Chairman Mark Holden called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:43 p.m.

Roll Call:
- Mark Holden, Chairman
- Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman
- Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary
- Win Oppel (via Skype)
- Kathleen Yolish
- John Francino-Quinn (excused)
- Faith Hack
- Kate Kutash
- Timothy Walsh (excused)

Quorum – 7 present; 2 absent

Board of Education Administration present:
- Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr
- Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Lorraine Rossner
- Finance Director, Allan Cameron

(1 tape on file in City/Town Clerk’s office)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Faith Hack; motion passed unanimously.

The budget building process continued with Superintendent Burr’s PowerPoint presentation of his revised 2014-15 Proposed Budget Estimate and lengthy discussion ensued. There were no votes taken.

Mr. Burr discussed the rollover budget and noted a downward adjustment to benefits figure to $733,432 relative to Health Savings Accounts. The revised 2013-14 rollover budget is $67,549,947 (2.97%). Adjustments to the individual school and department requests were reviewed in detail. Win Oppel questioned the stipend amount to be paid to our teachers for being administrative interns, and it was stated that the range of $2,500-$4,000 has not been negotiated yet. Discussion took place concerning the requests for services of media specialists, counselors and psychologists, as well as additional teacher and tutor requests. The Instructional Supplies budget was discussed relative to printer cartridges for classroom printers. There was discussion of moving items from Furniture, Technology and Maintenance Operations Projects to capital outlay, which would reduce the total request. Full Day Kindergarten implementation was reviewed. The total recommended request as presented is $70,056,575 (6.79%) of which $4,456,575 is new money required.

Mr. Burr agreed to email a copy of the presentation to board members for further consideration prior to the next budget meeting.

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Secretary to Board of Education
January 14, 2014