

**TOWN OF STAMFORD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**SELECTBOARD AND SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**June 29, 2023**  
**(UNAPPROVED)**

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Michael G. Denault, Kurt Gamari, Marie Kelly-Whitney and Pamela Tworig,  
School Directors: Erika Bailey, Danielle Smith, Betsy Parrington and Kelly Holland.  
Visitors: Carolyn Brooks, Debra Burchard, Marta Miller, Shawna Pautsch, Sheila Pecor and Beth Phelps.  
Lori Shepard, Selectboard Secretary.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed everyone and read a statement with procedural rules for the meeting. There were no additions to the agenda.

**WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION'S REQUEST FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR 2023-2024**  
Erika Bailey explained that the school is in this situation because the school received ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Funds. The way the grant works is that the funds have to be expended and then the government reimburses the school for the expenses. They have expended the money and are waiting for the grant reimbursement. This should only affect this year's budget and maybe next year's. The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union would like to receive their payments up front and Erika Bailey feels the school will be fine making the payment in July, but will run into trouble in October. The school did not budget for the anticipated costs of taking out a loan and having to pay back interest. The boards discussed borrowing funds from a local bank or from the town's ARPA funds, or using the school's fund balance. Although some of the suggestions might be frowned upon, they would save the taxpayers money. If the town sent out tax bills earlier than usual and people paid earlier, there might be enough money available to cover the payments without having to borrow. The boards decided sending out tax bills early was the best option. They scheduled another joint meeting in August to see if there are enough funds available. If not, the school can borrow money at that point. Erika Bailey thanked everyone for the fruitful discussion.

**INFRASTRUCTURE/MAINTENANCE**

The Selectboard asked if another joint meeting could be scheduled to discuss building and outside maintenance, snow plowing and the custodian's duties. The boards discussed at length the janitorial position and the snow removal and other difficulties that were experienced last winter. The School Board explained that they mostly set policy and briefly explained the interview and hiring process.

The next joint meeting between the Selectboard and School Directors will be Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Marie Kelly-Whitney  
Clerk

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