

**THE BOARD OF FINANCE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Town of Windsor Locks  
Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

In response to the issuance of the declarations concerning a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency, and with regards to a global pandemic of the COVID-19 disease associated with the coronavirus affecting multiple countries and states, this Public Hearing was held via teleconferencing.

Board of Finance Chairman Norman Boucher called the Board of Finance Public Hearing of Tuesday, April 28, 2020 to order at 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT AND ATTENDING REMOTELY:**

Chairman Norman Boucher  
Michael Ciarcia  
David Weigert  
Cornelius O’Leary  
Paul Riedi  
Lori Quagliaroli  
Mark Whitten, Alternate  
Lacinda VanGieson, Alternate

**BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:**

All members were present.

**ALSO ATTENDING REMOTELY:**

Amanda Moore, Finance Director  
Shawn Parkhurst, Superintendent  
Patricia King, Chairperson  
Windsor Locks Public  
Schools Board of Education  
Members of the Public

Ms. Amanda Moore reviewed required teleconferencing meeting rules for all participants who joined this meeting.

Chairman Boucher began this Public Hearing by introducing all Board of Finance members and explained the budget process.

Chairman Boucher presented 2020-2021 budget highlights which included General Fund Balance Policy, Expenditures, Revenues, Capital Improvements and showed Grand List comparisons between the fiscal year 2019-2020 and the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 budget.

Chairman Boucher spoke about mid-year Capital appropriations. He also explained how some Capital Improvement projects can be paid for by using LoCIP funding. The proposed TIF District budgets were also presented.

Board of Education Chairperson Patricia King spoke of the review, revision and adaptation of the Board of Education fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. Superintendent Shawn Parkhurst thanked all who were involved in the budget process and thanked the Board of Finance, especially Chairman Boucher, for his ongoing collaboration between himself (Superintendent Parkhurst) and Ms. King. Superintendent Parkhurst stated that the fiscal year 2020-2021 Board of Education Budget proposed by the Board of Finance was \$31,878,684.00 which is an increase of 1.59% from the current budget. He stated that there is a Board of Education meeting scheduled for

Thursday, April 30, 2020 to discuss possible Board of Education budget reductions. Superintendent Parkhurst stated that due to school closings (COVID -19), some grant funding will be able to be reallocated into the technology line item to reduce the fiscal year 2020-2021 Board of Education operating budget. Superintendent Parkhurst also stated that other possible reimbursements within the Board of Education budget may be available as well.

Chairman Boucher presented information to the public with regards to the Medical Insurance Fund.

Chairman Boucher stated that the Board of Finance proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 budget total is \$51,018,017.00 which includes mill rate calculation of 25.83%. This represents a zero percent mill rate increase from fiscal year 2019-2020.

Chairman Boucher stated that due to current social distancing issues, scheduling a traditional Town Meeting at this time is not possible. The Board of Selectmen would like this budget to be approved as stated per Town Charter. This will require pushing out the date for the budget Town Meeting that is normally held in May. The Board of Selectmen intend to monitor and re-evaluate this process as the new fiscal year approaches.

Ms. Moore responded to a question submitted by a member of the public who used the chat option of this Zoom meeting. The individual asked if the budget had been approved. Ms. Moore stated that the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget is proposed by the Board of Finance and has not yet been formally adopted.

This Public Hearing closed at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Becker  
Board of Finance Recording Secretary