



Town of Griswold

Board of Finance
Special Meeting
May 22, 2012
6:00 PM



Town Hall Meeting Room
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Board of Finance Members Present:

Steve Merchant, Sr. – Chairman
John Wolkowski
Peter Dorff
Daniel Webster
Gail Rooke-Norman
Brian Baker
Scott Davis

Also Present:

Erik Christensen, Director of Finance
Donald Hill, Third Selectman
John DiIorio, Interim Superintendent, Griswold Public School
Holly McCalla, Business Manager, Griswold Public Schools
Elizabeth Dorff, Chair, Board of Education
Stuart Norman, Vice Chair, Board of Education
32 other persons

2. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Board of Education Line item 9101-5990

S. Merchant opened the meeting by asking the Finance Director how the \$143,000 in additional revenues from the State will affect the budget. The Finance Director explained that just because the Town is receiving additional ECS money does not mean that the Board of Education line item can be reduced by that amount. He explained that those revenues go to the General Fund and not directly to the Board of Ed. S. Davis asked if the increase in ECS money affects the MBR for the school. The Finance Director referred this question to Acting Superintendent J. DiIorio. J. DiIorio stated that although that the original intent was to increase the MBR by this amount it is not included in the bill and the MBR will remain the same. P. Dorff stated that because the budget failed by a close vote that the Board did need to make a cut. D. Webster asked if the \$564,000 from the jobs fund that was lost is part of the budget. J. DiIorio stated that those funds are not included in this budget. J. DiIorio stated that the Board of Education is anticipating returning around \$300,000 to the Town in the current fiscal year due to numerous employees being out on unpaid leave of absences and savings in heating fuel as well as not currently having a Superintendent. **MOTION:** G. Rooke-Norman made a motion that was seconded by P. Dorff to decrease the Board of Education line item (9101-5990) by \$110,000. J. DiIorio outlined the effects of these cuts. He stated that no teaching positions would be cut, it would eliminate extracurricular activities including a reduction in a PTP coordinator, \$25,000 of the

Curriculum Director's salary would be moved to a grant, elimination of the director of instrumental music, director of vocal music, an assistant baseball coach, an assistant softball coach, the boys and girls tennis program and the reduction of the French program in the High School to part-time to phase out the French program. After discussion, the **motion** passed with G. Rooke-Norman, P. Dorff, S. Davis and S. Merchant in favor, and J. Wolkowski, D. Webster and B. Baker opposed.

- 3. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION:** P. Dorff made a **motion** that was seconded by J. Wolkowski to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**. S. Merchant, Sr. adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Acting Recording Secretary
Erik Christensen