

TOWN OF COLEBROOK
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

BOF Members Present:

Thomas D. McKeon
Charles Buchanan
Diane Johnstone
Mark Masslon
Scott Norton

BOF Members Absent:

Kathleen Q. Adams

Others Present:

Superintendent Robert Gilbert
Principal William Wesley
Board of Education Members
Colebrook School Staff

1. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman T. McKeon.
2. D. Johnstone made a motion, seconded by C. Buchanan, “*Motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance.*” Motion passed unanimously.
3. New Business:
 - a. Superintendent Robert Gilbert presented the Colebrook Board of Education 2026-2027 Proposed Budget and then answered individual line-item questions from board members. The proposal indicated:
 - i. General Operating Expenses with an overall budget request increase of \$103,834 or 4.6% of which \$74,342 is medical insurance increases.
 - ii. Special Education Expenses with an overall budget request increase of \$158,413 or 7.0% which includes a reduction from a \$35,000 Special Education Excess Cost Grant.
 - iii. Combined the result is an overall Colebrook Board of Education 2026-2027 Proposed Budget increase of \$262,247 or 11.6% for a total proposed budget of \$2,516,488.
 - b. The board reviewed and discussed recent audit information correspondence from King & King. Copies of the full audit figures will be available soon.
4. Reports of Officers: T. McKeon advised that the Capital Improvement Plan Committee meets next week to finalize a CIP figure for the 2026-2027 budget.
5. Reports of Committees: T. McKeon asked M. Masslon to contact the Town Clerk to discuss Board of Finance technological enhancements.
6. There was no Unfinished Business.
7. There were no further announcements or public comments.
8. Motion was made by C. Buchanan, seconded by M. Masslon, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott T. Norton
Board of Finance Clerk