

MINUTES  
HAMPDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN /BOARD HEALTH  
MARCH 25, 2024  
5pm  
MINNECHAUG REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BUDGET ROUND TABLE

Chairman Davenport, Selectman Flynn, Selectman Rivest and Town Administrator Domina attended

5:02 PM Meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Hampden Wilbraham Region School District.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Boards in attendance each called to order.

Attendees introduced themselves. In addition to the Hampden representatives mentioned above those in attendance were, the Wilbraham Select Board, the Wilbraham Town Administrator, State Representative Puppolo, State Representative Ashe, Members of the Hampden Advisory Committee, Members of the Wilbraham Finance Committee, Superintendent Provost, and Aaron Osborne Asst Superintendent for Finance Operations and HR.

Mr. Osborne gave an overview of the proposed FY 25 budget for the Regional School District, assessments to the Towns, and capital needs.

Superintendent Provost gave a brief presentation regarding the academic standing of Minnechaug as compared to similar districts.

A lengthy discussion was had regarding vocational education, funding mechanisms, transportation costs, need for increased programing, wait lists, and equity in vocational education programs.

Several attendees expressed to the State Representatives the need for the state to live up to promises made for reimbursements for student transportation. Increased funding for special needs students was also a topic. The need for more equitable funding for regional districts particularly those in the western part of the state was a repeated theme expressed by several participants.

Meeting adjourned 6:36 PM