

**BOLTON BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 29, 2012**

**MINUTES**

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on March 29, 2012, at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members present were Chairman Bob Munroe, Jim Roscoe, Kelly Regan, Judy Wilson, Jim Bruner, John Toomey and Barry Stearns. Also present were Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, Financial Officer Jerry McCall, members of the Board of Education and Bolton residents.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Munroe at 7:19 P.M.

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One of several Bolton residents spoke in favor of instituting an all-day kindergarten program.

**3. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Bob Munroe opened by asking Joyce Stille for an update on the self-insurance issue. Joyce stated that Paul Smith and First Selectman Robert Morra will be meeting with the Town of Columbia to further discuss and Paul Smith indicated that Columbia should have a decision by April 24, 2012. Bob Munroe commended both Joyce Stille and Paul Smith for their efforts in this regard.

Chairman of the Board of Education Karen Bergin introduced members of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith, the Director of Business & Finance, Kusal Huynh, the Principal Joe Maselli, Assistant Principal Andy Gonzalez and other specialists from the Bolton school district.

Karen Bergin summarized the proposed budget, concentrating on the bigger line item increases, concluding that if the budget is passed as proposed, there would be a 3.32% increase over last year's budget.

Several residents voiced their support for an all-day kindergarten program stating that an all-day kindergarten program would help in child development both socially and emotionally and more importantly would help prepare the child academically for the common core standards as mandated by the state.

Board of Finance members asked for clarification of such items as summer special education, tuition and transportation; vocational education, enrollment projections, special education, wages and salaries including administrators and kindergarten teachers, instructional assistants, the contract negotiation process and legal fees associated with same, central administration and preschool.

Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith will provide Bob Munroe with the state mandated common core standards as well as enrollment projections.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by John Toomey to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Anderson  
Board Clerk

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OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.