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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 17, 2012**

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Dargie called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 PM in MHS room #182. Board members present included Mr. Paul Dargie, Mr. Robert Willette, Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Len Mannino and Mr. Peter Bragdon. District Administrators present were Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Laurel Johnson, and Business Administrator Katherine Chambers.

Mr. Dargie recessed the Budget Hearing at 7:01 in order to open the School Board meeting to address item 4b: We the People National Competition Funding Request.

Mr. Dargie recessed the School Board meeting at 7:42 and re-opened the Budget Hearing.

2. New Business:

Mr. Dargie reviewed the Budget Hearing Booklet document.

The Board is proposing for 2012-2013 operating expenses a total of \$36,330,837 which includes the operating budget article and a collective bargaining warrant article. This represents an increase of \$424,380, or 1.2%. The default budget is \$35,850,657, which is a 0.2% decrease over the 2011-2012 budget.

Following Mr. Dargie's review, two residents addressed the Board. Mr. Gary Daniels questioned the fund balance and length of the MESSA contract. Mr. Peter Basiliere questioned the factoring of the debt reduction into the spending increase.

Mr. Dargie presented the proposed 2012-2013 Warrant as follows:

Article 1: An operating budget of \$36,332,137 and a default budget of \$35,850,657.

Article 2: Milford Educational Support Staff Association contract. A one year contract with a net increase of \$8,700.00.

Article 3: Special meeting if warrant article 2 is defeated.

Article 4: To transact any other business.

10 Adjournment.

Mr. Dargie closed the Budget Hearing at 8:20 PM

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing