

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
April 14, 2011

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Mansfield Middle School.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Ryan, Paulhus, (6:50 p.m.), Keane (7:00 p.m.)

Excused: Kochenburger, Shapiro, Schaefer

II. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mayor Paterson welcomed members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to the meeting. Board Chair Mark LaPlaca reported the Board's approved budget is .08% lower than the current budget. Mr. LaPlaca presented a review of items that the Board would like to see reinstated after being deferred from last year's budget. Superintendent Fred Baruzzi summarized on procedures and guidelines regarding enrollment; class sizes; pupil expenditures and student enrollment projections.

III. SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance submitted an analysis on the four school renovation project. She discussed potential costs on building two new schools and maintaining the four current schools. Funding would be done through the capital improvement program and bonds issued as needed. Ms. Trahan recommended increasing the funding for special maintenance projects to build a reserve to cover any potential unplanned future repairs. Bill Hammond, Director of Facilities suggested the town take a reactive approach to any maintenance projects that arise.

At this time the Council moved the special meeting to the Library.

IV. BUDGET DELIVERATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance updated the council on various items that were previously flagged from prior budget workshops.

Matt Hart, Town Manager reviewed the fire department shift staffing policy and discussed the request for the replacement of Ambulance 507.

Ms. Trahan reviewed the potential expenditure/revenue adjustments to the budget; recapped the proposed mill rate accordingly and discussed the impact on the median household.

V. ADJOURNMENT Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Christine Hawthorne, Asst. Town Clerk

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