

TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF FINANCE - MINUTES
Special MEETING and Budget Hearings
April 2, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chris Griffin-Chair, Fred Knopf-Clerk, Matt Gachi, C. Lee Hanson, Andy Kachele, Paul Lindoerfer, Elise Nappi, Gabriel Rossi.

Absent: Art Laske.

Also present: Adam Dunsby-First Selectman, Robert Lessler-Board of Selectmen, Scott Centrella – Board of Selectmen, Wendy Bowditch-Treasurer, Grace Stanczyk-Comptroller.

Chris Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Paul Lindoerfer moved and Andy Kachele seconded a motion to have Gabriel Rossi fill in for Art Laske in his absence. Motion carried unanimously.

Bernadette Baldino with the Board adjusted the 2014-2015 budget as follows:

Library Services & Fees – 05102000-5200	-\$300
Library Services & Fees – 05102000-5251	-\$300
Library Material & Supplies – 05104000-	-\$737
Library Education – 05106000-	-\$100
Library Transportation – 05107000	-\$100
Library Resources Technology 05170340-5451	-\$1,000

Jeff Parker – Chair of Board of Education and Bernard Josefsberg, Superintendent reviewed the 2014-2015 Board of Education budget.

The Board of Finance has no control over the Board of Education budget, however, they were clear to express that the Board was in favor of the enhancements to the programs that the Board of Education wanted to provide.

They voiced their concerns that the enrollment decreased 17% from 2010 to 2014 and the adults increased from 153 to 155.

The Board could not justify supporting a contingency for another kindergarten and stated that if the enrollment requires another classroom the Board of Education should come back to ask for additional funds at another town meeting.


The Board reduced the education budget by \$75,000 this represents \$60,000 for this contingency class and \$15,000 from a variety of other lines. Jeff Parker will get back to the Board of Finance on what another \$25,000 would affect.

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Andy Kachele moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted by


Fred Knopf - Clerk *JS*

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Paul Lindoerfer
CLERK *HST*