Special Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 6:30 PM
LP Wilson Community Center, Board Room, 601 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095

1. **Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence**
2. **Audience to Visitors**
3. **Presentation on Nutritional Guidelines and Food Service**
4. **Discussion of Budget Assumptions FY 18**
5. **Announcements**
6. **Adjournment**

Budget Assumptions 2017 – 2018

The charge of the Board of Education is to develop a fiscally responsible budget that meets the needs of the Windsor Public School students.

1. We will continue our commitment to finding efficiencies within the budget.

2. **Enrollment:** District Wide enrollment has fluctuated slightly over the past five years. In 13/14 it was 3,252. In 14/15 enrollment dropped to 3,145. In 15/16 enrollment increased to 3,187 and is remaining flat for16/17 at 3,186. The projected enrollment for 2017-2018 is projected to remain relatively flat.

3. **Staffing & Programs:** Decisions around staffing and program redesign or development will be driven by their potential impact on raising student achievement while honoring the commitment to be fiscally responsible.

4. **Class Size:** The Board of Education will make every attempt to honor class size guidelines.

5. **Health Insurance:** If we continue to have low claim trends as we've been experiencing the past two years, the cost for health care is projected to remain relatively flat. FY17/18 will be the first year that WEA and WSASA go onto the High Deductible HSA Health Plan.

6. **Contractual Obligations**: Base salaries will increase approximately 2.5%.

7. **Special Education:** Out-of-district tuition costs are projected to increase by 3%. The goal is to reduce the increase in costs.

8. **Utility costs (heat & electricity)**: Projected to remain relatively flat. Over the past three years, the district reduced the utility cost by over $400,000 due to better efficiencies in our buildings.

9. **Regular Ed Transportation:** The district has transitioned to a new bus contractor, Dattco for FY16/17. The contractual increase is 3.2% or $128,068 for 17/18.

10. **Special Education Transportation**: The special ed transportation has increased over the past few years due to the number of students we transport based on their needs. The increase for special education transportation for 17/18 is anticipated at $260,000.

11. **Diesel Fuel**: Diesel fuel was at a low for 16-17. We do not anticipate that moving forward. The lock in price in 15/16 was $2.16/gallon and in 16/17 it was $1.49/gallon. The projected number is $2.16/gallon or an increase of $117,400. This will be monitored in the coming months by the Town.

12. **Magnet School**: The tuition line item is projected to remain relatively flat. Enrollment is projected to remain flat or decrease, however, tuition rates are set by the magnet schools and not known until June.

13. **State & Federal Funding/Grants**: Educational Cost Share Funding & Excess Cost Funding is expected to remain flat or decrease for FY 17/18.

14. **Alliance Grant:** It is still unknown how the state will account for the expiration of the Alliance Grant. There has been discussion at the state level to either fund the Alliance grant beyond 2016-2017 in the form of the Educational Cost Sharing Grant or have the Alliance Grant become a grant that the Towns will apply for similar to Title I.

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