

Orange Board of Education
March 03, 2020 Special Meeting
Approved Minutes

Approved on 4.27.20

6:30 PM

Location: Mary L Tracy Board of Education meeting room

Attendees: Board members: Bill Kraut, Jeff Cap, Susan Riccio, Charles Flynn, Betty Hadlock, Mary Welander, Christian Young, Kim Browe, Ken Ziman, Ken Vitelli

Administrative Team: Dr. Vince Scarpetti, Dr. Evelyn Russo, Christine Koch

Meeting called to order on 3/02/2020 at 6:33pm by Chairman Bill Kraut.

Dr. Scarpetti shared that healthcare costs came in significantly higher than anticipated. Healthcare costs are estimated to be 41% higher than 2019-2020 expenses.

The superintendent's original OBOE budget was at 2.6% increase, initial estimates for healthcare costs raised the OBOE budget to 3.78%. The Board approved a not to exceed budget of 3.78%. Unfortunately, with the new healthcare information, the OBOE budget will be increased by a total of 7%. Note that contract obligations are 2.2 and with healthcare increase of 6.3% should make it 8.5% but the team has found some items to cut to get to the 7%

Note: the Town is looking into other avenues to reduce healthcare costs to include an RFP. OBOE suggestions included looking into the State plan and the ACES healthcare consortium to reduce costs.

OBOE budget will be presented to the Orange Board of Finance on Thursday. Current budget is lean and has been cut as much as possible

Current enrollment for 2020-2021 school year at MLT for kindergarten is 145 which is similar to last year.

Proposed Budget Request - Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Orange Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$22,365,477 (7.0% increase) made by Charles Flynn, 2nd by Susan Riccio. Unanimous vote in favor of approving the budget. Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn made by Susan Riccio, seconded by Ken Ziman Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:57pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Executive Board Secretary Susan Riccio on 3/15/2020