

**Minutes of the Tri-Board Meeting**  
**September 16, 2014**  
**6:00 pm**

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education chair R. Theroux-Keech at 6:00 pm.

Present were: Board of Education Members:

R. Theroux-Keech, K. Fantoli, R. Choquette, D. Capobianco, L. Shippee,  
B. Needham, G. Lanza, J. Musumeci and B. Boyd

Board of Finance Members:

D. Shippee, N. Delmonico, B. Lindberg, N. Cook, and D. Clark

Board of Selectman Members:

R. Gray and L. Cooper

II. Board of Finance Issues

D. Shippee talked about the need to look into hiring a Business Manager for both the town and the board of education. They are looking to form a committee for the purpose of investigating this. On the committee there would be someone from the Board of Selectman (John Firlik); Board of Finance (Neil Cook); Board of Education and four residents of the town.

The town also has an RFP out there for bids to have someone come in and do a survey at the town hall of employees and write up job descriptions for each position.

L. Cooper also mentioned that there will be a meet the candidate night at the Ekonk Grange on October 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm. It is important that the Boards attend and express their concerns to the candidates.

III. Board of Education Issues

R. Theroux-Keech expressed concern about the “Rainy Day Fund”. The school is getting older and the warrantees will be expiring. There was talk of having a Capitol Improvement Line Item in the Board of Education budget, but it may not be legal. This will have to be investigated.

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B. Needham, Superintendent of Schools asked if anyone had checked to see if there is a lower bond rate than what they have now.

IV. Board of Selectman Issues

R. Gray reported that Paving, Plowing and Sanding and the Sand has all gone out to bid. The salt for the roads will be purchased through the state contract.

CIRMA (Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency) The town and board of education insurance company has informed us that there may be a 3% increase in rates for the next two years. We have not had an increase from them for a few years.

V. Other issues

There was some discussion about a grant writer for the board of education and the town.

An energy committee is being formed to look into solar panels.

R. Theroux-Keech brought up that the tri-board meetings should be held quarterly.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Clark and seconded by N. Cook to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Vote: All in favor.