



**TOWN OF SALISBURY  
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**BOF - Minutes – 3.9.2023**

The Board of Finance Meeting minutes of March 9, 2023.

**Board Members Present:** Pari Forood, Chairman; Emily Vail; Janet Graaff; Rick Cantele; Michael Voldstad; Joseph Woodard;

**Also Present:** Curtis Rand; First Selectman; Chris Williams, Selectman; Donald Mayland, Selectman; Joseph Cleaveland, Comptroller; Lisa Carter, Superintendent; Sam Herrick, Business Manager Region One Schools; Stephanie Magyar, Salisbury Central School (SCS) Principal; Sue Bucceri, SCS Board Clerk; David Valcin, Chairman of SCS Board of Education; Emily Egan, Secretary; members of the press and public.

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 6:00pm.
2. J. Woodard made a motion to **approve the minutes** of February 15, 2023. E. Vail seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Receive and review the initial draft budget for 2023-2024 from the Region 1 Board of Education.**  
S. Herrick presented the budget highlights. The 2023-2024 Draft Proposed Budget increase is at a 2.20% increase (\$366,358); Salisbury's contribution would increase by \$179,664. Our number of students enrolled is expected to increase from 64 to 70. Other 2023-2024 High School Budget Highlights include:
  - School Counselor Salary - 0.5 to 1.0 FTE (50% to 100% Local Budget Funded)
  - Administrative Salaries - 3.5% Negotiated Salary Increase
  - Salary Ed-Para Title 1 and ESL Tutor Position Reductions
  - Retirement - PE/Health Position
  - Library Media Specialist Position Replacement - Reduction to MA STEP 1
  - Athletic Trainer Position Salary Market Adjustment
  - 8.0% Placeholder for Health Insurance Premiums (April 2023 Rate Determination)
  - General Maintenance Line: 13 Proposed Projects
  - Equipment Buildings and Grounds: 4 Pieces of Proposed Equipment
  - Equipment Repairs: Ag-Ed Greenhouse
  - Heating Oil Lock-In Price: \$3.10/gallon
  - Equipment Technology - 2022-2023 Budget Unexpended Funds used for Server and Large Screen Monitor Replacements
  - Software Technology - Various Additions - All software costs now housed under Technology Budget
  - Cafeteria Subsidy - Legislation to allow for free meals to all students in
4. **Receive and review initial draft budget for 2023-2024 from the Salisbury Board of Education.**  
S. Magyar presented the Salisbury Central School initial draft budget for 2023-2024. The SCS Budget Total is \$6,356,813, a total increase of \$188,416 or 3.05%. Increases are expected in the following line items: Certified Salaries (\$91,400); Extra Duty (\$5,173); Paraprofessionals (\$8,471); Nurse (\$6,007); Administration (\$8,298); Health Insurance (Certified - \$86,586 & Non-certified - \$15,719); Technology Contracts (\$8,593); Transportation (\$15,162). There will be decreases in the following line items: Cafeteria (-\$11,130); Pensions (-\$10,503); Middle School Athletics & Activities Program (-\$8,173); and Textbooks (-\$6,698).
5. **Receive and review the initial draft budget for 2023-2024 from the Board of Selectmen.**  
C. Rand presented the initial draft budget for 2023-2024 Town Budget. The Town Budget Total is \$8,217,830, a total increase of \$466,583 or 6%. Increases are expected in the following line items:

Accounting Assistant (\$22,800); Land Use Assistant (\$55,000); Zoning Maps (\$12,500); Software Fees (\$7,500); Pension Plan (\$13,900); Hospital Insurance (\$76,434); Lakeville Hose Co. (\$33,500); Highway Foreman (79,852); Improved/Unimproved Roads (\$10,000); Transfer Station (\$25,436); SAHF (\$10,000); Field Mowing, Community Field (\$9,500); Grove Asst. Manager (\$21,840); Grove Employees (\$22,000); and Lifeguards (\$10,000). There will be decreases in the following line items: Land Clerical Rec. (-\$35,000); Resident Trooper (-\$25,000); Highway Crew Wages (-\$60,442); and Housing Support (-\$5,000).

6. **Other Business** – None at this time.
7. J. Graaff made a motion to **adjourn** at 7:32pm. M. Voldstad seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.