



Town of Griswold

Board of Finance
Special Meeting
April 9, 2019
7:00 PM
Griswold Senior Center
MINUTES



1. **Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM**

Board of Finance Members Present:

- Scott Davis – Chairman
- Steve Mikutel – Vice Chairman
- Brian Baker
- Valerie Grills
- Gail Rooke-Norman
- Dan Webster

Also Present:

- Julie Marcotte, Director of Finance
- Todd Babbitt, First Selectman
- Sean McKenna, Superintendent, Griswold Schools
- 4 Other People

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Old Business**

a. **Discussion and possible action on Board of Education Tuition Policy.**

B. Baker handed out a revised draft for review by the Board members. There was concern raised with respect to the impact on the MBR and setting a precedence for other departments. There was also concern as to why the Board of Education has not included this amount in the BOE budget. S. McKenna noted that the budget for the Board of Education is completed in January. There was much discussion on the wording of the policy. **MOTION:** D. Webster made a **motion** that was seconded by V. Grills that the Board of Finance approve the Board of Finance Policy Re: Board of Education Special Education Expenses and Tuition Policy as presented; **motion carried.**

b. **Discussion and possible action on addition of line items within the General Government budget.**

MOTION: G. Rooke-Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker that in department 1701 Legal, account 5350 BOF Legal be modified to BOF Legal and/or Consultant Fees; **motion carried.**

MOTION: B. Baker made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Mikutel to set up a line item for Special Education Expenses and Tuition to be set up in the General Government budget within department 7101 Emergency and Contingency, division 570 Sundry, account number 5801 Contingency BOE. The motion was to set up the line item only with no funding; **motion carried.**

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4. **Old Business**

a. **Discussion and possible action on FY19-20 budget.**

MOTION: D. Webster made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker to add \$100,000 to the Board of Education budget for the purpose of a special education teacher. There was discussion as to the authority of the Board of Finance to make a line item addition to the Board of Education budget; **motion failed.**

MOTION: B. Baker made a motion that was seconded by G. Rooke-Norman to add \$100,000 to the General Government budget under department 7101 line item 5801 Contingency BOE; **motion carried.**

There was discussion on the three projects that are coming up for bonding: the School Gas Line project, the Infrastructure project which includes both water and sewer, and the Senior Center. T. Babbitt indicated there is a conference call with the bond attorney tomorrow. It was noted by S. Davis that the current budget proposal for FY19-20 does not include anything in long term debt to cover these projects should they be approved at referendum nor does it include funding for the penalty should the Gas Line project not be approved at referendum.

5. **Adjournment**

MOTION: S. Mikutel made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker to adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM. All in favor; **motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Marcotte
Finance Director