

## Selectmen's Minutes

September 8, 2010

Present: Chairman A. Raymond Randall, Jr., Selectman Jeffrey D. Jones, and Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki. Also present were the Manchester Essex School Committee, the Manchester Board of Selectmen, and the finance committees from both Essex and Manchester, along with District staff members.

The Chairman called the joint meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Dining Hall of the Manchester Essex Regional Middle School/High School, as did the chairs of the other boards. The meeting was obviously being recorded as evidenced by a video camera and microphone that were set up and attended by cable television personnel. There was no one present from the public to offer any Public Comment.

District Superintendent Pam Beaudoin gave a brief welcome message and Manchester Selectmen Chairman Tom Kehoe provided some introductory remarks.

Each entity (the two towns and the District) provided a financial status update and forecast via Business Manager Avi Urbas (District), Finance Committee Chairman Jeff Soulard (Essex), and Finance Committee Chairman Jay Bothwick (Manchester).

General discussion ensued and both towns expressed the almost certain need to seek Proposition 2 ½ overrides for several categories including the operating municipal operating budget, the District apportionment, and capital items. Various speakers discussed major issues detracting from revenue and adding to expenses.

The group determined that a follow-up meeting should be held on October 13, 2010 to update figures and scenarios so that the dialogue among the three entities can continue into sound public education and budget planning, including override planning and estimating.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brendhan Zubricki

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey D. Jones