

Agenda

- I. ***Mission – To create and foster a learning community that prepares children to be flexible, lifelong learners, and responsible global citizens.***

Vision – To empower and inspire future leaders who will positively impact our world.

2025/26 Goals

Student Growth and Success – To promote and foster high expectations for student growth, active learning and academic excellence for all learners.

Community – To foster a strong sense of community through collaboration and communication.

II. **Preliminary Business / Motions**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Correspondence - *Correspondence may be submitted via email no later than 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting to mdegennaro@woodbridgeps.org*
- D. Public Comment - *The Board welcomes public participation. We ask that speakers please limit their comments to three minutes. Please be aware that the Board will not respond to any comments made during the public comment period, except to clarify issues, but we will take into consideration your comments, and when appropriate, district administration will follow-up with you at a later point in time. Public Comment may be submitted electronically to mdegennaro@woodbridgeps.org*

III. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes from the January 8, 2026 Special Meeting and the January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
- B. Budget Narrative Report
- C. Budget Summary Report
- D. Budget Detail Report
- E. Combining Financial Statements

IV. **Reports**

- A. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. STEAM Presentation
 - 2. BRS Update
- B. BRS Infrastructure Building Committee
- C. Curriculum Committee

- D. Finance Committee
- E. CABA Liaison Report
- F. Upcoming Meeting Presentation(s): WBOE Appreciation

V. **New Business**

VI. **Other**

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- B. Executive Session, in accordance with State Statute
 - 1. Mid-Year Evaluation of the Superintendent

VII. **Adjournment**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2026

BRS South Assembly Room

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair, called the meeting to order (6:41 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Piascyk, Steven Lawrence, Sarah Beth Del Prete, Jackie Cappiello, Megan Conaster, Jeff Hughes, Dr. Michael Strambler, Saurabh Vilekar and Ms. Erin Williamson.

STAFF: Christopher Montini, Superintendent; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

Ms. Piascyk outlined the process for election of officers in accordance with Board Policies 9110, 9120, 9121, 9122 and 9123. The floor was opened for nominations for Chair.

MOTION #1 – NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

I nominate Steven Lawrence to serve as Chair of the Woodbridge Board of Education.

Ms. Conaster

Second by Mr. Vilekar

MOTION #2 – NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

I nominate Lynn Piascyk to serve as Chair of the Woodbridge Board of Education.

Mr. Hughes

Ms. Piascyk thanked Mr. Hughes for the nomination. She noted that as she had only two years remaining on her term and did not intend to run again, it was her belief that it was important to transition to new leadership and was therefore respectfully declining the nomination.

No other nominations were made and nominations for chair were closed.

MOTION #1 – NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

I nominate Steven Lawrence to serve as Chair of the Woodbridge Board of Education.

Ms. Conaster

Second by Mr. Vilekar

UNANIMOUS

Mr. Lawrence was elected Chair and thanked the Board for their support. Board members extended a sincere thank you to Ms. Piascyk for her leadership, guidance and grace over the last 10 years in serving on the Board.

Mr. Lawrence opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION #3 – NOMINATIONS - VICE CHAIR

I nominate Lynn Piascyk to serve as Vice Chair of the Woodbridge Board of Education.

Ms. Del Prete

Second by Mr. Hughes

UNANIMOUS

There were no other nominations and nominations for Vice Chair were closed. Ms. Piascyk accepted the nomination for Vice Chair and thanked the Board for their continued support.

Mr. Lawrence opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

MOTION #4 – NOMINATIONS - SECRETARY

I nominate Sarah Beth Del Prete to serve as Secretary of the Woodbridge Board of Education.

Ms. Piascyk

Second by Ms. Cappiello

UNANIMOUS

There were no other nominations and nominations for Secretary were closed. Ms. Del Prete looked forward to continuing her role as Secretary and thanked the Board for their support.

The Board reviewed meeting protocols, procedures and general functionalities in accordance with current board policies. Committee Chairs provided overviews of the work of each committee and new meeting schedules were developed. As it is anticipated schedule and topic adjustments could occur over the summer, the schedule will be in effect through June 2026. Based on the discussion committee membership and adjustments are as follows:

CURRICULUM will shift to the *FIRST WEDNESDAY*, meeting on *February 4, April 1 and June 3 at 4:00 PM* with membership comprised of Chair – Dr. Michael Strambler, Sarah Beth Del Prete and Jackie Cappiello.

