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**BUDGET HEARING
MINUTES
Monday, June 16, 2014**

Call to Order:

School Board Chairman Paul Dargie called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 PM in room # 182 in the Milford High School. Board members present included Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Robert Willette, and Mr. Len Mannino. Mr. Peter Bragdon was unable to attend. Also present were District Administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Business Administrator Katherine Chambers, and Director of Human Resources Jen Burk.

Chairman Dargie opened the Hearing by introducing and reviewing the documents related to the Fact Finders Report. Chairman Dargie reviewed the negotiation process with the public.

Budget Committee member Rick Wood reported that the Budget Committee had voted 6-0 to not support the warrant. Mr. Wood pointed out that 50 voters signed a petition for a special meeting, not a special emergency meeting. Mr. Wood requested the Board move to petition the court to reconsider its decision, which must be done within 10 days of the decision.

Resident Gary Daniels reviewed the legislative history behind the Fact Finding process.

Chairman Dargie closed the Budget Hearing at 7:22 P.M.

After Board comments, Chairman Dargie reopened the hearing at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Wood expressed confusion over whether the special election vote is binding or non-binding. Mr. Dargie read a clarification from Attorney Drescher which described the vote as providing authorization to the School Board to implement the results, not necessarily obligating the Board.

Resident Kelly Mullin expressed her feelings about how unclear the process is to citizens.

Chairman Dargie stated the tax rate effect of the proposed contract is 42 cents on a thousand.

Mr. Wood spoke regarding court rule 59A, which allows the Board to file for an appeal with the court. Mr. Willette motioned to file an appeal with the court. Mr. Mannino seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Mannino stated he would like further discussion with legal counsel. Motion withdrawn until a later meeting.

Resident Tricia Shea clarified the status of the special meeting.

Mr. Wood requested answers to the following questions from Chairman Dargie:

1. Can we hold the meeting?
2. Can we get something from the court on their reasoning for approving the special meeting?
3. If the situation was reversed, and the courts filed in favor of the District, could the union file an unfair labor practice?

Chairman Dargie closed the Hearing at 7:50PM.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing

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that challenges all students to succeed.