

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE SPECIAL WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Friday, January 28, 2022

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Meeting Number: 2489 695 2732

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CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Piascyk, Chair called the meeting to back to order (1:35 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Dr. Jay Dahya; Ms. Sarah Del Prete, Secretary; Ms. Brooke Hopkins; Mr. Jeff Hughes; Dr. Maria Madonick, Vice Chair; Dr. Michael Strambler; and Ms. Erin Williamson.

STAFF: Dr. Jonathan Budd, Superintendent; Richard Huot, Interim Director of Business Services / Operations; Cheryl Kiesel, Special Services Director; Analisa Sherman, Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

GUESTS: Dr. Tom Handler, BOF Liaison

Superintendent Budd noted the minor changes from the presentation yesterday, which included specifics related to the oil tank removal in the amount of \$40,000, Ezra transportation / health services, and revenue increases.

Tier 1A - \$599,053

➤ Medical Insurance – Active Employees	\$426,734
➤ Medical Insurance – Retired Employees	128,919
➤ Electricity	25,000
➤ Shift Food Services Supervisor Benefits to Food Service Budget	13,400
➤ Heating	5,000

Tier 1B - \$71,931

➤ Building Improvements	\$ 53,600
➤ Non-Public Transportation (Ezra)	8,000
➤ Professional Development – Shift to Grant	7,000
➤ SpEd Copier Elimination	3,331

Tier 2 - \$65,023

➤ Supplies	\$ 33,337
➤ Intern Reduction to 7	20,000
➤ Curriculum Writing	4,400
➤ SpEd Software	3,000
➤ Dues & Fees	2,786
➤ SpEd Teaching Equipment	1,500

Tier 3 - \$280,007 (Most, if not all, relate to New Staff)

➤ 3 General Education Teacher Assistants	\$ 82,086
➤ Grade 3 Teacher – Additional Section	66,232
➤ Additional STEAM Teacher	59,111
➤ .5 Additional Social Work	47,578
➤ Proposed .5 Custodian	25,000

As discussed previously at the January 27 meeting, there was general consensus that the only acceptable reductions were in Tiers 1A and 1B which would result in a 9.5% increase (9.2% if the oil tank removal is not included).

It is unlikely that revenue amounts will change significantly in the coming year. PK tuition is limited to typical peer families and federal and state grants are not expected to increase, and the \$4,000 reimbursement for each Open Choice student has already been applied to Transportation.

MOTION #1 – PROPOSED REVISION TO 2022/23 OPERATING BUDGET

Move that we adopt Tiers 1A and 1B of the proposed revisions to the Woodbridge Board of Education Proposed 2022/23 Operating Budget, with the exception of Building Improvements on Tier 1B and with the addition of all of Tier 2 and authorize the Superintendent to transmit such revisions to the Town of Woodbridge in accordance with State statutes and Town procedures and to request Capital Budget or other Town support to fund the necessary oil tank remediation project.

Ms. Piascyk

No Second

MOTION DOES NOT CARRY

There was general agreement the oil tank remediation should be deferred to Capital Projects. It was noted that the building improvements included HVAC, upgrades in technology and communications and could be moved back into the Operating Budget next year.

Discussion ensued regarding the Excess Cost Grant legalities and whether those monies should be returned to BRS instead of the Town. There has been a long-standing process for these monies going to the town and the Board of Education always having the option to go to the Town when special education costs have exceeded budgeted amounts. Historically, the district has budgeted only for known students, not unanticipated future ones. It was suggested that a discussion be held with the Town to determine what the best approach might be.

MOTION 2 – REVISIONS TO THE 2022/23 OPERATING BUDGET

Move that we adopt Tiers 1A and 1B of 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 and to request Capital Budget or other Town support to fund the necessary oil tank remediation project.

Ms. Williamson

Dr. Madonick

A friendly amendment was suggested by Dr. Madonick to also include the reduction in interns (\$20,000). The friendly amendment was denied and the motion as originally stated was voted. It was further clarified that this motion includes moving building improvements (*HVAC improvements, technology wiring improvements, telecommunications improvements and architect fees for roof replacement project*) into the proposed capital budget along with costs associated with the removal of the oil tank.

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The Board agreed that, given current schedules and time constraints of individual board members, the Executive Session items would be rescheduled to a Special Meeting to be conducted sometime next week.

MOTION #3 – TABLE AGENDA ITEM III

Move that we table Agenda Item III.

Dr. Madonick

Second Dr. Dahya

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The Board extended a sincere thank you to administration for their efforts and as well as Board members for their commitment and dedication to the job of being Board of Education members.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (2:24 PM)

Ms. Williamson

Second by Ms. Hopkins

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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board