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BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
Council Chambers
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470
Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Finance

Present: Sandy Roussas, Keith Alexander, Ned Simpson, Chris Gardner, John Madzula and Matthew Mihalcik

Absent: None

Also Present: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Superintendent, Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, BOE Char, Michelle Ku, Director of Business, Tanja Vendas, five members of the Public and one member of the Press

Chair Keith Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Attendees saluted the American Flag.

Public Comment on the 2021-2022 Town of Newtown Budget and
Newtown Board of Education Budget

Aaron Cox, 31 Pond Brook Road, spoke in favor of the proposed BOE 2021-2022 budget. He emphasized how diligent the BOE has been with managing the budget given the loss of State funds while maintaining a 2.58% increase

Robert Katrinak, 5 Avalon Way, mentioned the current financial climate as well as COVID and noted there should not be an increase in the budget. He spoke against the level of the Fund Balance, the across-the-board 2.5% salary increase as well as the current cost per student.

Jen Larkin, 10 Marlin Road, called in support of the BOE budget and noted the support the students will continue to need academically as well as social/emotionally due to the Pandemic.

Jan Kuzma, 12 The Boulevard, spoke in favor of the proposed BOE budget because of the Special Education piece of the budget given the loss of services during Distance Learning and their ongoing needs.

Adjournment

Sandy Roussas made a motion to adjourn. Chris Gardner seconded. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kiley Morrison Gottschalk, Clerk