TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Board of Finance – Special Meeting
March 14, 2026
Municipal Office Building – Room 1 & 2
Via Zoom and YouTube Live

Participating: Joseph Corbett
Debra Denette
Maureen Goff
Eric Kolasinski
Harvey Thomas

Others: V. Belles; First Selectman T. Gelston; D. Angersola; L. Zemienieski and other members of the public

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Goff called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and the attendees said the pledge of allegiance.

2026-2027 BUDGET

a. Selectmen/Capital – This budget increased 2.9% (+$5,673.24). Mr. Gelston advised that the increase in this budget is primarily due to contractual increases in Salaries/Wages. In response to a question from Ms. Denette, Finance Director Belles advised that the Clerical Union negotiated a $.50 per dollar increase, to help compensate for the high cost of health benefits, with a 2.5% increase on top of that.

   Mr. Kolasinski discussed the BOF's zero-increase direction to the Town and BOE. Mr. Thomas suggested the BOF review all of the departmental budgets and then compare the bottom line in the BOS and BOE budgets to their approved FY2025-2026.

   In a response to a question from Ms. Zemienieski, there was a brief discussion about the Goodspeed Opera House's PILOT payment and how that amount changes by percentage of the mil rate change.

   Town Capital was not discussed at this time in the meeting.

b. Board of Finance - This budget increased 21.31% (+$54,425). In response to a statement made by Ms. Denette, Ms. Belles advised that she had included $126k in the BOF's Contingency line as a placeholder for the Ambulance Association's subsidy request; however, she advised that the BOF should discuss whether or not to create a separate budget for the Association.

   Ms. Belles stated that, historically, $90k had been allocated to the BOF's Contingency line but there has been discussion about the amount in that line being 1%-5% of the General Fund, as stated in the Narrative section of this department's budget.

In response to a question from Mr. Thomas, Mr. Gelston stated that he expects to have the final, signed agreement between the Ambulance Association and Fire Department, with associated costs and savings, prior to the completion of the BOF's review of the proposed FY2026-2027 budget.

c. Finance Office - This budget increased 5.02% (+$4,050). There was no additional discussion of the Finance Office's proposed FY26-27 budget.

d. Assessor/Capital - This budget increased 60.75% (+$68,475). Ms. Belles advised that the primary reason for the increase was because the Assessor's position went from a 1-day per week role to a 30-hr. per week role. Mr. Thomas stated that he assumed that the expectation is that a full-time Assessor will result in an increase in collected property taxes greater than the increase in the department's Salaries/Wages budget line.

   Ms. Zemienieski provide information about the decision to make the position a 30-hr. per week role. There was a brief discussion concerning travel reimbursement for the new Assessor.

   The Assessor's Capital requests were not discussed at this time in the meeting.

e. Board of Assessment Appeals - This budget decreased 19.34% (-$703). There was no additional discussion regarding this department's budget.

f. Collector of Revenue - This budget increased 2.65% (+$2,932). In response to a question from Ms. Denette, Mr. Gelston stated he would ask Tax Collector Dill if it is feasible to bring the printing and mailing of property tax bills back in-house for a potential savings of $19k.

   In response to a question submitted by Mr. Jezek, it was noted that an ordinance would be required to tax non-owner occupied property at a different rate than owner-occupied property. Ms. Goff stated, as such, it would be a BOS decision to pursue this suggestion.

g. Legal Services – There was no change in this budget over its FY25-26 budget. There was no discussion regarding the Legal Services proposed FY26-27 budget.

h. Town Clerk - This budget increased 1.91% (+$4,555) primarily due to Salaries/Wages. In response to a question submitted by Mr. Jezek, concerning increasing conveyance taxes for Open Space, Ms. Denette provided information about this issue and suggested she feels it is something the Town should consider. Mr. Jezek estimated that, based on current data, additional revenue of approximately $185k could be raised by increasing the conveyance tax for Open Space by .25%. Mr. Gelston stated that Mr. Jezek had spoken with him about this and he agreed to follow-up on the suggestion.

i. Zoning Board of Appeals - This budget decreased 34.25% (-$1,000). There was no additional discussion regarding this department's budget.

j. Town Office Building - There was no change in this budget over its FY25-26 budget. There was no discussion regarding the Legal Services proposed FY26-27 budget.

k. Elections/Registrar of Voters - This budget increased 31.59% (+$33,702) primarily due to Salaries/Wages and Voting Machine Set-up budget lines. It was noted that the increase in Salaries/Wages is due to state mandated extended voting hours. Mr. Thomas advised that the cost to the Town for this unfunded state mandate is approximately $15k.

l. Insurance (Risk management) - This budget increased 3.14% (+$8,000) primarily due to a projected increase in liability coverage. Ms. Zemienieski advised that the projected increase in the liability coverage premium is not final and could decrease; however, any increase is capped at 5%.

m. Regional Probate Court - This budget decreased .69% (-$137). There was no additional discussion regarding this department's budget.

n. Land Use/Capital - This budget decreased .9% (-$2,203). There was no change in projected revenue for this department. There was a brief discussion regarding repairs to the WPCA equipment last year and Ms. Belles provided a history of the budgets for WPCA expenses.

Capital requests for this department were not discussed at this time in the meeting.

o. Historic District Commission - This budget decreased .9% (-$2,203). Projected revenue for this department for FY26-27 decreased 66.57% ($400). There was no additional discussion regarding this department's budget.

p. Conservation Commission - This budget decreased 7.41% (-$1,200). There was no additional discussion regarding this department's budget.

q. Town Meeting Hall - There was no change in this budget over its FY25-26 budget. There was no discussion regarding the Town Meeting Hall's proposed FY26-27 budget.

r. Shared Services - This budget increased 8.10% (+$123,589,). There was a general discussion regarding the Salaries/Wages for staff included in the Shared Services budget. Ms. Goff stated that Mr. Jezek had submitted a request to get information on how each of the employees covered in this budget allocates their time between Town and BOE work.

In response to a question, Ms. Belles stated that the BOE negotiates the Salaries/Wages for the IT staff. There was a general discussion regarding the history of the BOE Business Manager, reporting structures, and which of the listed staff are appropriate to be included in the Shared Services budget.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Thomas, Ms. Belles provided clarification regarding the Transfers to Shared Services budget lines. Ms. Belles also agreed to provide the BOF members with IT Director Hall's spreadsheet which itemizes the costs related to a state mandated transition from a .org domain to a .gov domain.

Mr. Gelston agreed to follow-up on the feasibility of separating this budget out between the Town and the BOE. In response to a question raised by Ms. Denette, Ms. Belles clarified that the cost for the Assessor's mapping software is carried in this budget; however, the expense of updating the maps is in the Assessor's budget.

s. River House/Annex - There was no change in this budget over its FY25-26 budget. There was no discussion regarding the River House/Annex's proposed FY26-27 budget.

t. Municipal Office Complex/Central Services - This budget increased 13.72% (+$55,613.) primarily due to an increase in electrical rates and the addition of a contract with River Valley Transit to provide scheduled bus service in East Haddam. There was a general discussion about the River Valley Transit service and Mr. Gelston responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Thomas suggested including the expense in the FY26-27 budget; however, the BOF should request metrics on the service before approving the contract for the next fiscal year.

u. Millington School House - This budget decreased 88.71% (-$10,290). There was no additional discussion regarding this department's budget.

v. Open Space Committee - There was no change in this budget over its FY25-26 budget. There was no discussion regarding the Open Space's proposed FY26-27 budget.

w. Grange Hall - This budget increased 15.44% (+$2,630.) primarily due to a planned electrical repair of an underground cable to the outside lights. There was a brief discussion about income generated by the rental of the Grange Hall; however, Ms. Zemienieski stated that the rental income is minimal.

x. Agriculture Commission - There was no change in this budget over its FY25-26 budget. There was no discussion regarding the Agriculture Commission's proposed FY26-27 budget.

y. Economic Development Commission/Capital - This budget increased 7.24% (+$2,049.) primarily due to increases in the Salaries/Wages budget line and the expense to print the Visitors Guide. In response to a question from Mr. Thomas, Mr. Gelston provided an overview of the projects EDC has and is working on; however, he agreed that there is room for improvement.

EDC's Capital request for engineering services (Phase II) for the proposed multi-town bike path was discussed later in the meeting and is covered in the minutes below.

z. Redevelopment Agency/Capital - This budget decreased 87.60% (-$68,500). Ms. Belles advised that the Redevelopment Agency has submitted a request to move $68,500.00 from the Purchased Professional Services budget line in its Operating budget to a Capital fund.

aa. Police Officers/Capital - This budget increased 4.07% (+$24,257.) primarily due to state mandated Capital Assets such as body armor and tasers. Ms. Belles confirmed that the Police Department is currently fully staffed.

bb. Resident Trooper - This budget increased 2.9% (+$4,200.). Ms. Zemienieski stated that the state bills the Town 85% of the cost of the resident Trooper's salary and fringe benefits.

cc. Fire Department - This budget increased 2.63% (+$19,301.). Ms. Zemienieski stated a Fire Department's representative is expected to attend the BOF's afternoon budget workshop.

dd. Emergency Management/Capital - This budget increased 2.61% (+$5,028.) primarily due to an increase in the cost of the Valley Shore 911 contract.

Emergency Management Capital requests were not discussed at this time in the meeting.

ee. Paramedic Services - This budget increased 0.82% (+$74.). Ms. Zemienieski advised that the Town pays Middlesex Hospital a $1.00 per capita fee for this service.

ff. Building Department - This budget increased 8.88% (+$11,155.) primarily due to agreed 60-day and 6-month step increases for the new Building Official. It was noted that projected revenue for this department increased 25%, from $200k to $250k for FY26-27.

gg. Regional Animal Control - This budget increased 1.29% (+$764.). Ms. Belles provided a history of the Regional Animal Control budget and responded to questions from the Board.

hh. Fire Marshall - This budget increased 1.55% (+$455.) due to the standard 2.5% increase in Salaries/Wages. There was no additional discussion regarding this department's budget.

ii. Youth and Family Services - This budget increased 2.17% (+$5,445.). Ms. Zemienieski explained that the part-time interim director of YFS had transitioned to a full-time position. She further stated that the individual had assumed the responsibilities of the agency's social worker.

jj. Early Childhood Council - There was no change in this budget over its FY25-26 budget. There was a brief discussion about the function the Early Childhood Council performs.

kk. Chatham Health District - This budget increased 2% (+$2,612.). Ms. Zemienieski advised that the Chatham Health District charges the Town a per capita rate for its services.

ll. Senior Services/Capital - This budget increased 7.22% (+$13,851.). Ms. Belles noted that the increase in this budget is primarily in the Salaries/Wages budget line. She advised that the salaries of the drivers of the Senior Center buses had, since COVID, historically exceeded its budgeted amount and that has been corrected in the FY2026-2027 budget.

Senior Services' Capital requests were not discussed at this time.

mm. Human Services - There was no change in this budget over its FY25-26 budget. Ms. Zemienieski stated that there is a significant discrepancy in what the agencies request for a donation and what the Town can afford to pay them. There was no discussion regarding the Human Services proposed FY26-27 budget.

nn. Cemeteries/Capital - This budget increased 88.24% (+$15k). Ms. Belles advised that $15k was requested for tree care/removal in the FY25/26 budget; however, the funds had been cut from the budget. Ms. Goff stated that Mr. Jezek had submitted a comment that the request for $15k for tree care/removal should be eliminated from this budget as a luxury the Town cannot afford. Ms. Denette stated she believes the funds for tree care/removal are an absolute necessity.

The Cemeteries Committee's Capital requests were not discussed at this time in the meeting.

Projected revenue for this department is $2,000.00 for FY26-27.

oo. East Haddam Public Library/Capital - This budget increased 2.53% (+$13,010.). Discussion about catching up one reference librarian's salary & telephone increase.

pp. Recreation Commission/Capital - This budget increased 4.6% (+$8,455.) primarily due to Salaries/Wages for Beach Parking Attendants and the rental of port-a-potties for Town parks. Ms. Belles explained the function of the Rec Commission's Special Revenue fund.

The Recreation Commission's Capital requests were not discussed at this time.

qq. Town Greens, Grounds and Fields/Capital - This budget increased 4.07% (+$8,321.) primarily due to Salaries/Wages and Other Supplies (i.e. uniforms). Ms. Zemienieski noted that a third staff member was added to the department this year. In response to a question raised by Ms. Denette, Mr. Angersola provided clarification for the Overtime budget line. Mr. Angersola responded to additional questions from the Board. There was a general discussion regarding the added expense related to the additional staff person.

rr. Lakes Association - This budget decreased 21.75% (-$10,922.50). Ms. Belles advised that a representative from Lake Hayward may attend the afternoon budget workshop session to discuss the planned dam repairs. She noted that the Town has been putting aside $15k per year in Capital for the dam project and there is currently a balance of $108k.

ss. Other budget items as time permits

Discussion of the following budgets was postponed:

- General Highways
- Transfer Sation
- Snow/Ice Removal
- Tree Care/Removal

The following FY2026-2027 Capital requests were discussed:

- Selectmen – $15k for Phone System Upgrades; Ms. Zemienieski advised that this is a savings plan to upgrade off-site municipal building locations in stages.

- Public Works – Ms. Belles stated that the $5.4M in Capital requests include $2.5M of bonding but is not being funded out of taxation and the board will have a better site on that once the "Capital by Funding Source "report is available. Mr. Angersola stated that $400k would be needed for road improvement materials and there was a general discussion about using TAR and LOSIP grant funding for this purpose.

- Municipal Office Complex - $10k for a LED sign.

- Economic Development Commission - $28k for Phase II, engineering of the planned bike path. Ms. Goff stated she would like to see more information on the scope of this project and Ms. Belles agreed to invite EDC Chairman Casner and/or Land Use Administrator Ventres to one of the next BOF budget workshops.

- Selectmen - $10k for Municipal Office Complex Video Conferencing Systems Future Replacements & Upgrades. Ms. Zemienieski provided more details about this request and advised that it is a 5-year savings plan.

- Assessor - $38k for the 2027 revaluation.

- Building Department - $42k for a vehicle for the Building Official.

- Cemeteries - $8k for Annual Work on Cemetery Improvements and Surveys. Ms. Denette provided background information on this request. She noted there is virtually no cemetery space left available in the Town and that the Cemetery Committee is investigating purchasing additional property.

- Emergency Management/911 Services - $10k each for Emergency Management Out of Cycle Replacement of Radios Equipment Mobiles and Portables and Emergency Management Replacement of Radio Equipment (i.e. Tower sites)

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:09 p.m. The Board reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Goff advised Mr. Gelston that the BOF would like EDC to provide them with more information on the Bike Path Phase II Capital request for FY2026-2027; specifically, she would like to have more details on the scope of the project. Mr. Gelston advised that the projected cost of the project is $1.3M to engineer and construct the East Haddam portion of the bike path. He stated that EDC plans to apply for grants to cover as much of that expense as possible. Mr. Gelston agreed to ask EDC Chairman Casner, Vice Chairman Robidoux, and/or Land Use Administrator Ventres to attend on the BOF's upcoming budget workshops.

ss. Other budget items as time permits (continued)

Lakes Associations

Mr. Pelton, Chairman of the Lake Hayward Dam Restoration Committee, reported that DEEP inspected the Lake Hayward dam in 2019, identified several significant deficiencies, and mandated that the deficiencies be addressed. He stated that the Lake Hayward Association issued an RFP in February 2025; four contractors had responded and the bids ranged from $540k to $869k.

Mr. Pelton advised that the Restoration Committee evaluated the bids and recommends awarding the contract to the lowest bidder. They are currently in the process of vetting the contractor and have had positive findings regarding licensure, best practices, and references on dam rebuilds done for other municipalities. He stated they will continue to do their due diligence to determine that the vendor is qualified and able to rebuild the dam. He noted that they expect the work to occur from September 2026 through May 2027.

Mr. Pelton stated that it has been determined that the Association owns the two spillways north of Haywardville Road and abutting the land works and that the Town of East Haddam owns the four headwalls and discharge culverts on the south side under Haywardville Road. He noted that the Lake Hayward Association can impose a special assessment on property owners that are members of the Association and he has been speaking to property owners on East Shore Drive, who are not members of the Association, about also contributing to the help cover the cost of the repairs.

Mr. Jeru distributed financial information to the BOF and advised that the Lake Hayward Association has put aside $65k and the Town has reserved $108k for this project. He asked for instructions on the process to have the Town release funds to pay for current invoices related to the dam project. Mr. Jeru also requested that the Town allocate an additional $383k in its FY2026-2027 budget for this project.

In response to questions raised by the Board, Mr. Pelton confirmed that he has, and will continue to, encourage property owners on East Shore Drive to share in the cost of restoring the dam, that the Lake Hayward will be exploring grants and other alternative funding for the project, and that the Lake's Board of Governors will be meeting to discuss a special assessment. In response to a question raised by Mr. Corbett, Mr. Gelston stated that the Board of Selectmen have not yet discussed this project; however, he believes they would want to add it to their list of Capital requests.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Corbett, Ms. Belles noted that since the restoration of the dam is not a Town project, they would not need to comply with the usual municipal requirements for bids, etc. Ms. Zemienieski advised that there is currently a FY26-27 Capital request for $192k for this project.