FACILITIES will remain the same meeting on the *FIRST THURSDAY* on *March 5 and May 7 at 7:30 AM* with membership comprised of Chair – Jeff Hughes, Lynn Piascyk and Saurabh Vilekar.

FINANCE will shift to the *SECOND MONDAY*, meeting monthly on *January 12, February 9, March 9, April 6 (1st Monday), May 11 and June 8 at 4:30 PM* with membership comprised of Chair – Steven Lawrence, Lynn Piascyk, Sarah Beth Del Prete and Megan Conaster.

POLICY will remain the same meeting on the *FIRST MONDAY* on *February 2, April 6 and June 1 at 4:30 PM* with membership comprised of Chair – Erin Williamson, Lynn Piascyk and Megan Conaster.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:25 PM)

Ms. Piascyk

Second by Ms. Del Prete

UNANIMOUS

Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026
BRS South Assembly Room**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lawrence, called the meeting to order (7:01 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Lawrence, Chair; Lynn Piascyk, Vice Chair; Sarah Beth Del Prete, Secretary (7:04 PM); Jackie Cappiello; Megan Conaster; Jeff Hughes; Dr. Michael Strambler (7:02 PM); Saurabh Vilekar and Erin Williamson.

STAFF: Christopher Montini, Superintendent; Analisa Sherman, Principal; Matthew Madruga, Cheryl Tafel, Assistant Principals; Carrie Borcharding, Special Services Director; Donna Coonan, Director of Business Services/ Operations and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE – an email was received regarding inclusion of Three Kings Day in the student calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented. (Piascyk/Strambler)

IN FAVOR: Messrs. Hughes, Lawrence; Ms. Cappiello, Ms. Conaster, Ms. Piascyk, Dr. Strambler and Ms. Williamson

ABSTAIN: Mr. Vilekar

MOTION PASSES 7-0-1

Ms. Del Prete arrived (7:04 PM)

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Montini extended congratulations to the new Board members and officers. As part of the 2026/27 budget presentation, and in context to other town department calculations, the removal of benefits adjusts the overall increase to 3.1%. Several legislative priorities include the increase of ECS funding, elimination of the Kindergarten waiver, full funding of the SpEd Excess Cost Grant, shifting the responsibility of Open Choice PPT's to the sending district, shifting home schooling oversight to the CSDE / RESC instead of the local level, and modifications / timeline adjustments to the Clean Air Act transportation emission requirements.

School Climate Update – Recent legislative changes shifted the focus from bullying to challenging behavior and from a reactive to proactive approach. The plan developed in accordance with the CSDE rubric addresses each of the five standards. The Board adopted School Climate Policy 5131.911 at their May 20, 2025 meeting. The district is committed to promoting a secure and happy school climate, conducive to teaching and learning, that is free from threat, harassment, and any type of challenging behavior in a school environment in which students feel safe, supported, engaged, and helpfully challenged that is optimal for learning and healthy development.

The School Climate Coordinator is Assistant Principal Madruga and the School Climate Specialist Assistant Principal Tafel. In addition, a School Climate Committee comprised of teachers, specialists and parents assist in the training requirements, review of survey data, development of restorative practices and aligning the work with Responsive Classroom strategies and CARES initiatives. The School Climate Committee revised the *Challenging Behavior Reporting, Investigation and Response Process Notification Forms* replacing previous *Bullying Investigation Forms*. In accordance with the CT School Climate Standards, the new plan adheres to:

1. A shared vision and plan for promoting and sustaining a positive school climate that focuses on prevention, identification, and response to all challenging behavior.
2. Adoption of policies that promote:
 - a. a sound school environment that develops and sustains academic, social, emotional, ethical, civic, and intellectual skills; and

- b. a restorative school environment focused on overcoming barriers to teaching and learning by building and supporting meaningful school-wide relationships, and intentionally re-engaging any disengaged students, educators, and families of students in the school community.
3. Identified practices prioritized and supported to:
 - a. promote learning and the positive academic, social, emotional, ethical, and civic development of students;
 - b. enhance engagement in teaching, learning, and school-wide activities;
 - c. address barriers to teaching and learning; and
 - d. develop and sustain a restorative infrastructure that builds capacity, accountability, and sustainability.
4. Create a school environment where everyone is safe, welcomed, supported, and included in all school-based activities.
5. Create a restorative system that cultivates a sense of belonging through norms and activities that promote social and civic responsibility and a dedication to cultural responsiveness, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Results of the 2024/25 climate survey designed for students in Grades 3-6 were shared. It was noted that while questions were similar, the survey was different from surveys conducted by Panorama in previous years and lack the national benchmark comparison factors. There was also limited staff (58) and parent (106) participation. Adjustments to allow for enhancement of student answers, opportunities for parent completion during conference times as well as the timing of dissemination will be explored.

