

MASD Mission Statement

To honor, encourage, and celebrate the excellence, diversity, and aspirations of each learner through creative and motivating challenges.

Mt. Ascutney School District School Board Budget Working Session December 14, 2021 Approved Minutes

School Board Members Present: Bill Yates, Davis McGraw, Rebecca Roisman, Elizabeth Burrows, Nancy Pedrick (arrived late)

Administration Present: Jenifer Aldrich, Colleen DeSchamp, Kate Ryan

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. **Budget Discussion**

a) Ad-hoc Budget Items

1) Proposed Van

Bill Yates suggested purchasing the larger van and adding into the budget a stipend for someone to get a special license to be able to drive it when the van is at capacity. All agreed.

2) Audio Enhancement

The Board agreed to start with 10 ceiling-mounted units and requested that the units be priced out including installation at the ceiling level.

3) Staff

Board members agreed that a retention bonus would interfere with contracts, which stipulate no other compensation. At the suggestion of the principals, the board will ask staff how they would like to be thanked. The Board would set aside money for a community-building, mental health-enhancing (fun) summer program for students and staff.

b) Building Capacity Budget Developed by Principals

1) All members agreed they would like Jenifer Aldrich's position to be fully funded, outside of the decision regarding the disposition of her role.

2) Elizabeth Burrows stated that she felt it would be wise to set aside additional funds for extra training for (high-school level) restorative justice and other anti-racism measures, whether a formal plan for training is in place or not.

c) Returning Money to Taxpayers

All agreed that some of the surplus should be returned. It was agreed to see how much of the surplus would be taken up by the aforementioned ad-hoc items.

III. **Items for Action**

a) *Ratification of the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 Teachers' Contract*

Rebecca Roisman moved to ratify the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 Teachers' Contract.

Nancy Pedrick seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

IV. **Adjournment**

Nancy Pedrick moved to adjourn the meeting.

Elizabeth Burrows seconded the motion.

Vote 5-0

Meeting adjourned @ 8:23