's Comments: Happy Thanksgiving wishes all around.
12. Adjourn: **Susanne Witkowski moved and Larry Groh Jr. seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

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