Present: John F. Fairbanks, Laila J. Michaud, Joseph E. Flanagan

Also present:

Advisory Board: Ken Burstall, Brian Ruland, Joseph Serio School Committee: Len Beaton, James Rheault, Joshua Schonborg Business Manager/Acting Superintendent: Sherry Kersey

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Westminster Elementary School.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

February 16, 2011	Deduction #51D	\$ 151,338.45
February 21, 2011	Accounts Payable #52	\$ 120,142.88
February 28, 2011	Accounts Payable #54	\$1,025,598.72
	Payroll #53	\$ 163,874.87

6:31 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to conduct negotiations with nonunion personnel; further, that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town, and reconvene in open session. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

7:00 PM FY2012 BUDGET REVIEW

Library Trustee Walter Haney indicated that the proposed FY12 Library budget was being level funded. He also advised that the Library would be asking for a waiver from the State for certification because they do not meet the requirement of a 2-1/2% increase in the budget over the last three years.

SCHOOL BUDGET ASSESSMENT METHOLODY

After various discussions regarding the school budget assessment methodology, the Board assured the residents that they would continue to pursue the best case scenario at the Tri-Board meeting on Tuesday. It was the general sentiment of those present that the Town should not agree to use the statutory method in calculating its assessment for the school budget.

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PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF WARRANT ARTICLES

The Board agreed to proceed with the drafting of the language for the proposed warrant articles as submitted but asked Mrs. Murphy not to write in amounts until they know the outcome of the school assessment methodology.

CHAPTER 61 NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board authorize Chairman Fairbanks to sign a letter regarding receipt of "intention to sell the property at 65 Harrington Road". Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:16 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to conduct negotiations with nonunion personnel; further, that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town, and to adjourn directly from executive session. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. (Recessed – reconvened in executive session at Town Hall.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Flanagan, Clerk (Prepared by B. Kazan)