BRS Update – Ms. Sherman noted the positive feedback and improvement on the Tools for Schools initiative, HMH small PLC group work, the December Winter Concert, TAG testing, the Mad Science Fire & Ice event, the annual book swap the week of January 26, the PTO sponsored Read-a-Thon February 2-6 and Friday morning Grade 2 hallway singing.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Hughes reviewed the January 8 meeting, which noted completion of Radon testing, HVAC filter changes, installation of two Annihilare cleaning units and replacement of a failed chiller computer board. Also, as current classroom thermostats are no longer manufactured, an upgrade replacement plan is in process.

Finance Committee – Mr. Lawrence noted there is a current surplus of \$71,000 with minimal changes from last month. With all sped para vacancies filled with the exception of one, hiring is parallel to what was originally budgeted.

Policy Committee – Ms. Williamson presented the policies currently under 30-day review for adoption.

MOTION #2 – POLICY 2000 Move that we adopt Policy 2000 – Concept and Roles in Administration as submitted. (Williamson/Piascyk **Unanimous**)

MOTION #3 – POLICY 2100 Move that we adopt Policy 2100 – Administrative Staff Organization as submitted. (Williamson/Strambler **Unanimous**)

MOTION #4 – POLICY 2111 Move that we adopt Policy 2111 – Equal Employment Opportunity as submitted. (Williamson/Conaster **Unanimous**)

MOTION #5 – POLICY 2112 Move that we adopt Policy 2112 – Professional Development as submitted. (Williamson/Cappiello **Unanimous**)

MOTION #6 – POLICY 2120 Move that we adopt Policy 2120 – Organization Chart as revised. (Williamson/Strambler **Unanimous**)

MOTION #7 – POLICY 2121 Move that we adopt Policy 2121 – Lines of Responsibility as revised. (Williamson/Piascyk **Unanimous**)

MOTION #8 – POLICY 2130 Move that we adopt Policy 2130 – Job Descriptions as submitted. (Williamson/Conaster **Unanimous**)

MOTION #9 – POLICY 2131 Move that we adopt Policy 2131 – Superintendent of Schools as revised. (Williamson/Conaster **Unanimous**)

MOTION #10 – POLICY 2131.1 Move that we adopt Policy 2131.1 – Appointment of Designee for Superintendent as submitted. (Williamson/Hughes **Unanimous**)

MOTION #11 – POLICY 2140.1 Move that we adopt Policy 2140.1 – Superintendent Succession as submitted. (Williamson/Strambler **Unanimous**)

MOTION #12 – POLICY 2210 Move that we adopt Policy 2210 – Administrative Leeway in Absence of Board Policy as submitted. (Williamson/Hughes **Unanimous**)

MOTION #13 – POLICY 2220 Move that we adopt Policy 2220 – Representative and Deliberative Groups as revised. (Williamson /Del Prete **Unanimous**)

MOTION #14 – POLICY 2230 Move that we adopt Policy 2230 – Reports and Recordkeeping / Control and Communication Channels & Systems as revised. (Williamson/Hughes **Unanimous**)

MOTION #15 – POLICY 2231 Move that we adopt Policy 2231 – Policy and Regulations Systems as revised. (Williamson/Conaster **Unanimous**)

MOTION #16 – POLICY 2400 Move that we adopt Policy 2400 – Evaluation of Administrators and Administration as revised. (Williamson/Strambler **Unanimous**)

CABE Liaison – Ms. Del Prete extended an invitation for Board members to attend CABE Day on the Hill on March 11, as well as two upcoming webinars on February 25 *Deep Dive into the Budget Process* and March 19 *Best Practices for Financial Oversight*.

