

**SELECT BOARD MEETING  
JOINT MEETING WITH THE WALES SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
Wales Elementary School  
41 Main Street, Wales, MA**

Members Present: Chairman William Matchett III; Vice Chairman Michael Valanzola; Clerk John Grasso

*Others Present: Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary*

Chairman Matchett called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**FY 2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Dr. Nosek, Superintendent and Ms. Boyd, Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance presented the Wales School Committee (WSC) proposed budget. Board members identified several large increases requiring more detailed information. The Board discussed the need to negotiate union concessions in lieu of possible layoffs. The Board instructs Ms. Leduc to schedule the first annual town wide budget workshop for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9AM to 12PM at the Senior Center and to send a request to the Finance Committee to submit their proposed budget to the Board of Selectmen by Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Highway Department continuous operations/contingency plan

***Motion 011520-01 by Selectman Grasso; seconded by Selectman Valanzola; to authorize Chairman Matchett to act as liaison to the highway department for the purposes of continuous operations. The motion passed unanimously.***

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Unanimous consent was given for Selectman Valanzola to serve as the Board of Selectmen's representative on the WSC contract negotiations subcommittee. Selectman Valanzola instructs Ms. Leduc to notify the school department.

Selectman Valanzola instructs Ms. Leduc to research the authorization and construction of the Ainsworth Hill Road school bus turnaround.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Selectman Grasso; seconded by Selectman Valanzola; to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela A. Leduc*

Executive Secretary