

MINUTES OF THE WBOE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 12 December 2022, at 4.38pm to 5.24pmpm

(Meeting in Superintendent's Room at Beecher Road School and via Webex)

Attendees: Christine Syriac, Superintendent; Donna Coonan, Business Operations Manager; Jay Dahya, WBOE; Maria Madonick, WBOE; Sarah Beth Del Prete, WBOE; Lynn Piasyck, WBOE; Joseph DePalma (remote), Teacher; Tom Handler (remote), Town Representative.

1. Call to order
2. Public Comment: No public comment
3. Action(s) Taken: None
4. Items presented by the Administration for Discussion:
 - a. FY 2022/2023 operating budget narrative, operating budget report summary, and operating budget itemized report as of December 1, 2022.
 - b. FY 2023/2024 Superintendent's budget update

Discussion

(A) Administration forecasts a current year deficit of \$67,981 (for FY 2022/2023).

Key points:

1. Reasons for the deficit: incremental SPED transportation and SPED out of district tuition; CMERS underbudgeting, additional substitutes, audit and professional services, and heating. Some of these unanticipated expenses are temporarily offset by unused lines and vacancies.
2. The superintendent proposed transferring funds from interns to behavioral technicians and mentioned the likelihood of another outplacement for a student entering the district that would increase the deficit.
3. The deficit is in part covered by a portion of the excess cost grant to be returned back to the school as well as a reimbursement for SPED services on the choice program.
4. The superintendent also spoke about the budget timetable for 2023/2024.
5. Tom Handler, Town Representative, asked members of the committee on the swim program at the school and how we were planning to handle the pool situation?
6. Maria Madonick, WBOE, commented on the opportunity costs of the pool and the need for estimates and options on remediation costs.
7. NOTEL: Erin Williamson, WBOE, made a comment on lobbying the State on using some of their surplus this year toward SPED funding for schools. (This comment was not heard in public but made after the meeting adjourned once technical issues were resolved.)

Adjourn