



## **Town of Ridgefield Board of Finance**

### **Approved BOF Meeting Minutes March 29, 2023**

#### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on March 29, 2023 in the large conference room at Town Hall. Board of Finance members Dave Ulmer (Chair), Mike Rettger (Vice Chair), Greg Kabasakalian, Joseph Shapiro and Andrew Okrongly were present.

Others Participating: Tina Malhotra, BOE Chair; Sean McEvoy, BOE member; Dr. Susie Da Silva, RPS Superintendent; Jill Browne, RPS Director of Finance; Cory Gillette, RPS Assistant Superintendent; Elizabeth Hathaway, RPS Assistant Superintendent; Joe Morits, RPS Director of Facilities; Karen Dewing, RPS Director of Personnel; Wes DeSantis, RPS Director of Educational Technology

#### **II. Board of Education Proposed Budget – Operating & Capital**

The members agreed that as all had viewed the BOE Operating and Capital budget presentations at Monday night public hearing, there was no need to repeat that presentation at this evening's meeting, and the meeting could proceed directly to questions and discussion.

BOF asked questions on a range of topics from the budget including expected enrollment and staffing trends, Special Education staffing and transportation costs, curriculum development, technology needs and staffing trends, the change in staffing approach for school security, and several cost items in the athletics budget. BOE members and RPS staff responded with information and discussion on the plans and expectations underlying the various aspects of the budget highlighted in the members' questions.

#### **III. Adjournment**

Mr. Rettger moved to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting at 9:27pm. Mr. Okrongly second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Gillian Sheerin