

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE**

**February 26, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School Community Room**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Heather Romanski, Aaron Daniels, Swaranjit Singh Bhatia, Carline Charmelus, Kevin Saythany, Mark Kulos, Derell Wilson, Yvette Jacaruso, Christine DiStasio, Stacy Gould (arrived at 6:24pm)

**Staff:** Kristen E. Stringfellow, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Athena Nagel, Business Administrator  
Kaitlyn O’Leary, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Jamie Bender, Director of Student Services & Special Education  
Amber Rutigliano, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

**Media:** The Day

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Heather Romanski.

Dr. Stringfellow gave a detailed presentation including an overview of the budget with updated information. Information requested at the last meeting and any supporting information was added. She provided a document with rank order per pupil expenditures for the 2018 school year for all Connecticut school districts. Connecticut enrollments by town were also provided from 2013-2019.

Athena Nagel provided a budget projection for 2020/2021, which includes an 11.5% increase. She provided a Norwich Public Schools Forecast handout as of 2/25/20 including account description, revised budget and year to date expenditures. There is currently a \$1,106,792,179 deficit.

Other items discussed:

- Regionalizing Special Education transportation costs

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm