

Board of Finance
Special Meeting In Person and via Zoom
April 18, 2022 6:30 PM
Veterans Meeting Room
Warren Memorial Town Hall

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairman Francis Moriarty.
2. Present in person were Chairman Moriarty, members Steve Geryk, Anthony Pellegrino, David Walsh, Matt McKenney, and alternate members Donald Martinsen and Conrado Ulloa. Upon motion of Mr. McKenney and seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, the Board, by unanimous vote, seated alternate member Donald Martinsen in place of absent member Richard Shuck. A quorum was established.

Also present were First Selectman Sal P. Titus, Board of Education member Laura Lybarger, Superintendent of Schools Steven Moccio, and Business Manager Diane Peters.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Pellegrino and seconded by Mr. McKenney, the Board by unanimous vote approved the minutes of April 4, 2022.
4. Board of Finance member Richard Shuck joined the meeting at 6:35 pm.

The Board discussed the FY2022-2023 budget. First Selectman Titus reviewed the Board of Selectmen's revised budget of \$14,950,948 which includes General Government (\$11,971,917), Debt Service (\$2,408,276) and Library (\$570,755). The \$14,950,948 represents a reduction of \$551,260 from the Board of Selectmen's budget (\$12,523,177) presented March 23, 2022 at the First Public Hearing, following action by the Board of Selectmen on April 6, 2022.

The revised proposed budget is \$885,837 (6.29%) over the current budget of \$14,065,111.

First Selectman Titus stated that they are reviewing anticipated revenues, awaiting the conclusion of the audit, and are checking options for financing the Middle School roof replacement project. Other areas of discussion included the Resident Trooper program, general highways, capital projects, police protection, EMT/Ambulance program and the debt service. Another area of note was the need for monies for engineering services to prepare for future infrastructure grant opportunities.

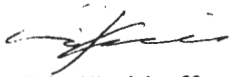
Superintendent of Schools Steven Moccio stated that the Board of Education is meeting on April 24, 2022. At that time he will present possible savings to the Board of

Education which could be applied to the proposed FY 2022 Board of Education budget of \$30,338,976. The proposed budget presently shows an increase of \$1,252,215 (4.34%) over the current budget.

The Board questioned the teacher/coach program included in the budget, along with the practice of mentors and administrative review for new teachers. Other areas included funding for the police resource officer, gifted programs, the impact of the pandemic on Stafford students, testing options, the state Educational Cost Savings (ECS) grant, technology expenses and available grants.

5. The Second Public Hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2022 at the Stafford Community Center. A tentative Town Meeting date is May 18, 2022, and a tentative referendum date of May 25.
6. Upon motion of Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Geryk, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Erin Kirchhoffer
Recording Secretary

***The video recording of the meeting is posted to the Town Website www.staffordct.org.
Zoom Meeting ID 811 8887 0884***