

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 Board Meeting
January 10, 2022
Draft Minutes**

Present at the Meeting:

Board: Amy McMullen, Davis McGraw, Rebecca Roisman, Nancy Pedrick, Bill Yates, Elizabeth Burrows

Admin: David Baker, Ed Connors, Katie Ahern Angela Ladeau, Jenifer Aldrich, Kate Ryan, Colleen DeSchamp.

Special Guest(s): Ethan Lawrence (JEDI)

Additional Attendees: Julie Cahoon, Christine Osgood

I. Call to Order

II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda - None.

III. Approval of Minutes

a) December 6, 2021

Motion to Approve: Amy McMullen

2nd: Nancy Pedrick

Vote: 6-0

b) December 14, 2021

Motion to Approve: Amy McMullen

2nd: Nancy Pedrick

Vote: 6-0

IV. Public Participation/Announcements

Ethan Lawrence gave an update on the town JEDI (Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion) Committee. We are looking at how we might impact all aspects of the town and looking at baseline data so that we don't make assumptions. There is a general concern about the mental health of our young people. We want to solidify our relationship with the school board.

Davis McGraw asked Ethan about finding a youth member of JEDI. Any interest so far? Ethan agreed on the need for youth. Ethan is working on those contacts with the school. Rebecca mentioned just finding ways to get the youth involved. Bill mentioned setting up a process for getting student voices to the table.

Ethan mentioned a resolution that JEDI would like to see the Town Select Board in Windsor adopt. Data is critical.

V. Principal's Report

Kate Ryan, Colleen DeSchamp and Jenifer Aldrich shared updates.

VI. **Superintendent's Report**

David Baker shared a PowerPoint presentation. [Linked here](#). Some discussion ensued around possible state shifts in the COVID protocols. MASD will go slowly as they consider these new protocols.

VII. **Items for Discussion**

a) *FY22 Budget*

Jenifer Aldrich shared an abbreviated PowerPoint presentation regarding FY23 Budget ([Linked here](#)). Ed Connors then presented the tax rate implications under two scenarios. Scenario A was using the full 90 million dollar VT State surplus in the Education Fund to boost the yield. This posed a tax rate of .01 in West Windsor and 0 in Windsor. Scenario B was using none of the 90 million dollar surplus applied. Tax implications for that scenario was West Windsor at .12 and .10 at Windsor.

The board discussed the different scenarios and asked a series of questions. The question about the use of last year's surplus came up.

Amy McMullen moved to request the voters of the Mt. Ascutney School District apply \$624,526.00 of the FY21 surplus to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Nancy Pedrick seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0 by roll call. (Bill Yates had left the meeting.)

Nancy Pedrick moved to adopt a FY23 expenditure budget of \$13,193,639.00.

Nancy Pedrick seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0 by roll call. (Bill Yates had left the meeting.)

VIII. **Items for Action:** None

IX. **Setting the Next Agenda**

Monday, February 7, 2022.

Items:

1. School Meeting Preparation
2. Other Meeting Details
3. Review Capital Reserve Wish List

X. **Executive Session (VSA.T11 Section 313):** None

XI. **Adjournment**

Amy McMullen moved to adjourn.

Nancy Pedrick seconded.

Passed 5-0