

**NORFOLK BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING**



Members present were: M. Sconyers, S. Anderson, J. Bickford, G. Mudge, J. Tarrant and alternates M. Klimkosky and R. Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by M. Sconyers.

M. Klimkosky was appointed to fill in for M. Kwast.

John DeShazo presented the Board of Education's approved budget. The Board of Finance was provided a copy of the BOE revised budget at the start of the meeting. The good news is that it is a reduction from the previously distributed version. After recalculations, the revised overall BOE budget represents a decrease from the 24-25 budget of 3.92%; with the caveat that if unanticipated changes occur, the Board of Education will return to the Board of Finance. The BOE is requesting less funds from the Town for the 25-26 year. Most of the increases reflect contractual increases for salary for staff, teachers, subscriptions, benefits, healthcare, and inflation and shows the maximum capped health benefits increase of 11.9% to basic premiums. Enrollment is currently 62 students in Pre-k through 6th grade. Botelle School has been recognized by the State Department of Education as a School of Distinction for great improvement. Superintendent Iacobelli indicated the boiler has been pieced together thus far; the work needs to be completed over this next summer. Oil costs went down this year.

Regarding the Non-Lapsing Account Agreement: due to recent legislative changes the BOE voted to cancel their Agreement with the BOF and to manage these funds moving forward. The Superintendent does not anticipate any upcoming extraordinary expenses.

M. Sconyers moves that the Board of Finance cancel the Non-Lapsing Agreement with the Board of Education, second by S. Anderson and unanimously approved.

On Motion of J. Tarrant, second by G. Mudge and S. Anderson and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Ryan, Secretary