There was a general discussion regarding DEEP's perception of who owns the dam. Mr. Pelton responded to additional questions from the Board. In response to a question from Mr. Gelston, Mr. Pelton advised that DEEP had inspected the dam in 2019 and mandated the deficiencies be addressed within seven years. He confirmed his opinion that the dam could last for several more years and agreed to inform DEEP of the actions that have been taken thus far and ask if they would consider an extension to get the work completed.

Mr. Thomas noted that the policy the Town has followed in the past regarding cost-sharing with the lakes is that the lakes would submit an invoice for work completed and the Town would reimburse them for 50% of the cost. Ms. Belles stated she would update the Capital request for the Lake Hayward dam repair from $192k to $383k.

Libraries

The Board members had no questions for Director Morgan concerning the Libraries' proposed FY2026-2027 Operating budget.

Fire Department

There was a brief discussion about the proposed new firehouse. Ms. Zemienieski stated that project has not yet been approved by the public; however, Ms. Belles noted that a $14M-$15M savings plan was including in the recent resolution to bond for that and several other Capital projects.

Mr. Kalasinski noted a large increase (+$49,223.00 – 51.82%) in the Repairs/Maintenance line of the Fire Department's FY26-27 Operating budget. In response to a question from Ms. Goff, he stated that the department's Capital requests for the FY26-27 are standard requests for scheduled replacement equipment. There was a general discussion regarding establishing a savings plan for fire apparatus. In response to a question raised by Ms. Goff, Mr. Kalasinski clarified the apparatus Capital requests. He responded to questions from the Board

Emergency Management/911 Services

Mr. Gelston agreed to ask Emergency Management Director Mr. Mansfield to provide additional details regarding his FY26-27 Capital requests.

In response to a request from Ms. Belles, Mr. Gelston agreed to reconstitute the Long Range Capital Improvements Planning Committee.

Land Use

The Board raised no questions concerning the Land Use Department's FY26-27 request for $40k for a consultant to draft the state mandated 10 year update to the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

Police Department

Ms. Zemienieski provided a high level explanation of the Police Department's following Capital vehicle requests:

- 2026 Ford Vehicle - $96k FY27 (Scheduled Replacement).
- 2028 Police Vehicle - $96k FY28 (Scheduled Replacement).
- 2029 Police Cruiser - $96k FY29 (Scheduled Replacement).
- 2031 Ford Police Cruiser - $96k FY31 (Scheduled Replacement).

She stated that the department would like to establish a 7-year rotation of police vehicles and noted that the above Capital vehicle requests should put them on that schedule.

Public Works

It was noted that Public Works would like to purchase a plow truck and two dump trucks in the near future. Mr. Angersola provided additional information about the need for the plow truck.

Recreation Commission

The Board reviewed the following Recreation Commission FY26-27 Capital requests:

- Volleyball at the Town Beach - $100k FY27 (New Request).
- Community Playground - $100k FY27 (New Request).
- MOC Field Plan - $150k FY27 (New Request).

Senior Services

The Board reviewed the following Senior Services FY26-27 Capital requests:

- Senior Center Boiler - $75k FY27 (Scheduled Replacement).
- Roof Replacement - $75,150.00 FY27 (New Request).
- Driveway Sealing - $15k FY27 (Scheduled Replacement).

Ms. Denette recommended the driveway sealing project be postponed until after the roofing work is done and Mr. Angersola and the Board concurred with her recommendation.

Town Greens, Grounds and Fields

The Board reviewed the following Greens, Grounds, and Fields FY26-27 Capital requests:

- Grounds Mower #1 - $14,180.00 FY27 (Scheduled Replacement). Mr. Angersola noted that there is an option to acquire the mower through a 5-year lease.
- Ventrac Tractor - $21,500.00 FY27 (Scheduled Replacement).

The following Public Works budgets were reviewed:

General Highways

It was noted that this budget increased $41,182.00 in FY26-27 due to Salaries/Wages and increases in the cost of electricity, propane, and gas/diesel. Mr. Angersola discussed the challenges in finding and hiring a Road Foreman. In response to a question raised by Ms. Denette, Mr. Angersola stated that it is possible that the budgeted salary expense for a Public Works Director could decrease.

