

**TOWN OF BOZRAH**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**ZOOM - VIDEO CONFERENCE**  
**April 27, 2020**

**Item 1:** Chairman Mike O'Connor called the Quarterly Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Finance(BOF) to order on the Video Conference Application Zoom on April 27, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Mike O'Connor, Raymond Barber, Michel Leask, Phil Lavallee, Ann Chambers and Evan Gilman.

Others Present: First Selectman Carl Zorn, Selectman Bill Ballinger, Selectman Glenn Pianka, Town Treasurer Diana Santo, Town Clerk Lynne Skinner, Tax Collector Nancy Renshaw, BOE Jeanne Goulart, Financial Manager Sue Lyon, BOE Ruth Levy, Specialized Director Eileen Hargreaves and 14 members of the public.

**Item 2:** Public Comment

Town Clerk Lynne Skinner, commented on her pay decrease in the proposed budget.

Glenn Pianka, Fitchville Road, commented that a mil rate of 25 is responsible.

**Item 3:** Review of Comments Sent for the Budgets Presented

M. O'Connor noted the board received the public comments on the proposed budgets via email.

P. Lavallee noted the boards should keep costs as low as possible.

A. Chambers noted the boards should find a way to cut some costs so that taxes can be reduced for the town. She noted her worries for small businesses during this time with the closures due to COVID.

R. Barber presented the board with the Bozrah population stats. He noted that 62 of the 1,442 working Bozrah citizens are unemployed at this time. He noted the BOF should return both budgets to the boards for revising. He noted there should be no pay increases for either board and the mil rate should be reduced to 25 or lower. R. Barber also noted according to the newspaper many towns are not paying for the buses while they are not running and the BOE should reconsider paying the bus company 82%. He noted there should be an undesignated surplus of 10% because the state may not honor all commitments to the town or BOE.

E. Gilman noted the boards should revise and resubmit the budgets, cutting and reducing wherever they can. He noted his own business' struggle to provide for their employees during this time with COVID. He suggested they keep 5-6% in the undesignated fund balance.

M. Leask noted the boards need to be sensitive to the situation with COVID and should keep the budgets as frugal as possible. She noted a mil rate of 25 is appropriate and that salaries should stay the same for both boards.

M. O'Connor noted the boards should only spend what is absolutely necessary, regardless of what the last year's budget looked like. He noted only items that are specific for this fiscal year should be included in the budgets.. He noted 10% should be in reserve. He also noted that the Board of Education should look into the special education costs, as they are a large part of the budget.

Eileen Hargreaves, Specialized Director, presented the board with a "Best Case Projection" and a "Worst Case Projection" for the next 5 years of special education costs.

Attachment 1 and Attachment 2

Jeanne Goulart, BOE Chair, noted the Board of Education had met the Thursday before and did some work to lower the budget. M.O'Connor noted the BOE needs to cut everything that they can and revisit their budget.

**Item 4: Approval of Budgets Presented or Changes Needed**

**MOTION 1:** P. Lavallee made a motion to send the budgets back to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education for review and adjustments based on the comments from the Board of Finance. M. Leask seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

M. O'Connor noted the boards will meet back in two weeks on May 11, 2020 with the revised budgets.

**Item 5: Public Comments**

Michel Leask, Scott Hill Road, commented on her appreciation for the work done on both boards.

Annie Chambers, Wawecus Hill Road, commented that the school could be regionalized.

**Item 6: Adjourn**

**MOTION 2:** A. Chambers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. R. Barber seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber  
Recording Secretary

**BOZRAH 5 YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION PROJECTION  
BEST CASE SCENARIO / LOWEST BUDGET IMPACT  
April 20 2020**

