

EASTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Eastford Elementary School
12 Westford Road
Eastford, CT 06242
April 6, 2023

Present: Stephen Bowen, Lauren Barlow, Terry Cote, Robert Ellsworth (remote),
Jessica Perry (remote)
Absent: Michael Bilica, Adam Minor
Also Present: Dr. Donna Leake, Superintendent

I. Call to Order

Chair Bowen called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

II. Board of Education's 2023-2024 Budget, dated 02/09/2023: Discussion and Possible Action

Dr. Leake explained that although no official letter has yet been received from the Board of Selectmen, as they only met on April 5, she was informed that they would like the Board of Education to consider reducing their budget to as close to a 7% increase as possible. Although no action will be taken by the BOS at this time, the BOE is advised that it may request from the Town up to \$84,019.68 for special education expenditures. The BOE had requested these dollars be placed in the Town's Unexpended Funds from the 2021-2022 BOE fiscal year budget.

The Board members discussed and approved the cut options provided by the school administration.

MOTION: (Barlow/Cote) To submit a revised Board of Education budget of \$4,520,069, an increase of 7.3%, and re-submit it to the Board of Selectmen. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Adjournment

Chair Bowen adjourned the meeting at 5:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kymerli A. Gaylor, BOE Clerk