

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 20, 2022**

First Selectman Ryan Curley called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 and read the call of the meeting:

Pursuant to Chapter XII Section 1203.4 of the Town Charter, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. at the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, Connecticut, regarding the proposed supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$169,480. At the hearing, all interested persons may be heard and written communications will be received. Public Access through the Zoom Link A – www.portlandct.org

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “BOE”) has been awarded a Federal Communications Commission Emergency Connectivity Fund Program (CFDA 32.009) grant in the amount of \$169,480. The initial purchase of chromebooks was funded by capital lease proceeds. Based on the lease schedule approximately \$150,000 of principal will be paid back by September 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the funds should be used for similar chromebook purchases or other hardware technology; and

WHEREAS, the BOE has been awarded another grant from E-Rate that will directly provide to the BOE 370 chromebooks at roughly \$77,150. E-Rate will directly pay the vendor for the devices. The BOE will be responsible for licensing, warranty, carrying cases and accessories related to the devices; and

WHEREAS, the BOE requests to use a portion of the \$169,480 to cover these related chromebook charges for licensing, warranty, carrying cases and accessories. The remainder of the funds will be used for technology hardware such as, but not limited to, smartboards, projectors, laptops, desktop computers and printers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves an increase in estimated revenue #08-141-000-00114 of federal grants and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$169,480 in line item #08-141-000-89010 – Board of Education – System Wide BOE – Technology Upgrades.

Ryan indicated that this will have to go to a town meeting as well.

There were no comments from the public.

With no further comments the public hearing was closed at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon R. Hoy, Recording Clerk