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CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT 06235
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022-2023 BUDGET
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, May 2, 2022
6:00 PM
Parish Hill High School
John F. Navin Library

1. **Call to Order – Board Chairman Dennis LaBelle called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM. Present were Board members Stacy Foster, Kathy Freed, Sally Ireland, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Principal Brian Tedeschi.**
2. **Election of Moderator – Stacy Foster moved to elect Dennis LaBelle to serve as moderator of the meeting. Cassidy Martin seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**
3. **Yes: Stacy Foster, Kathy Freed, Sally Ireland, Dennis Labelle, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon.**
4. **Presentation of 2022-2023 Budget:**
 - a) Superintendent Ken Henrici gave a brief overview of the 2022-2023 Budget, which realizes a \$139,508.00 increase totaling 2.14% over last year’s budget. This increase does not take into account the 15% increase in health care costs nor the \$336,000.00 increase in costs of 3 high-needs Special Education students. Those 2 line items alone total an additional 6.5% increase. Business Manager Jobina Miller highlighted increases and decreases of several line items on each page of the budget. Special Education heavily impacts the budget; unanticipated costs haven’t even been considered in this budget. Superintendent Henrici also reviewed the town assessments, which are solely based on the student percentage in each town. This year, Chaplin was hit the hardest.
 - b) Moderator Dennis Labelle opened questions from audience members:
 - Sally Ireland expressed her concern that there are only representatives from Chaplin in the audience. No one from Scotland or Hampton is here. Dennis LaBelle mentioned that the Town of Scotland did publish details of the 2022-2023 Budget and Referendum on their website for residents to review.
 - Dick Weingart asked “how would unanticipated Special Education costs be covered when the 2022-2023 Budget is already finalized”. Superintendent Henrici said they would be covered through ESSER grant funds, the hiring of new teachers at lower salaries and reductions to Capital Improvement and Buildings & Grounds line items. These reductions would help to cover some of the unanticipated costs. Mr. Weingart thanked the Board members for their efforts in making reductions in order to keep the budget down.
5. **Adjourn to Referendum – Sally Ireland motioned at 6:41 PM to move the 2022-2023 Budget to Referendum in all three towns at their appointed polling places on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Stacy Foster seconded and the motion passed with the following vote: Yes: Stacy Foster, Kathy Freed, Sally Ireland, Dennis Labelle, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Ritchotte
Recording Secretary