The Board discussed using the TAR and LOSIP grant funds for the $400k needed for road improvement materials and Ms. Belles confirmed that any balance remaining from those state grants would be used for the bonded road reclamation and repairs project.

Snow and Ice Removal

It was noted that this budget increased $10,700.00 (3.76%) over the FY25-26 budget. Mr. Angersola discussed the impact of this winter's storms on the proposed FY26-27 Snow and Ice Removal budget. There was a brief discussion about the cost of salt and Mr. Angersola noted that, this winter, Public works treated the roads with salt only and had much better results than using a salt and sand mixture. He further noted, that the reduced expense of sweeping the roads and cleaning the catch basins in the spring should offset some of the cost of the salt.

Ms. Belles advised that some municipalities utilize a special revenue fund to build a savings plan for the expense of snow/ice removal, which is often difficult to predict.

Transfer Station

It was noted that this budget decreased $1,310.00 (0.14%). In response to a question raised by Ms. Denette, Ms. Belles advised that she had looked into the fact that there was little to no increase in the FY26-27 Salaries/Wages line for the Transfer Station budget. She stated that, to the best of what she could determine, the previous Public Works director had included the FY26-27 projected

Salaries/Wages in the FY25-26 budget; consequently, the FY26-27 Salaries/Wages budget line stayed relatively flat.

Mr. Angersola noted that the hopper building had been inspected by an engineer who determined it has a remaining life of 3-years before it will have to be repaired or, more likely, replaced. Mr. Angersola estimated the cost for replacing the building at $1M.

Tree Care/Removal

It was noted that this budget increased $3,500.00 (1.24%) over the previous fiscal year. In response to questions from the Board, Ms. Zemienieski advised that the $5k in the Salaries/Wages line is for a stipend for the tree warden. Mr. Gelston clarified the responsibilities of the tree warden and the tree removal contractor.

In response to a statement made by Ms. Goff, Mr. Angersola agreed that it is expensive to take down trees; however, he noted that there have not been as many power outages since the Town has been working on the project to remove dead/dying trees. Mr. Gelston provided an example of an extremely dangerous situation which occurred this winter as a result of a dead tree that fell and pulled down power lines while the Public Works crew was working on the road. He noted that the removal of dead/dying trees is a matter of public safety.

Ms. Denette suggested, rather than not funding this budget, the Town might want to consider some reduction in the FY26-27 budget.

Mr. Angersola's suggested by changing contractors and by the careful selection of dead trees, it could be feasible to maintain but understanding less trees will be cut.

There was a general discussion regarding the BOF Contingency budget line and whether or not to establish a separate Contingency line for the Ambulance Association subsidy. Mr. Gelston stated that he expected to have the final agreement between the Ambulance Association and the Fire Department in time for the BOF's next budget meeting and that the Association had requested the BOF create a separate budget for them rather than a Contingency line.

Ms. Goff reviewed the attendees for Thursday's budget meeting which included representation from the BOE, EDC, and the Ambulance Association. Mr. Gelston confirmed that he would provide information on the Ambulance Association's request. Ms. Goff advised that she had emailed the BOE and requested they provide the outstanding information the BOF had requested plus a revised FY2026-2027 budget which includes several years of year-end actual data. She stated that she hoped to have the BOE information by the beginning of next week so that the BOF could review it before their March 19th budget meeting. She also advised that she had gotten some enrollment and teacher data from the state website and would share that with the Board.

Ms. Belles confirmed that she would provide the BOF with a Capital items spreadsheet categorized by the results of the ClearGov scoring and by funding source for their March 19th meeting. There was a brief discussion about the agendas for the March 19th and March 21st meetings. Ms. Goff stated the Board will review Debt Service, Fringe Benefits, and Interfund Transfers at the March 21st meeting. It was noted that the BOF must discuss how to manage the expenses in the Shared Services budget going forward.

Mr. Thomas commented on the BOE's reliance on the Ray Board $220k grant to reduce Salaries/Wages in the High School budget. There was a brief discussion concerning the impact of shifting the revenue received from the Ray Board and the Purple fund over to the BOE's budget.

GUEST AND AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no guest or audience comments raised the budget workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Denette to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. Mr. Kolasinski seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous aye vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
Debra Denette
Secretary