

Board of Selectmen-Board of Finance-Board of Education

Joint Special Meeting

March 8, 2021 — 7:00 PM

TELECONFERENCE

MINUTES

Members Present: First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Kathleen Smith, Robin Chesmer, and Betsy Petrie-McComber (Board of Selectmen); Chair Liz Charron, David Scata, Meghan Bruce, and AJ Dunnack (Board of Finance); Chair Sarah Haynes, Alexis Margerelli-Hussey, Nicole McGillicuddy, and Dawn Whitcher (Board of Education)

Others Present: Patricia Ciccone (Interim Superintendent); Valerie Belles (Senior Accountant)

1.0 Call to Order

First Selectman K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM for the Board of Selectmen. L. Charron called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM for the Board of Finance. The Board of Education did not have quorum but members attended the joint BOS-BOF meeting.

2.0 Discussion of shared financial services between Town and Board of Education

The Boards discussed the upcoming departure of the school business manager from the Board of Education business office and opportunities to define a job that would oversee both the BOE business office and Town Finance Office. They discussed the ultimate goal of eventually merging the town offices. The role would be more strategic than day-to-day and would look to improve processes and efficiencies.

S. Haynes expressed concerns about delaying the hiring of someone who will be needed to fill the vacancy shortly. The BOE members said they would proceed with hiring a replacement.

The members present agreed to hold more meetings about shared financial services after the end of the current school year.

3.0 Adjourn

The joint meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin T. Cwikla
First Selectman