

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF FINANCE
OXFORD TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Jack Kiley; James Hliva, Finance Director;; Tom Kelly;; Lila Ferrillo. Nancy Schmitt arrived at 6:40 p.m. Absent: Dick Burke and Robert DeBisschop.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kiley at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the following FY 2015-2016 budget requests:

TAX ASSESSOR:

Eva Lintzer, Tax Assessor, presented the budget for her department.

The salaries for the assessor are union contract. Most of the items remained the same except for the overtime. There is \$500.00 remaining in the budget and she is requesting \$1000.00. She also said there is about \$9000 for mapping and Mr. Kiley said he will check the actuals and move money where it needs to be.

Ms. Lintzer said she would like to join the International Association of Assessors for seminars and further education. She said the fee is \$350.00 per person per year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Present to represent the Board of Education were Rosemary Hanson, Amy Cote and Superintendent Ana Ortiz, as well as Gerard Carbonaro and Kathy Johnson.

Board of Education budget has increased 1% which equals \$276,000. Ms. Ortiz outlined some of the major changes: (1) K-5 teachers going through training and textbook process; (2) books reduced as technology increases; (3) hot lunch leases paid off. Mr. Kelly asked about miscellaneous costs and grants and Ms. Hanson replied that they remained the same.

There is a need for six positions but no new teachers will be added, only one social worker will be added as currently there is one social worker for three schools and one more is needed.

Ms. Hanson introduced discussion regarding medical insurance providers and indicated that currently Anthem is the lowest bidder.

Application has been made for a grant to reduce instructional equipment.

Ms. Cote addressed the staffing needs and stated that as enrollment goes down, staffing has decreased but that does not decrease the costs.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schmitt
Clerk

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