

**Board of Finance
Special Meeting
June 7, 2022 5:00 PM
Veterans Meeting Room
Warren Memorial Town Hall
In person and via Zoom**

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1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Chairman Francis Moriarty. Also present were members Steve Geryk, David Walsh and alternate member Conrado Ulloa. Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board voted unanimously to seat Mr. Ulloa for the meeting. A quorum was established.

Also present were Interim Director of Finance Lynn Nenni, Superintendent of Schools Steven Moccio, and Board of Education Business Manager Diane Peters.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board by unanimous vote approved the minutes of May 25, 2022,
3. The Board review the recent audit bid process. Ms. Nenni stated that the Town had gone out to bid twice, receiving no bids initially, and one bid during the second period. She also said that the current auditors had not submitted a proposal during either of the two request for bid solicitations, but were now inquiring if a proposal could be submitted. The Board discussed the present situation with the FY 20/21 audit not complete. Mr. Moccio and Ms. Peters offered insight as to the audit process with respect to the Board of Education. Ms. Nenni said that the Board of Selectmen has adjusted their budget to include the additional audit costs.

Mr. Geryk moved that the Board accept the bid from Marcum LLP. Mr. Ulluo seconded the motion. Following further discussion, Chairman Moriarty called for a vote on the motion which passed 3 (Moriarty, Geryk, Ulluo) to 0, with Mr. Walsh abstaining.

4. The Board tabled item 5, Tax Collector Suspense List, to the June 15, 2022 meeting.
5. Mr. Moccio informed the Board that the Special Education account for the Board of Education is over budget for FY 2021/22, and that the Board of Ed will be requesting that Excess Cost funds be transferred from the Town to cover such deficit. He said that his purpose tonight was to inform the Board that this will be needed, and that a motion was not required at this time, but in the future.

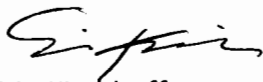
6. The Board discussed the water vault at the Stafford Middle School. Mr. Moccio stated that the 30 year old vault was leaking and that the sump pump runs continuously. An additional issue he noted was that the electrical panels were all underground, and has become a serious safety hazard for maintenance workers.

There are similar pump issues at Olympic Field. Discussion was held on availability of ARPA funding for projects. Mr. Geryk stated he wanted Town Grant Specialist Amber Wakley to review program requests to insure that all criteria is met for qualification. No action was taken.

Member Richard Shuck joined the meeting at 5:48 pm.

7. Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. Ulloa, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Erin Kirchhoffer
Recording Secretary

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