

# Lebanon Board of Finance

## Minutes

Public Hearing – FY 2023-2045 Budget

April 17, 2023 – 7:00pm

Lebanon High School Auditorium

**Members Present:** Liz Charron (Chairman), Meghan Bruce (Vice Chair), Diane Malozzi (Secretary), Gregg Lafontaine, Mike Nintean (Alternate)

**Members Absent:** David Scata, Alternates; Haley Messier, AJ Dunnack

**Also in attendance:** Kevin Cwikla First Selectman, Andrew Gonzalez, Superintendent, 25 members of the public formed the assembly.

### 1.0 Call to order

L. Charron called the hearing to order at 7:00pm.

Members of the Board were introduced to the public and procedures of the hearing were explained to the assembly.

### 2.0 Presentation of the FY23/24 Budget proposal.

L. Charron, and M. Bruce walked through highlights of the proposed FY2023-2024 town budget with a PowerPoint presentation. Operating, and Capital/Nonrecurring expenses and Revenue were explained, as well as funding for the BOE School Improvement Plan, Technologies and Athletics.

A. Gonzalez advised the assembly that the entire BOE budget power point slide presentation is available on line and gave a highlighted presentation of the BOE proposed FY2023-2024 education budget expenditures and projected revenue.

L. Charron explained the various funding sources for education and how those revenues are transferred to the BOE.

### 3.0 Public comments

11 members of the assembly spoke including some areas not directly related to the budget. Below are the budget questions and comments.

*Eileen Weinsteiger, Goshen Hill Rd. – Would have liked to see the library budget increased. Inquired as to why the Planning & Zoning budget increased.*

L. Charron responded by explaining the library reduction and the Planning and Zoning increase is due to increase in zoning enforcement issues.

*Harold Nelson, Kingsley Rd. – Does not support the funding of a new police cruiser. Commented that the education budget could be reduced.*

*Sheree Swenson, Leonard's Bridge Rd. – Said she would like to see the playscape request funded.*

M. Scott responded the project has been moved to the capital long term plan.

*Rachael Archer, Trumbull Hwy. – Asked why the asbestos abatement project at the*

*school is not included in the budget.*

L. Charron responded that the project is scheduled for 2 phases. One to be completed this summer. The remainder is intended to be funded with surplus.

#### **4.0 Adjourn**

Hearing no further comments, L. Charron thanked the assembly and adjourned the hearing at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Malozzi, Secretary  
Lebanon Board of Finance  
April 21, 2023

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