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Education Committee Meeting Regular Meeting Minutes *March 1st, 2021*

In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B for the Protection of Public Health and Safety during COVID-19 Pandemic and Response, the public meeting will be held remotely. Members of the public may attend the meeting via Zoom remote access by computer or telephone as follows: [hyperlink here](#)

1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: *insert ID here* Passcode: *Insert passcode here*

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The Education Committee of the Branford Representative Town Meeting met remotely on Monday March 1st 2021. A quorum was achieved and the meeting called to order at 7:05. In attendance from the Education Committee were representatives Anderson, Hynes, Jackson, Soomro, Greenberg and Prete. Also in attendance were Selectman Cosgrove, Selectman Dunbar, Selectwomen Higgins, Town Clerk Arpin, representatives Ingraham, Black, Stepanek, Finance Director Finch, Adam Spilka, Janice Kochanowski, Karen Jensen, Maryann Amore and Gregg Jerolman. (my internet connection was lost and I called in via phone; I apologize for any names I did not capture beforehand).

1. Approve Minutes of January 4th, 2021 Special Meeting.

Motion made by Rep. Jackson and second by Rep. Hynes to approve minutes. Passed 6-0.

2. Public Comment

No public comments

3. To hear a request from the James Blackstone Memorial Library for the replacement of a HVAC Chiller and duct cleaning.

Motion made by Rep. Hynes and second by Rep. Anderson to approve. Passed 6-0

4. Resolution from the Board of Finance

RESOLVED: That the Board of Finance authorizes and recommends to the RTM the establishment of the James Blackstone Memorial Library Sinking Fund which will be initially funded through a contribution from the library.

Motion made by Rep. Jackson and second by Rep. Hynes to approve. Passed 6-0

Agenda items 3 & 4 were discussed together. Finance Director James Finch gave a thorough explanation of both items. The sinking fund will be established and initially funded by the Blackstone Library. This fund is needed in order for the Blackstone to meet the challenges of future expenses and set up the library to remain sustainable. It will also help with planning for larger maintenance items. This fund will be managed by the town with the library identifying projects for its use. There were a number of questions surrounding the endowment balance and current and future rates of withdrawal.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Rep. Hynes and second by Rep. Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Prete, Chair
March 3, 2021