

Marlborough Board of Education

Special Meeting

February 25, 2016

Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School Library/Media Center

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ruth Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

BOE Members Present:

Present and seated were, Ruth Kelly, Betty O'Brien, Louise Concodello, Wes Skorski, Susan Rapelye, Dr. Judithe Kaplan, Mimi LaPoint, and Patrick Pabouet.

Administration Present:

Dr. David Sklarz, Superintendent

Dan White, Principal

Kim Kelley, Vice Principal

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Hearing Re: Superintendent's Proposed FY 2016-17 Education Budget

4. Public Comments

Larry Pryor, 421 Jones Hollow Road, alternate on Planning Commission, thanked the Board for their budget. He commented with state cuts, RHAM increases, and difficulty retaining new business in town, the tax base continues to suffer. He commented that he is working with the Planning Commission and the Town to make it easier for businesses to come into town. He commented that going forward he would like to work with the Board of Education as well. Mr. Pryor commented that he has never met most of the Board members and noted his concern that the Outreach Committee is not reaching everyone. He noted his discouragement that more citizens did not attend this meeting. He noted that social media usage also may have an impact.

Cliff Dennis, 111 Cheney Road, a member of the Board of Finance, but speaking as an individual, questioned when the outreach results will be shared. It was noted that they will be discussed during the February 25, 2016 regular meeting.

Pam Farrington, 95 Jerry Daniels Road, commented that she feels the Board is responsible for this budget and commented that she does not think that the budget should be planned based on RHAM's budget. She commented that she feels that this Board always tries to be fiscally responsible with their budget and commented that there is only so much that can be cut.

5. Adjournment

Betty O'Brien made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by Louise Concodello and carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted
Karen DeCorleto