

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 29, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Michael Guarco, Chairman; Francis Brady, Frederick Moffa, OD, and Gordon Bischoff (by phone)

**Also present:** John E. Adams, First Selectman; Barbarajean C. Scibelli, Administration Finance Officer; J. Cal Heminway, Board of Education Chairman; Alan Addley, Superintendent of Schools

Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m.

**1. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON THE REVISED PROPOSED 2013-14 ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET TO BE VOTED ON MAY 6, 2013**

Chairman Guarco opened this topic for discussion by the Board. He stated approximately 150 people attended the public hearing. There was a significant push to reinstate the budget. A few people spoke out to restore none or very little of the budget. His take was that people didn't educate themselves regarding this year's budget and therefore didn't vote. Many in attendance now feel the budget has their attention and they think if the original budget were to be put to another vote, it would be passed. The public now seems to realize if the Revised Proposed Budget is put to a vote, and voted down, the budget will again be cut. Mr. Brady commented that he felt about 95% of those in attendance asked that the Board of Education budget be reinstated, with the town's budget being reinstated too. Dr. Moffa was in favor of modifying the Revised Proposed Budget to half of what was cut and presenting that to the public to be voted on. Mr. Brady stated he is against reinstating the budget. He feels it is right to move forward with the Revised Proposed Budget. Mr. Bischoff agreed with Mr. Brady. Chairman Guarco said a critical mass of people did not come out tonight. The people voted on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and voted the budget down. If the same budget were to go back for another vote, he is concerned there would be double the no vote. He would consider some add backs - \$30,000 for the BOE and \$12,000 for the town.

First Selectman Adams felt that because an overwhelming number of people spoke out in favor of reinstating the budget, or at least some portion of the budget, that adding back some amount of money would show the Board of Finance was listening. Chairman Heminway agreed with the First Selectman's comments.

**ON A MOTION** by Chairman Guarco, seconded by Dr. Moffa, the Board considered sending the Revised Proposed Budget forward with two changes, that being to add back \$30,000 for the Gifted and Talented program to the Board of Education budget and \$12,000 to the town's budget for library hours.

After discussion, Chairman Guarco withdrew the **MOTION**.

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Bischoff, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to ratify the Revised Proposed Budget and send forth a budget of \$41,622,968 to the town referendum on May 6, 2013.

Chairman Guarco stated although he was not opposed to making small changes to the Revised Proposed Budget, there wasn't enough support. The public's comments were considered, but

the public needs to educate themselves regarding the budget and process and become active participants.

## **2. ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION** by Dr. Moffa, seconded by Mr. Brady, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian  
Acting Recording Secretary