

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 7, 2016
Colchester Town Hall @ 7PM**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rob Tarlov, Thomas Kane, James McNair, Rob Esteve, Andreas Bisbikos and Andrea Migliaccio

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman A Shilosky, CFO M Cosgrove and Clerk T. Dean

1. Call to Order

Chairman R Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

R Tarlov asked to add agenda item #9.b. Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Finance Bylaws regarding Citizen's Comments, and 9.c. Tri-board Meeting Discussion

A Bisbikos moved to approve the additions as presented, seconded by J McNair. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes: August 17 Regular Meeting; August 17 Special Meeting

A Bisbikos moved to approve the Regular Board of Finance meeting minutes of August 17, 2016, seconded by J McNair. Unanimously approved with one abstention by A Bisbikos. MOTION CARRIED

A Migliaccio moved to approve the Special Board of Finance meeting minutes of August 17, 2016, seconded by T Kane. Unanimously approved with one abstention by A Bisbikos. MOTION CARRIED

4. Citizen's Comments – none

5. Correspondence - none

6. First Selectman

a. Transfer Requests

T Kane moved to approve the transfer as presented, seconded by A Bisbikos. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

b. First Selectman's Report

Recent fire on Lebanon Ave had no injuries. Tentative Agreement reached with Library Union, Police Dept. and Public Works still in negotiations.

7. Department Reports

a. Finance - none

b. Tax Collector - none

8. Liaisons

a. Reports

J McNair reported on the Police Commission – proposing to the Charter Revision a process to generate more revenues with parking tickets.

A Migliaccio reported on Board of Education – most of the meeting discussed staffing. Must provide at least one day of tutoring for expelled students, not sure if that must take place now or in the future. Approved hiring six new paras based on kids coming into the district. Seven potential Norwich students coming in to Bacon. Discussed stages of guidelines on revenue. Looking to have a meeting with CFO, Superintendent,

R Goldstein and Bacon Principle who will present Bacon's needs and use of funds.

A Shilosky reported on Blight Ordinance – draft moved forward by the Board of Selectmen. Next steps will be informal public sessions to feedback from residents and educate public on what the proposed ordinance entails.

b. Discussion of Liaison Assignments

R Tarlov stated there are several meetings attended that may not have an impact on the Board. Filled the BOE liaison with A Migliaccio, and for Building Committee R Tarlov and T Kane will share the liaison role. Next meeting will discuss all liaison assignments.

9. New Business

a. 2017-2018 Budget Preparation

R Tarlov stated that the Dept. Heads presentation on short and long term needs to the Board should start in Oct.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Finance Bylaws Regarding Citizen's Comments

R Tarlov stated that the BOS updated their bylaws for citizens comments (attached). R Tarlov would like to incorporate something similar on the Board. T Kane stated that the bylaw doesn't address citizen behavior. R Tarlov stated that it also doesn't address comments to the chair and that comments should be made at the citizen's seat where they are seated. R Tarlov will send out the discussion from last meeting and the Board can add to and discuss at the next meeting. NO ACTION

c. Triboard Meeting Discussion

R Tarlov stated an update from the Building Committee will be made at the BOS meeting on 9/15 and may not need the scheduled Triboard meeting on 9/20, which there will be another update from the Building Committee. R Tarlov indicated that he would still like to have the Triboard meeting so that they can also promote to residents that all Boards are involved, connected and support the project. BOF and BOS will still meet on 9/20 and leave it up to BOE if they want to attend.

10. Old Business

a. Communication during off budget season – discussion and possible action

R Tarlov stated that the scatter chart regarding Districts Return on Investment has been simplified (attached). Per Pupil Spending Increase chart (attached) was adjusted to a line graph to clarify percentages. Colchester is in the bottom 4th quartile. T Kane asked to remove the color lines and replace with dotted lines. R Tarlov will adjust the lines and also adjust to reflect K-12. A Migliaccio asked if the schools can provide individual data on per pupil expenses. CFO M Cosgrove stated that it's only calculated one way by the state for the district, otherwise you can't compare numbers to any other district. T Kane asked why peer town information was taken off the charts. R Tarlov stated that it was made by the subcommittee of 2 boards that ranked population, per capita, grand list, etc. BOE felt it shouldn't be used. The graphs were created in hopes for the BOE to communicate to the residents better and tell the story. T Kane stated he believes this Board shouldn't be creating a BOE presentation, but rather hand over the graphs for them to do as they see fit with them. R Tarlov stated that the next BOS meeting will have a presentation and discussion of test scores. T Kane is working on off budget communications, polishing up sections to have posted on the website.

b. 2016-2017 BOF Goals and Objectives – review, amend and prioritize

R Tarlov stated the Board is currently working on A1 priorities. T Kane will start to schedule the off season budget subcommittee R Tarlov stated the Board will discuss Health Insurance at the 1st meeting of Nov. R Tarlov discussed the program opengov.com, he stated the information looks good internally and externally. R Tarlov will schedule a meeting for the company to do a presentation.

c. Recreation Field Subcommittee - update – none.

d. Senior Center Subcommittee – update – Referendum on 9/13

11. Citizens Comments - none

12. Adjournment

J McNair moved to adjourn at 8:19 pm, seconded by T Kane. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment: Bylaws on Citizen Comments
Graphs (2)

