

MINUTES OF BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2011

Members present were M. Sconyers, G. Allyn, N. Ritson, K. Harvill, G. Dyer and E. Borden.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by M. Sconyers.

E.J. Lockwood, Chairman of the Botelle Board of Education presented the proposed budget for the 2011/2012 year and there was a brief discussion of the line items. It was noted that the Norfolk Teachers Association did not take raises. The budget includes a 1.14%, or \$24,394, increase over last year's budget.

George Counter stated that the school boiler is going to need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$20,000. He asked the Board of Finance to place this expense on the capital expenditure side of the budget.

Mr. Counter mentioned that \$14,000 has been raised through private donations for the replacement of the program. These funds will be used together with \$40,000 from a STEAP Grant and the \$26,000 from the Board of Finance match. The big slide at the playground broke today and might be replaced this summer.

M. Sconyers requested that the BOE get its five-year capital plan to the BOF.

M. Sconyers mentioned that the Superintendent and Principal are not taking raises this year.

M. Sconyers asked the BOE to compare the Barkhamsted costs for educating students with the Norfolk costs.

Members were reminded that April 25 is the Budget hearing and May 9 is the Town Meeting.

M. Sconyers stated that the Agenda for the March 29 Special Meeting will be amended to include a discussion of the BOE presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on motion of G. Allyn, second by K. Harvill.

Respectfully submitted,



Holly A. Lopardo, Secretary
Norfolk Board of Finance