



Town of Hartland
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Re: **Special Meeting Minutes for the Hartland Board of Finance DRAFT**

Date: March 18, 2026

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Hybrid: Hartland Town Hall
22 South Road, East Hartland
and via Zoom Workplace

Attendance: Tom Kean, Chairman, John Ferro, Philip Groth, Tim Irwin, Fletcher Smith

Alternate: Mike Ryan

Others: Magi Winslow, First Selectman, Scott Levan, Second Selectman, Greg Sottile, Third Selectman, Pam Weber- Board of Education Chairman, Imma Canelli, Hartland School Superintendent, Anna Dorman, Karen Eseppi, Michelle Ferrari, Alissa Goguen, Connie Irwin (Zoom Workplace), TJ Kent, Sara Krhla, Linda Krish, Ben Lovell, Amanda Lukingbeal, Tony Miller, Jill Skaret, Ellen Smith, Hilary Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Kean.

A motion to seat Mike Ryan as an alternate Board member was made by Philip Groth and seconded by Tim Irwin

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Kean welcomed all attendees and turned the meeting over to Hartland School Superintendent Canelli.

Board of Education Budget Presentation FY2027:

Superintendent Canelli noted the high standards that continue to be maintained by the Hartland school system and its students. She stated that Hartland enrollment remains steady and that 31.4% of students receive Special Education services. The Superintendent also shared that the Hartland School was named a School of Distinction for the third time in the past seven years (there were no accountability measures for two of the seven years due to the Covid pandemic).

Superintendent Canelli provided handouts for attendees and presented an overview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 budget request for the Board of Education. She noted this budget proposal is for \$6,234,121 which is a total increase of \$485,431 or 8.44% (.0844) over the current fiscal year budget. The Superintendent explained the majority - 58% or \$282,794 – of the total budget increase is due to costs related to projected needs for Special Education students, specifically tuition, para-educators, services and transportation. The remaining 42% of the total increase is primarily attributable to higher expenses such as tuition paid for high school students, employee benefits, contractual salaries and utilities.

A motion to close the meeting and continue the discussion during the succeeding BOF Regular meeting was made by Fletcher Smith and seconded by John Ferro.

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Kean adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Krish