

**Town of Colebrook
Board of Finance**

Minutes to Meeting of February 17, 2021

Members Present

J. Millar
T. Corvo
D. Johnstone
K. Kennedy
M. Neal

Absent

R. Carfiro

Others Present

H. Carfiro
R. Gilbert

The meeting was called to order by J. Millar at 6:01 p.m. and conducted by Zoom.

1. R. Gilbert, Superintendent of the Colebrook Consolidated School, presented the Board of Education's 2021-22 budget. The budget totals \$2,071,834, an increase of 1.7% over the current year. Enrollment is expected to remain flat at 79 students. Currently, about 90% of students attend class at the school and about 10% attend remotely. The principal budget increases are salaries and benefits of \$46,752 and \$15,390, respectively. Most of this is contractual; however, previous cuts to the hours for the bookkeeper and administrative assistant have been restored. The paraprofessional line item is flat, but not all the 2020-21 budget will be used. Special education outplacements decrease by \$44,000, because the number of outplaced students declines from three to two.
2. It was agreed to schedule a Zoom meeting with the town attorney, Patrick Power, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, to discuss the town's legal obligations and options regarding the septic problem at 264 Smith Hill Road.
3. M. Neal moved to accept the minutes of February 3, 2021. Second, K. Kennedy. Approved unanimously.
4. M. Neal moved to adjourn. Second, T. Corvo. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Millar
Chairman