

**Litchfield Board of Finance  
Special Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)  
March 27, 2019**

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order in the First Selectman's office in town hall at 5:30 p.m. with Erich Marriott, Richard Quay, James Stedronsky, and Ed Gadomski present.  
Absent: Sky Post, Richard Furniss (Alt.) and Rose Blondin (Alt.)

**Town Financial Report/Independent Auditor's Report (June 30, 2018) Amendment to BOF Acceptance on March 11, 2019**

Chairman Burgess said it was important to have auditor Dave Cappelletti of Clermont & Associates, LLC involved in determining the accuracy of the BOE claim of a \$250,000 savings if they switch to ConnectiCare for school employees and opt out of the town self-funded plan. The town of Litchfield is currently seeking new bids for insurance coverage for 34 town employees. First Selectman Leo Paul said he had requested the BOE to remain in the town's self-funded shared plan for another year so the actual savings could be determined.

Chairman Burgess distributed copies of a report entitled Health Benefits Insurance – Situation Assessment, which outlined the “deal-breaker” for a 29-year-old town and BOE shared arrangement, disagreement on the insurance cost reduction by the BOE switching to ConnectiCare, availability of comparable benefits, the trend in Litchfield County to share services, expressed opposition from school employees to the new insurance plan, and the case law involved in conflicts between boards of education and boards of finance which can only be settled by judicial determination.

Amaechi Obi distributed a report entitled Medical Self-Insurance Allocation and Contributions for the town of Litchfield and there was discussion about the actual number of BOE employees participating in health insurance benefits – whether it was 137 or 149 since retirees are also participants. Page 38 of the BOE budget book was also discussed.

There was discussion about whether it was the purview of the BOF to have the BOE budget numbers audited and a suggestion to move the \$2.7Mil in the BOE budget into the BOS budget for oversight. Chairman Burgess said he had conferred with both the town attorney Michael Rybak and the Carmody labor attorney for the town and they advised that the BOE could sue on this issue and then the state could get involved.

**Motion:** Richard Quay moved to have Dave Cappelletti of Clermont & Associates, LLC perform a reconciliation with Business Manager David Fiorillo, the scope of which to be determined by Chairman Burgess, and the results of which to be presented at the Wednesday, April 3 BOF meeting. James Stedronsky seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

### **Town Budget 2019-20 Amendment to BOF Approval on March 11, 2019**

Chairman Burgess said the BOF needs to know how the town budget would be adjusted. There was discussion about reserves for health insurance costs and the possibility of the town partnering with the town of Torrington.

Chairman Burgess shared Richard Furniss' comment that the health insurance issue about a fully-funding plan vs. a self-funded plan would affect the requisite reserve.

### **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Richard Quay moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35p.m. Erich Marriott seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Jaacks  
Recording Secretary