

Town of Colebrook  
Board of Finance  
Minutes of Special Meeting, March 23, 2022

Members Present

D. Bielefield  
T. Hiller  
T. McKeon  
M. Neal  
D. Wilber

Absent

J. Millar

Others

C. Johnstone, Selectman  
R. Gilbert, BOE  
K. Kennedy, Selectman  
E. Marmer, Selectman  
S. Robichaud, BOE  
K. Robichaud  
D. Johnstone  
M. Morus, BOE

The meeting was called to order by M. Neal at 5:33 pm.

1. C. Johnstone, First Selectman presented the BOF with four proposed budgets.

#1 – Original proposal – 7.1% increase - \$2,319,303.00

#2 - Increase of 6.9% - \$2,314,298.00

#3 - Increase of 5.8% - \$2,290,306.00

#4 - Increase of 6.2% - \$2,300,300.00 (eliminates all COL and pay adjustments)

T. McKeon requested clarification on several line items. C. Johnstone will make corrections.

2. R. Gilbert presented the revised BOE budget. The original budget was \$2,194,281 an increase of 5.9%. The revised budget is \$2,144,838.00 or a 3.52% increase. The revised budget eliminates two Paraprofessionals, certified hiring, reduction of electricity cost and adds some travel expenses.

There was a discussion regarding salaries and teacher certification.

3. There was a discussion about Cyber Insurance, its cost and necessity. The projection is that the premium cost may increase by 75% - 100%. The premiums will not be known until July.

4. No action was taken on either revised budget. M. Neal requested the BOF members email to her any questions they might have regarding the budgets and she will forward them to the appropriate people.

5. T. Hiller moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022. Second, D. Bielefield. Passed unanimously.

6. C. Johnstone gave an update on the CIP plan and will have more information prior to March 23, 2022.

7. D. Wilber moved to adjourn. Second T. Hiller. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Neal, Secretary