

Proposed Revisions to WBOE Proposed 2022-23 Operating Budget

Woodbridge Board of Education January 27, 2022 Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D., Superintendent Richard Huot, Interim Director of Business Services & Operations

Reminder: The Objective of The Proposed Budget

This Proposed Operating Budget is recommended by the Board of

Education to maintain the excellence of Beecher Road School

within a time of escalating student needs, including those related

to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposed Revisions, Tier 1A

Line	Rationale	Proposed Revision	Impact
Medical Insurance - Active Employees (62700-1432)	Preliminary rate developments (1/18/22)	- \$426,734	None
Medical Insurance - Retired Employees (62700-1425)	Preliminary rate developments (1/18/22)	- \$128,919	None
Medical Insurance - Active Employees (62700-1432)	Shift of Food Services Supervisor benefits cost to Food Services budget	- \$13,400	None
Electricity (64100-1402)	Reconfirmation of electricity rate	- \$25,000	None
Heating (64200-1402)	Reconfirmation of heating rate	- \$5,000	None

Proposed Revisions, Tier 1B

Line	Rationale	Proposed Revision	Impact
Transportation Non-Public (65101-1403)	Reconfirmation of non-public transportation needs	- \$8,000	None
Building Improvement (64500-1402/1418)	Move to grant funding and/or Capital Budget	- \$53,600	None
Building Improvement (64500-XXXX)	New cost of oil tank remediation (if funded in Operating Budget)	+ \$40,000	Required by 12/21 CT DEEP regulations; see 1/13/22 Memo
Leases & Rentals - Special Education (64450-1301)	Reduction of 1 copy machine aligned with office reorganization	- \$3,331	None
Prof. Development (63200-XXXX)	Shifting to grant	- \$7,000	None

Proposed Revisions, Tier 2

Line	Rationale	Proposed Revision	Impact
Teaching Equipment - Special Education (67350-1303)	More conservative forecasting	- \$1,500	None (if forecast stays as predicted)
Computer Software - Special Education (66200-1301)	Scaling-back of implementation of State-required new IEP software	- \$3,000	Full cost deferred to FY24
Dues & Fees (68100-XXXX)	10% reduction, distribution TBD	- \$2,786	Reduced implementation of professional learning
Curriculum Writing (61201-1419)	Scaling-back of planned curriculum development	- \$4,400	Reduced implementation of District goal
Interns (65500-1401)	Reduction of 1 more intern (from 9 in current budget, to 7)	- \$20,000	Increased use of specialists & TAs to cover absent staff
Supplies (66100-XXXX)	10% cut on all supplies, distribution TBD	- \$33,337	Potential shifting to families of some instructional supplies costs

Proposed Revisions, Tier 3

Line	Rationale	Proposed Revision	Impact
Teacher Salaries - STEAM (61200-1434)	Reduction of proposed additional STEAM specialist teacher	- \$59,111	Reduced support for STEAM areas of the curriculum
Custodian Salaries (61303-1402)	Reduction of proposed half-time custodian	- \$25,000	Reduced support for health & sanitation needs
Teacher Salaries - Social Work (61203-1303)	Reduction of .5 additional social worker	- \$47,578	Reduced support for increasing SEL needs of students
Non-Certified Salaries - TA's (61600-1103)	Reduction of 3 proposed additional general education TAs	- \$82,086	Continued reduction in TA support for general education students
Teacher Salaries - Grade 3 (61200-1228)	Reduction of grade 3 section	- \$66,232	Class sizes (21, 21, 21, 21, 20) to exceed BOE guidelines (17-19)

Revisions beyond Tier 3?

Revisions beyond Tier 3 are not proposed. They would almost certainly involve consideration of one or more of:

- Additional class size increases beyond BOE guidelines
- Additional reductions in TA support for general education
- Personnel restructuring in other support staff areas
- Programmatic reductions in the arts, gifted servicing, library media, &/or STEAM
- Reductions in support for students needing intervention in literacy &/or mathematics *State mandates also constrict revisions in many of these areas.*

Potential Motions

• Move that we adopt the proposed revisions to the Woodbridge Board of Education Proposed 2022/23 Operating Budget, and authorize the Superintendent to transmit such revisions to the Town of Woodbridge in accordance with State statutes and Town procedures.