<b>OUTPLACEMENTS</b>	<b>GRADE</b>		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Sharp Training	18-21	Student A	25,159	26,166				
Sharp Training	12	Student B	22,465					
Sharp Training	12	Student H		15,700	16,171	16,656		
Sharp Training	9	Student O						
Sharp Training	8	Student S						29,451
Sharp Training ESY		Students ABC		4,170	4,296	4,425		
NTA	12	Student H		15,800	16,274	16,763		
River Run Academy	12	Student C	253,776	261,390	269,232	277,309		
Undetermined	11	Student D	3,770	92,000				
Thames Valley	11	Student E	66,717	68,719				
LEARN	5	Student F	88,750	91,413	94,156	96,981	99,891	102,888
LEARN ESY	5	Student F	8,458	8,712	8,974	9,244	9,522	9,808
Green Valley	1	Student G	66,717	68,719	70,781	72,905	75,093	77,346
Green Valley ESY	1	Student G	0	11,014	11,345	11,686	12,037	12,399
ConnColl PreK	PreK	Student BB		40,000	41,200	42,436	75,000	77,250
<b>subtotal</b>			<b>535,812</b>	<b>703,803</b>	<b>532,429</b>	<b>548,405</b>	<b>271,543</b>	<b>309,142</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>								
NFA ILSP	12	Student H	41,881					
NFA Resource	12	Student I	19,115					
NFA Resource	11	Student J	19,115	19,688				
NFA Sachem to Res.	11	Student K	28,361	19,688				
NFA Resource	10	Student L	19,115	19,688	20,279			
NFA Sachem 504	9	Student M	28,361	29,212	30,089	30,992		
Lyman Resource	9	Student N	8,027	20,035	20,636	21,256		
Lyman Vo-Ag	9	Student O	14,849	15,295	15,755	16,229		
<b>subtotal</b>			<b>178,824</b>	<b>123,606</b>	<b>86,759</b>	<b>68,477</b>		
<b>FMS</b>								
to Lyman Resource	8	Student P		8,268	20,636	21,256	21,894	22,551
to NFA Resource	8	Student Q		19,688	20,279	20,888	21,515	22,161
to Lyman Vo-AG	8	Student R		15,295	15,755	16,229	16,716	17,218
to NFA PACE	8	Student S		31,412	32,355	33,326	34,326	

to NFA Resource	7 Student T		20,279	20,888	21,515	22,161		
to NFA Resource	7 Student U		20,279	20,888	21,515	22,161		
to NFA PACE	7 Student V		20,279	20,888	21,515	22,161		
to NFA ILSP	7 Student W		44,432	45,765	47,138	48,553		
to NFA PACE	6 Student X			33,326	34,326	35,356		
to NFA Resource/504	6 Student Y			20,888	21,515	22,161		
to NFA Resource/504	6 Student Z			20,888	21,515	22,161		
moving	6 Student AA							
<b>subtotal</b>			<b>74,663</b>	<b>194,294</b>	<b>275,230</b>	<b>283,490</b>	<b>256,644</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>714,636</b>	<b>902,072</b>	<b>813,482</b>	<b>892,112</b>	<b>555,033</b>	<b>565,786</b>





**BOZRAH 5 YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION PROJECTION  
WORST CASE SCENARIO / HIGHEST BUDGET IMPACT  
April 20 2020**

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Sharp Training	12	Student B	22,465	26,166	26,951	27,760	
Sharp Training	12	Student H		15,700	16,171	16,656	
Sharp Training	9	Student O					28,593
Sharp Training	8	Student S					
Sharp Training ESY		Students ABC		8,340	8,590	5,899	
NTA	12	Student H		15,800	16,274	16,763	
River Run Academy	12	Student C	253,776	261,390	269,232	277,309	
Undetermined	11	Student D	3,770	92,000	94,760	97,603	100,532
Thames Valley	11	Student E	66,717	68,719	26,951	27,760	28,593
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ConnColl PreK	PreK	Student BB		40,000	41,200	42,436	75,000
<b>subtotal</b>			<b>535,812</b>	<b>734,139</b>	<b>712,336</b>	<b>703,002</b>	<b>429,261</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>							
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NFA Resource	12	Student I	19,115				
NFA Resource	11	Student J	19,115	19,688			
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moving	6	Student AA				20,888	21,515
<b>subtotal</b>				<b>74,663</b>	<b>194,294</b>	<b>296,118</b>	<b>305,005</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>714,636</b>	<b>932,408</b>	<b>993,389</b>	<b>1,067,597</b>	<b>734,266</b>



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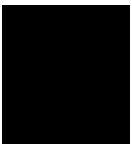
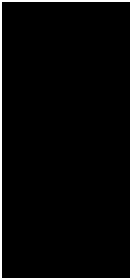
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