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BOARD OF FINANCE - REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 127 NORWICH AVENUE
Suite 201
NOVEMBER 12, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bruce Hayn at 7:10 p.m., Ronald Goldstein, Michael Ryan, Brian Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Ringo, Ronald Crabb left meeting at 7:12 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Linda Hodge, Selectmen Stan Soby, Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove, Michael Caplet, Treasurer Jon Sandberg, Superintendent of Schools Karen Loiselle.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Vice Chairman R. Goldstein called this meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT BACON ACADEMY.

Discussion followed on the quote of \$81,050 to repair the fire alarm. Director of Facilities and Operations, Gregory Plunkett has checked with the company that services the alarm and they provided the quote to replace the fire alarm control system. At this time the system is working but parts are not readily available as the manufacturer is no longer supporting the system.

If the fire alarm system is down, a fire watch is required. A fire watch entails fire personnel standing by until the alarm is repaired.

Chairman Hayn arrived at the beginning of this discussion.

R. Crabb left at this time.

This repair does not address the Office of Civil Rights Report concerns.

Motion by: R. Goldstein

to recommend a transfer of \$80,050 to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Account from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen and a Town Meeting, and if approved, go out to bid.

Second by: M. Ryan.

Vote: Unanimous by those present.

3. DISCUSSION OF BACON ACADEMY TRACK.

Chairman Hayn resumed the chair. Chairman Hayn, Board of Education members and Selectmen walked the track and school playing fields on Saturday. A review of the baseball field revealed safety issues at the dugouts, the tennis courts are not usable, the track has a fence that is a possible safety issue.

It was discussed that all the fields should be reviewed for what is needed to address problems and safety issues and obtain an estimate to bring all of the necessary items to a referendum at budget time.

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RHAM has given permission to use their track until the Bacon Academy track can be repaired. Superintendent Loiselle stated transportation for track participants is in the budget. K. Loiselle will meet with Parks and Recreation Director Jason Cohen to review the scope of the necessary work and preparation of figures in the next few months to present the total picture for possible consideration at the May referendum.

4. DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL ITEMS.

Items on the list include an excavator that parts are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, a grader and dump truck for the highway department. A meeting is planned to discuss this matter further with heads of the various departments using the excavator.

Selectman Hodge noted that the HVAC system at Town Hall is acting up more frequently and the elevator doors are not operating properly after several attempts to repair them. The HVAC system has had an estimate of \$75,000 to repair. Cost estimates of full replacement will be sought.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by: B. Smith
to adjourn this Special Meeting.

Second by: M. Ryan.

Vote: Unanimous.

Chairman Hayn adjourned this meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk