

Board of Selectmen
Board of Finance
Joint Special Meeting
Minutes of March 18, 2024

Board of Selectmen: G. LaCava & J. Baker

Regrets: D. Schneiderbeck

Board of Finance: E. Schoenfeld, R. Kasler, C. Nelson, G. Frisbie, & J. Favreau

Regrets: D. Robinson, J. Tiedmann(Recording Secretary)

Treasurer: C. Frisbie

R20: C. Leone

Meeting called to order for the BoS and BoF, G. LaCava at 6:32pm

Introduced C. Leone for the R20 presentation. The presentation can be found on the school's website. Highlights: Warren's enrollment is expected to be consistent over the next 5 years, averaging 116-120 total students. We are aware of the low student count in Warren and will be opening a Choice Program to hopefully bring in out of town students. This will not cost the town anymore money since those from out of town will be paying the district for the right to attend our school(s). We will be the first Middle School to have a full time AG Program in the State of CT. With a 5-year average, Towns will not see a large fluctuation from year to year in their portion of the district expenses. Next year, Warren will see a \$402K decrease. R20 continues to watch the legislature on ASTE funding. The Region has applied for and has been awarded a few on-time grants: Right to Read, Mental Health and CT Grown for CT.

There are a few RSD6 employees retiring at the end of the school year including Warren's principal, L. Shuhi. Unfortunately, we could possibly lay off 12 employees at the end of this school year but will be waiting until we know who is retiring from the region. The salary increase for staff will be 4.25% - trying to adjust the inflation over the past few years, noting social security went up 18%.

Leone touched on expenses vs savings for the towns since we will not be paying double for some items such as payroll, online services, electric savings, etc., since the merger. With the new formation of the district, they were able to relook at health insurance and will be going with Anthem BC/BS since they become very competitive in the northwest corner of the State. The Region is in an oil consortium and getting an amazing price - they use over 650K gallons of oil each year. All this combined plus other items will save the towns approximately \$4m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting for the BoS and BoF at 6:55pm was made by J. Favreau, seconded by C. Nelson. Motion carried.