

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Michael Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Members Present

In attendance were Bill Salka and Kathy Devlin, Michael Parker, Ralph Williams, and Joe Tolisano. Also, in attendance was Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger and Superintendent Paul Gagliarducci.

3. BOE Teacher's CBA Negotiations Letter – Discussion & Any Action

Superintendent Gagliarducci explained the process of the negotiations to the Board and invited them to have a member have a seat at the table. The member would be non-voting, but would report to the Board any potential financial constraints the contract may have.

Joe Tolisano made a motion to appoint Ralph Williams to the negotiation committee as the representative for the Board of Finance, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

4. Board of Finance Vacancy Interviews

Bill Salka made a motion to enter executive session to conduct an interview for the Board of Finance vacancy including all members of the Board of Finance, Brian Wissinger, and Bruce Devlin, seconded by Ralph Williams. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

The Board exited executive session at 7:31 pm. No votes were taken in executive session.

Joe Tolisano made a motion to enter executive session to conduct an interview for the Board of Finance vacancy including all members of the Board of Finance, Brian Wissinger, and Jason Snukis, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

The Board exited executive session at 7:53 pm. No votes were taken in executive session.

5. Executive Session: Discussion of Candidates

Bill Salka made motion to enter executive session to discuss the candidates after their interviews including all members of the Board of Finance and Brian Wissinger, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

The Board exited executive session at 8:18 pm. No votes were taken in executive session.

6. Recommendation & Action to Appoint Candidate to Fill Vacant Seat

Michael Parker asked if any member was ready to make a recommendation to fill the vacancy. Kathy Devlin stated that she was abstaining from any votes or motions for possible conflict of interest.

Ralph Williams made a motion to appoint Bruce Devlin to the Board of Finance to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Jim Persano, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a 4-0 decision followed; Ralph Williams, Joe Tolisano, Bill Salka, and Michael Parker voted yes, there were 0 no votes, Kathy Devlin abstained.

7. Approval of Minutes

a. 7/26/2022 Regular BOF Minutes

Joe Tolisano made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

8. Approval of Draft Financial Policies

Kathy Devlin made a motion to approve the Draft Financial Policies as presented and to send the policies to the Board of Selectmen for final adoption, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

9. Adjournment

Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 8:27pm, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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