Upcoming Meeting Presentations – Presentation of the 2026/27 Budget to the BOS / BOF on January 27 at 6:00 PM. The regular February 23 meeting will be held in the BRS South Assembly Room at 7:00 PM and will include a presentation on STEAM. Committee meetings are as follows: Policy – February 2 at 4:30 PM, Curriculum – February 4 at 4:00 PM and Finance – February 9 at 4:30 PM all in the Superintendent’s Conference Room.

NEW BUSINESS

Certified Staff Retirements

Superintendent Montini noted the accomplishments of Mr. Chase since his hire in 1997 and during his 28 years of service as a classroom teacher in Grades 4, 5 and 6 to BRS Students.

MOTION #17 – CERTIFIED STAFF RETIREMENT (CHASE) Move that we accept the retirement of Daniel Chase effective June 30, 2026 with regret. (Piascyk/Del Prete **Unanimous**)

Superintendent Montini noted the achievements of Ms. Simoniello since her hire in 1997 and during her 28 years of service as a Special Education teacher to BRS students.

MOTION #18 – CERTIFIED STAFF RETIREMENT (SIMONIELLO) Move that we accept the retirement of Susan Simoniello effective June 30, 2026 with regret. (Piascyk/Conaster **Unanimous**)

The Board extended a sincere thank you to both for their service.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:23 PM (Piascyk/Hughes **Unanimous**)

Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

Woodbridge Public School's 2025-2026 Budget Narrative

January 31, 2026

The attached financial reports represent seven months (58%) of the fiscal year.

100 Series Salaries - Salaries represent 61% of the budget. The savings in the certified category increased by \$44K because we moved some additional teacher expense to the grant fund to be covered by PreK tuition, and we removed the placeholder for an additional PreK section in the second half of the school year. Those reductions in future expenses were offset slightly for honorarium payments that will be due to our two teacher retirees at the end of this year. Savings in the non-certified category is due remained roughly the same as the prior month. Overall our salary savings are estimated at \$273K for the year.

200 Series Benefits – Benefits are 21% of our budget is based on the elections of last year's staff. With the recent hiring of some vacant para positions we are now estimating a little less surplus in FICA and CMERS, but we estimate a little less overage in health insurance. Overall the benefits category is showing an estimated deficit of \$31K for the year. This is due mainly to a few more employees taking our health insurance than was budgeted.

300 Series Purchased Professional Services- This category represents 3% of our budget and includes legal, audit and other expenses that are generated on a month-by-month basis. The overall deficit in this category increased about \$4K to \$20K as additional legal expenses are incurred in special education.

400 Series Purchased Property Services - Utility budgets are 4% of the total budget. We've had another very cold month and both our electric and heating lines are ahead of where they were last year at this time. We have therefor estimated additional utility expense for the year and now anticipate this category being \$58K over budget. In addition to the projected overage in utilities, we had an unbudgeted \$20K increase in our micorturbine maintenance agreement.

500 Series Other Purchased Services - This category is 9% of our budget and includes student transportation, tuition, interns, liability insurance and items that do not fall within the professional services/property services categories. The overall estimated deficit of \$78K increased by about \$11K this month due to additional special education transportation expenses required and the liability insurance premium for the district's medical advisor.

600 Series Materials and Supplies – These supplies account for 2% of our budget. With the exception of custodial/maintenance supplies, this category is direct support for classroom instruction. We anticipate utilizing all of these funds.

700 Series Furniture and Equipment - This category represents 6/10 of one percent of the budget and we currently project to utilize all budgeted funds.

800 Series Dues and Fees – This budget category is small but important as it links staff to professional organizations that help keep them up-to-date in their respective academic fields.

900 Series Misc. Expenses - The primary expense in this category is the Ezra Nurse, a non-public health expense we are required by law to maintain.

**WOODBIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTH SUMMARY REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDED 1-31-2026**

OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	ADOPTED BUDGET	EXPENDED TO DATE	ENCUMBERED TO DATE	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL	(OVER) UNDER YEAR END
100	TOTAL SALARIES	11,288,309	5,035,881	5,932,244	320,185	47,054	273,130
200	TOTAL BENEFITS	3,707,798	2,127,561	-	1,580,237	1,611,899	(31,662)
300	TOTAL PROFESS. SERVICES	533,224	174,176	69,632	289,416	309,446	(20,030)
400	TOTAL PROPERTY SERVICES	671,312	404,421	62,524	204,367	262,571	(58,204)
500	OTHER SERVICES	1,797,314	1,010,340	781,487	5,486	83,877	(78,390)
600	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	386,993	194,952	24,959	167,082	167,082	-
700	TOTAL PROPERTY SERVICES	108,800	81,484	905	26,411	26,411	-
800	TOTAL DUES, FEES, MISC.	32,105	22,773	1,982	7,350	7,350	-
TOTAL ADOPTED BUDGET		18,525,855	9,051,589	6,873,733	2,600,533	2,515,690	84,844

OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	ADOPTED BUDGET	EXPENDED TO DATE	ENCUMBERED TO DATE	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL	(OVER) UNDER YEAR END
390	SPED SERVICES/CONSULTING	216,380	53,982	46,516	115,882	87,882	28,000
510	TRANSPORTATION	329,662	142,059	203,883	(16,280)	23,000	(39,280)
560	TUITION SPECIAL ED	373,480	236,523	238,058	(101,101)	-	(101,101)
SPECIAL EDUCATION CARVEOUT		919,522	432,563	488,457	(1,498)	110,882	(112,380)

SUMMARY	
Special Ed Surplus / (Deficit)	(112,380)
Under / (Over) Spending in OTHER programs	197,224
Total Surplus / (Deficit) Projected	84,844

**WOODBRIIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTHLY DETAIL BY OBJECT
FOR THE MONTH ENDED January 31, 2026**

Object Code	Descriptions	Adopted Budget	Expended to Date	Encumbered to Date	Available Balance	Estimated Additional	Projected Year-End Balance
110	Administrators	1,029,488	591,947	436,025	1,515		1,515
120	Teachers - Regular	6,117,471	2,545,900	3,319,157	252,415	75,675	176,740
120	Teachers - Special Education	1,181,574	539,947	676,422	(34,795)	(40,788)	5,993
1201	Psychologist	212,415	74,385	101,433	36,597		36,597
1203	Counselor	127,308	68,774	105,020	(46,487)		(46,487)
Sub-Total Certified Salaries		8,668,256	3,820,953	4,638,058	209,246	34,888	174,358
1303	Custodians	480,915	268,488	214,592	(2,165)	(2,165)	-
140	Nurses	191,188	84,872	100,259	6,057	6,057	-
150	Secretaries, Clerical	450,466	235,106	200,117	15,244	4,500	10,744
160	Paraprofessionals	364,785	99,731	122,930	142,123		142,123
1601	Special Education Paraprofess.	857,412	382,942	501,955	(27,485)	(10,725)	(16,760)
170/10	Salaries OT / PT	93,940	61,706	90,559	(58,325)		(58,325)
190	IT Manager and Asst.	83,596	48,976	38,261	(3,641)		(3,641)
190	Salaries, Miscellaneous	97,751	33,106	25,514	39,131	14,500	24,631
Sub-Total Non-Certified Salaries		2,620,053	1,214,928	1,294,186	110,939	12,167	98,772
TOTAL SALARIES		11,288,309	5,035,881	5,932,244	320,185	47,054	273,130
220	FICA	337,719	137,007		200,712	171,311	29,401
230	CMERS	457,843	144,190		313,653	297,176	16,478
270	Medical Insurance	2,866,923	1,827,683		1,039,240	1,120,290	(81,050)
280	Life Insurance	34,463	17,923		16,540	13,030	3,510
2902	Other Employee Benefits	10,850	758		10,092	10,092	-
TOTAL BENEFITS		3,707,798	2,127,561	0	1,580,237	1,611,899	(31,662)
320	Professional Development	37,325	5,972	573	30,780	30,780	-
330	Legal Fees	55,000	35,488	22,543	(3,030)	15,000	(18,030)
340	Software Support	30,250	18,377		11,873	11,873	-
350	Substitutes	149,435	57,907		91,528	91,528	-
390/01	Consultant Services	216,380	53,982	46,516	115,882	87,882	28,000
3902	Financial Audit	29,400			29,400	29,400	-
390	Other Prof/Tech. Services	15,434	2,451		12,983	42,983	(30,000)
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		533,224	174,176	69,632	289,416	309,446	(20,030)
410/01	Utilities - Electric and Water	165,500	108,704		56,796	70,000	(13,204)
420	Heating	105,000	65,706		39,294	64,294	(25,000)
430	Repairs and Maintenance	84,000	21,157	18,156	44,687	44,687	-
450	Leases and Rentals	110,123	76,806		33,317	33,317	-
4501	Building Improvements	10,500			10,500	10,500	-
490	Other Purchased Services	27,620	18,061	8,421	1,138	1,138	-
4901	Service Contracts	168,569	113,987	35,947	18,635	38,635	(20,000)
TOTAL PROPERTY SERVICES		671,312	404,421	62,524	204,367	262,571	(58,204)
510	Pupil Transportation-Regular	524,118	230,260	247,842	46,016	8,000	38,016
510	Pupil Transportation-Spec. Educ.	329,662	142,059	203,883	(16,280)	23,000	(39,280)
520	Insurance-General Liability	155,209	144,662	23,480	(12,933)		(12,933)
5201	Worker's Compensation	284,804	204,673	68,224	11,907		11,907
530	Telephone Services	18,531	14,323		4,208	9,208	(5,000)
535	Internet	25,120	18,334		6,786	6,786	-
537	Postage	6,840	672		6,168	6,168	-

**WOODBRIIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTHLY DETAIL BY OBJECT
FOR THE MONTH ENDED January 31, 2026**

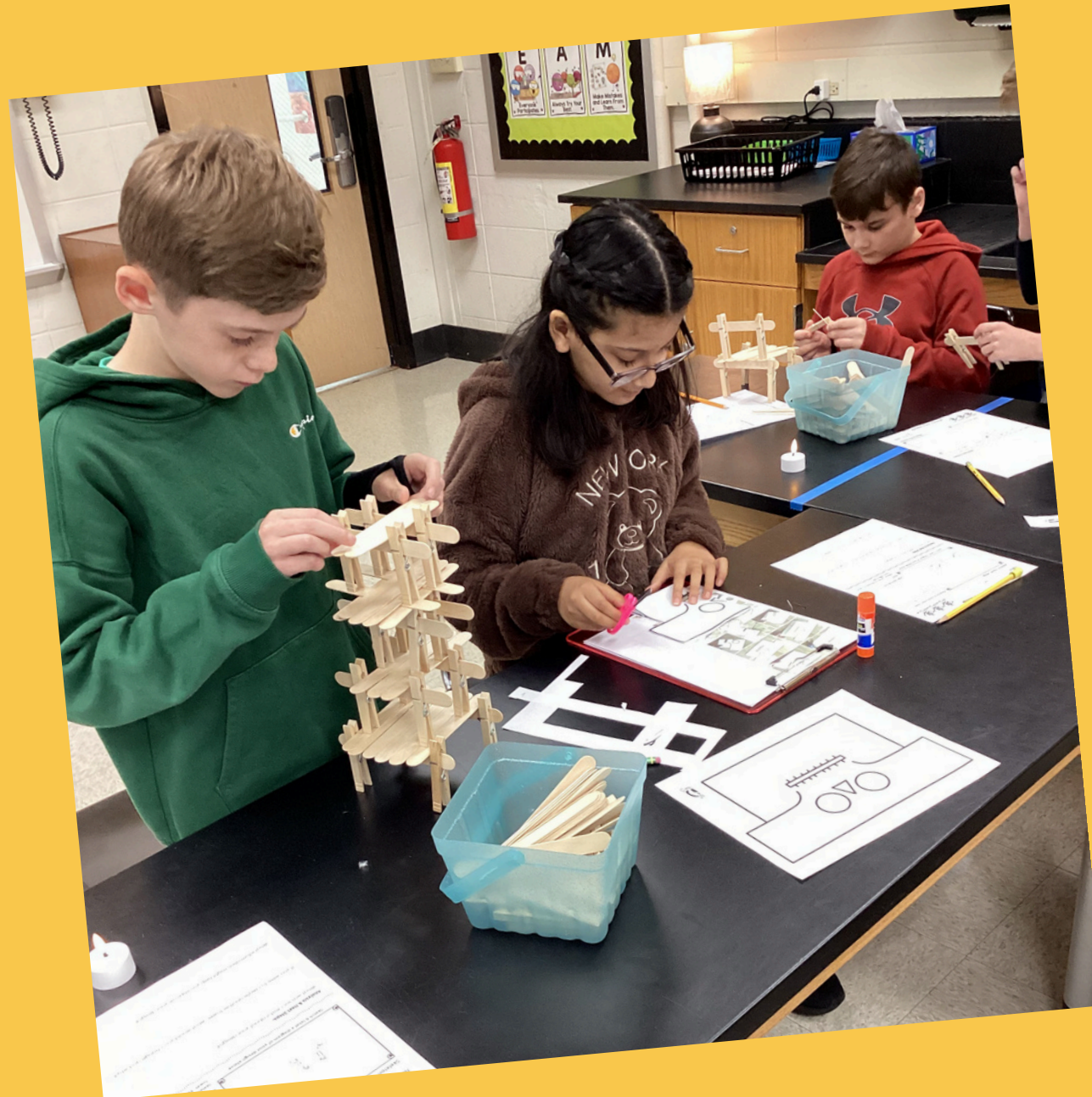
Object Code	Descriptions	Adopted Budget	Expended to Date	Encumbered to Date	Available Balance	Estimated Additional	Projected Year-End Balance
540	Advertising	1,000			1,000	1,000	-
550	Interns	57,000	16,500		40,500	16,500	24,000
560	Tuition - Wintergreen	6,000			6,000		6,000
560	Tuition - Out of District	373,480	236,523	238,058	(101,101)		(101,101)
590	Other Purchased Services	15,550	2,335		13,215	13,215	-
TOTAL OTHER PURCH SERVICES		1,797,314	1,010,340	781,487	5,486	83,877	(78,390)
610	Instructional Supplies	151,925	75,984	6,575	69,366	69,366	-
620	Computer Software	85,288	49,782		35,506	35,506	-
625	Supplies Nurses	5,370	3,228	820	1,322	1,322	-
630	Supplies Custodial	56,050	28,744	13,412	13,895	13,895	-
635	Supplies Office	13,000	3,999		9,001	9,001	-
640	Books and Audio Visual	18,000	11,903	2,374	3,723	3,723	-
645	Subscriptions	30,960	4,307	1,421	25,232	25,232	-
650	Testing	22,700	16,386	358	5,956	5,956	-
690	Misc. Supplies - DW Security	3,700	618		3,082	3,082	-
TOTAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		386,993	194,952	24,959	167,082	167,082	0
732	Computer Hardware	89,800	78,342	905	10,553	10,553	-
735	Equipment - Teaching	8,000			8,000	8,000	-
740	Equipment - Building	5,000	1,415		3,585	3,585	-
745	Furniture	6,000	1,728		4,272	4,272	-
TOTAL PROPERTY		108,800	81,484	905	26,411	26,411	-
810	Dues and Fees	22,605	19,741	1,982	882	882	-
900	Other Fees	9,500	3,033		6,467	6,467	-
TOTAL DUES AND FEES		32,105	22,773	1,982	7,350	7,350	-
TOTAL ADOPTED BUDGET		18,525,855	9,051,589	6,873,733	2,600,533	2,515,690	84,844



