

**TOWN OF LEBANON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
September 26, 2011**

MINUTES

A special town meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at the town meetings of the Town of Lebanon was held on Monday, September 26, 2011 in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road, (Route 207) Lebanon, Connecticut. Audience: 71

First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Okonuk then called for nominations for moderator.

Moved by Al Vertefeulle, seconded by Dan McGuire, to appoint Edward Tollmann as moderator. Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Melissa Hofmann, to wave the reading of the call of the meeting. Vote called – Motion passed

Moved by Jan Van Woerkom, seconded by Melissa Hofmann to bring item 1 to the floor. ***“Consider and act upon approving a transfer of three hundred sixty-five thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars and no cents(\$365,821.00) to the 2010-11 Board of Education budget with three hundred seventeen thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars and no cents (\$317,155.00) to come from the 2010-2011 town budget surplus and forty eight thousand six hundred sixty-six dollars and no cents (\$48,666.00) to come from fund balance.”***

Elizabeth Charron, Chairman of the Board of Finance, presented an expenditure report for fiscal year 2010-2011. (a copy of the Expenditure Report follows these minutes) Charron explained that while the Board of Education deficit is largely due to snow removal, it also includes salaries, purchased services and capital expenses and services. Charron noted that over the past ten years, the Board of Education has contributed \$918,640 to Fund Balance. (see page five of the Expenditure Report) Charron further stated that the Board of Finance is taking steps to institute policies and procedures to monitor expenditures/over-expenditures throughout the year.

Janet Tyler, Superintendent of Schools, and Melissa Hofmann, Chairman of the Board of Education stated that the Board of Education and Superintendent have put new policies in place to avoid overages this year. They have been attending monthly Board of Finance meetings, to keep the Board up to date on their expenditures, policies and concerns.

Ronald Cowles thanked the Board of Education, Board of Finance and Town officials for all the work they have done to address this deficit.

Moderator Tollmann called the question. Vote called: Item one passed

Moved by Melissa Hofmann, seconded by Joyce Okonuk to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Vote called – Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Coutu
Town Clerk