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**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT 06235
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021-2022 BUDGET
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 6, 2021
6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting**

1. **Call to Order – Chairman Dennis LaBelle called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Board members Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Stephanie Harrington and Michael Smardon. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Principal Brian Tedeschi.**
2. **Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Budget:**
 - a) Superintendent Ken Henrici said a very fiscally responsible budget is being presented for 2021-2022 with an increase of 0.60%. This increase is due to inflated health insurance costs, salaries and the cost of supplies and equipment.
 - b) Chairman Dennis Labelle opened questions from audience members:
 - Dick Weingart asked if the percentage share for each of the towns is known. Superintendent Ken Henrici said he did not have those figures on hand, but based on enrollment of 88 Chaplin students, 47 Hampton students, 63 Scotland students and 9 out-placed/transitional students, those figures could be easily calculated. Mr. Weingart asked what towns did the out-placed students belong to. Superintendent Henrici said out-placed students consist of 1 Hampton student, 3 Chaplin students and 5 Scotland students. Mr. Weingart asked that Superintendent Henrici review the percentage shares for each town and send the final figures to him once calculated.
 - Kathy Donahue asked that these figures are sent to her as well. She also asked how grants were going to be applied towards the budget. Superintendent Henrici spoke of the ESSER II and ESSER III grants and the specific guidelines to expend them. Ms. Donahue also asked if there will be a budget surplus, will there be any funds to offset assessments and the Capital Non-Recurring Fund balance. Tony Caldas provided that information. Ms. Donahue requested that the enrollment report be sent to her.
 - Dick Weingart asked if the FY2020 audit was complete and what the General Fund balance was. Superintendent Henrici said yes, it was complete and that copies went to each Town Hall. Mr. Weingart was provided the General Fund balance. He thanked everyone for their efforts and for having the students as well as the taxpayers in mind.
3. **Adjournment – Stacy Foster moved to adjourn at 6:51 pm. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Stephanie Harrington, Dennis Labelle and Michael Smardon.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Ritchotte
Recording Secretary