



Town of North Stonington
Board of Finance Special Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting March 18, 2024
7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to order: (7:03pm) Michael Anderson, Chairman; Dan Smith; Vice Chairman; Louis GINGERELLA, Gary Annino, Carl Johnston, Amy Friend (Seated for Sarah Nelson), and Winona Berdine (Online).
2. Public Comments: None
3. Correspondence: Review of email received from North Stonington Superintendent of Public Schools, Troy Hopkins, answering every question brought forth from meeting on 3/13/24.

*Sarah Nelson present at 7:06pm.

4. Review North Stonington Board of Education Budget: Superintendent Troy Hopkins reviewed the answers to all questions brought forth by the Board of Finance in regards to the FY 2024/2025 proposed budget. The Board of Finance received a detailed response that was prepared by Business Manager, William Merrill, and expedited to the Board of Finance on 3/15/24 in advance of this meeting. As a result, a productive discussion ensued regarding budget recommendations going forward.

*Winona Berdine dismissed at 7:53pm.

Discussion of recommendations and Board of Selectman budget being the one in the past to fill the revenue gaps. Gary Annino motions to bring forward the recommendation of the Board of Education filling the revenue gap of \$81,755.31 from their budget, and returning to the Board of

Finance with a revised budget reflecting said adjustment. Sarah Nelson was the second for that motion and the Board of Finance votes 5-0-1 in favor, with Dan Smith abstaining.

5. Review of Minutes:

1/3/24 - Michael Anderson motioned to accept the minutes, as amended, with Carl Johnston in for the second on that motion; for a vote of 6-0-0.

3/6/24 - Michael Anderson motioned to accept the minutes, as amended, with Dan Smith in for the second; for a vote of 5-0-1, Sarah Nelson abstaining.

3/11/24 - Michael Anderson motioned to accept the minutes, as presented, with Dan Smith in for the second; for a vote of 5-0-1, Sarah Nelson abstaining.

3/13/24 - Mike Anderson motions to accept the minutes, as presented, with Dan Smith in for the second; for a vote of 6-0-0.

6. Public Comments: Heard

7. Next Meeting March 20, 2024 - *Cancelled*

8. Adjournment: Michael Anderson made the motion to adjourn with Dan Smith in to second that motion, and the vote is to adjourn at 8:07pm with the vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Friend

North Stonington Board of Finance

*Please connect to the link provided for the complete recording of said meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/live/3Wep5Yyj8wg?si=4wy9-eaOK0CuZzKu>