Beecher Road School

STEAM Program

Engaging Minds Through Innovation



Analisa Sherman & Tiffany Bucko

Woodbridge Board of Education

February 26, 2026

What is STEAM?

Science

Understanding the natural world

Technology

Using tools, materials, or digital resources

Engineering

The design process

Arts

Incorporating design principles, aesthetics, and creative thinking

Math

Applying measurement, logic, and data analysis

What are the characteristics of STEAM?

Integrated Learning

Standards-Based

Process-Oriented

Real-World Context

Creative Constraints

Iterative Design

Authentic Assessments

Equitable

Benefits of STEAM Education

CRITICAL THINKING

Empowers students to **analyze information**, **evaluate options**, and **make informed decisions** essential for navigating today's complex challenges and opportunities.

CREATIVITY

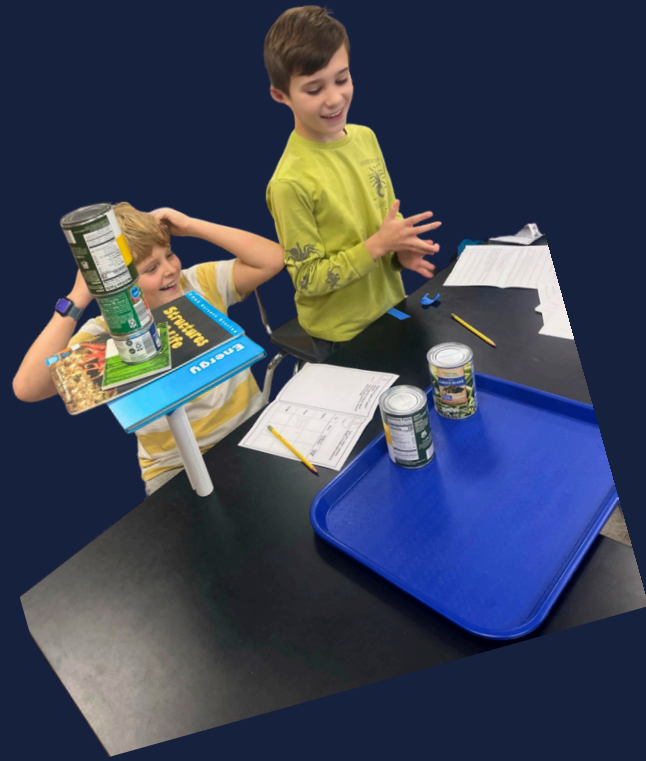
Inspires **innovative solutions** where students engage in self-discovery and **express ideas** through various media, while fostering curiosity.

PROBLEM-SOLVING

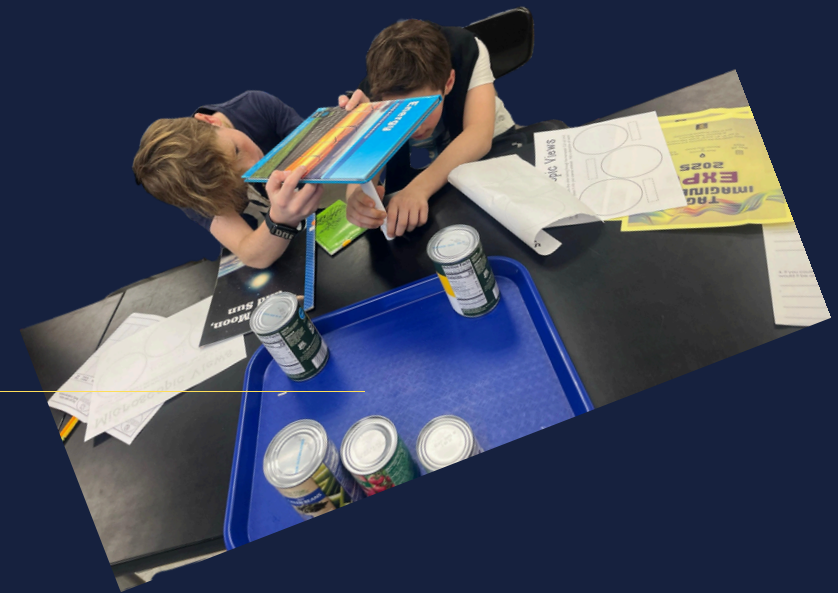
Stimulates exploration of real-world issues via hands-on projects, prompting students to **collaborate**, **experiment**, and **apply** their knowledge.

FUTURE CAREERS

Builds foundational skills necessary for STEAM-related fields.



Connecting STEAM with Science



Beecher Science Curriculum



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grades K-6 Science Curriculum 2025-26

*The suggested pacing is an estimated time frame.

Kindergarten		
Unit	Title/Topic/Unit Link	Approx. Pacing*
1	Circle Of Seasons Kindergarten- Unit 1	September/October
2	Wild Weather Kindergarten-Unit 2	November/December
3	Sunny Skies Kindergarten- Unit 3	January
4	Force Olympics Kindergarten- Unit 4	February/March
5	Plant Secrets Kindergarten-Unit 5	March/April
6	Animal Secrets Kindergarten- Unit 6	May/June
Grade 1		



STEAM Challenge Examples

"STEAM is not a cookie cutter project. If the directions were written step by step this would not be a STEAM Challenge, it would be a craft. Students need to be allowed to think out of the box with a few constraints of materials and time." – Carol from "Teachers are Terrific"



Next Steps...

- **On-going curriculum writing**
- **On-going development of STEAM Challenges**
- **Seeking professional development opportunities to strengthen both science and STEAM instruction**
- **Acquisition of resources/materials for STEAM challenges**

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