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk

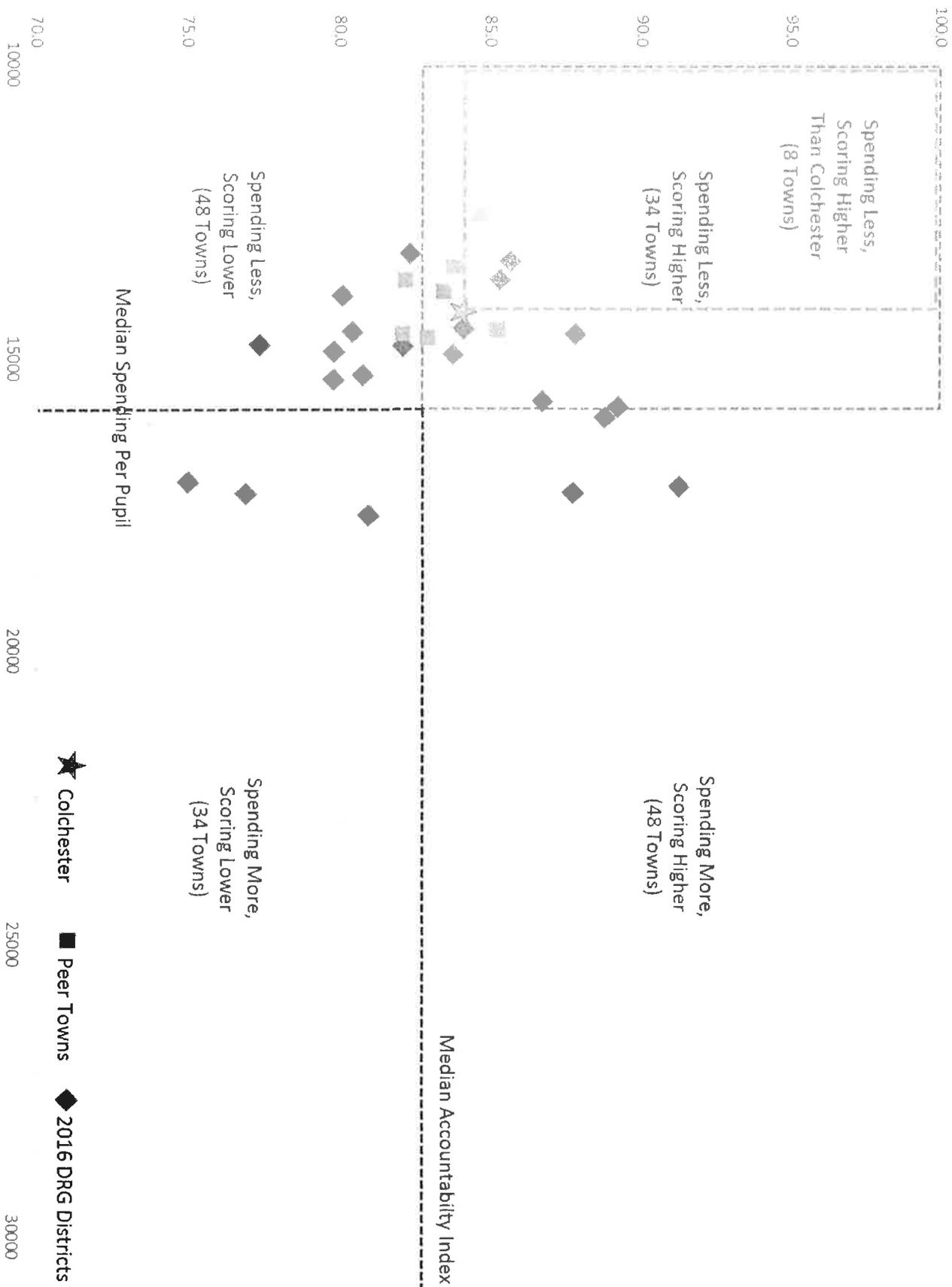
- B. A quorum shall consist of three members.
- C. Minutes of the Board's meetings and hearings shall be kept and published in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.
- D. All mail addressed to the Board shall be presented by the First Selectman to the Board at its first meeting held after such mail has been delivered to the Board c/o The Office of the First Selectman. All mail shall be deemed 'received' when so presented.
- E. All regular and special meetings of the Board of Selectmen shall be audio recorded. Emergency meetings shall be audio recorded if possible. All recordings shall be made available to the public. The provisions of this section shall not apply to executive sessions.
- F. Citizens' Comments: The Board may permit any individual or group to address the Board concerning any subject that lies within its jurisdiction during the portion of any Board meetings so designated for such purpose. Citizens' Comments shall be subject to the following guidelines:
 - (1) If deemed necessary, in order to provide time for maximum citizen participation, the Board of Selectmen may establish a provision at a meeting to limit comments. In such a case, three (3) minutes will be allotted to each speaker at each warned citizen's comments. The Board may decide by a majority vote to extend the 3 minutes of time allotted.
 - (2) Speakers may provide written testimony or handouts to the Board, which will become part of the public meeting record.
 - (3) Speakers are only permitted to make presentations to the Board using PowerPoint, overhead projectors, or other electronic/digital programs with the prior approval of the First Selectman.
 - (4) All speakers must identify themselves by name and town of residence.
 - (5) The Board will not respond to comments made during Citizens' Comments, with the exception that the Chairperson only may respond if, in the discretion of the Chairperson, such comments require an immediate response.

SECTION 5. COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- A. From time to time, the Board of Selectmen may appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary or desirable. Any committee so appointed shall have the duties or responsibilities assigned to it at the time of appointment. The meetings of any committee so appointed are open to the public as required by the Connecticut General Statutes.
- B. At the time of appointment, the members of any committee appointed pursuant to this section shall elect one (1) of their members to serve as

Colchester School District's Return on Investment

2015 Accountability Index vs. 2014/2015 Per Pupil Expenditures All Districts ()



Per Pupil Spending Increases

for format discussion purposes only
 (still needs to adjusted to include only K-12 schools)

