

Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting - Budget Workshop

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:00 PM

Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, PO Box 253, Bethel, CT 06801

1. Call to Order

Speaker(s): Policy
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1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Budget Workshop (Facilities)

3. Correspondence

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4. Public Comment

(Please note: The Board welcomes Public Comment and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 2 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. The Board will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about Board of Education personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the Bethel Public School System.)

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5. Adjourn

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#	Name - Initials	Question(s)	Answer(s)
Facilities - January 24, 2023			
1.	BF JL SC CS	As we have had in the past could we get a breakout of those items included in "School Building Repairs and Maintenance".	Yes, it is now posted in the shared drive. Hardcopies are available at the budget workshop.
2.	JL	In C)313 preventive maintenance why such a large cut in #5 Clock/Intercom/Public intercom system 50%?	We are in the process of replacing the PA Systems at three schools, BHS & BMS and Berry. We are anticipating that the new systems will require less maintenance in 23-24.
3.	JL	In C313 preventive maintenance why the cut to line 14 roof warranty/maintenance?	Roof Warranty maintenance is increasing from \$11,000 to \$13,000.
4.	BF	Which projects have not and will not be completed this year that were listed for this year.	BHS: Replaced damaged restroom wall partitions BMS: Replace restroom wall partitions Johnson: Install loading dock doorbell for deliveries Berry: Additional Parking Lot Signage Berry: Re-stripping of vehicle parking - rear teacher's lot Berry: Repair and/or replace worn areas of carpet * Rockwell: Install loading dock doorbell for deliveries Rockwell: Paint boiler room flooring * * Prioritized out of 23-24 budget
5.	MO KD	Follow up to comment 1. above, does proposed budget for building repairs and maintenance cover known and anticipated (including emergency) repairs?	The School Building Repairs and Maintenance budget includes only the repairs listed in the breakout. The funds for emergency repairs are in the Outside Contractor Funding line.

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6.	MO CS	Preventive maintenance contracts for HVAC are up nearly 25%. Please explain. If maintenance on new equipment increases, would repair costs on old equipment drop?	Historically, we have been paying for the majority of our HVAC work on a time and materials basis, as our existing maintenance contract only includes a cursory visual inspection of equipment. Our new contract will cover more regular maintenance as well as regular testing of equipment to identify signs of equipment failure. We have shifted funding from outside contractors and the boiler's maintenance line to offset the cost of the HVAC maintenance.
7.	MO	Roof warranty/maintenance shared with Town- what is the pro rata or formula to allocate this item between Town and District?	The current contract explicitly lists the fees for our five school buildings as \$11,081.67. The cost per building is based on the square footage of the roof.
8.	SC	Why are mandated inspections in C) 313 (alarms, sprinkler, kitchen hoods etc.) all up in cost? Are these costs all the results of inflation?	The budget for the state boiler and elevator inspections was increased by \$50 each in anticipation of an increase next year. The inspection and maintenance services for burglar alarms, fire alarms, sprinkler systems and elevators were increased approximately 3% each in anticipation of next year's fee increases.
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