2022-2023 Board of Education Proposed Budget BET Additional Questions & Answers

(posted March 2, 2022)

1. Please provide the textbook plan by year.

https://www.greenwichschools.org/teaching-learning/curriculum-management-plan

2. Please provide the enrollment by year by grade.

Our online chart is available for your review.

**Note that Kindergarten is currently running higher than projected for 2022-2023.

3. Please provide a history of retirement activity by year.

	GEA	GOS/
2009	14	6
2010	9	0
2011	16	0
2012	19	5
2013	18	2
2014	16	1
2015	22	1
2016	21	2
2017	10	1
2018	16	2
2019	15	0
2020	20	2
2021	21	3

4. Please describe the positions that are charged to Teaching & Learning Regular Salaries (object code 51010) and Regular Salaries-Certified (object code 51020).

Regular Salaries (51010) includes Professional Assistants Regular Salaries-Certified (51020) includes Principals, Assistant Principals, Deans, etc (GOSA employees).

5. Why can't you use ARP funds to cover the increase in transportation?

As explained during the BET Budget meeting, ARP funds can be used to fund transportation expenses only if expended for foster children, homelessness, or for a specific COVID-related issue such as a driver shortage. Greenwich, unlike other districts across Connecticut and in other states, is blessed with a full contingent of drivers and is not experiencing a driver shortage. We have also confirmed this with the State Department of Education. In addition, Greenwich Public Schools was asked to certify

that "the district is not implementing an aggregate reduction in State and local per-pupil funding in FY2022" by utilizing ARP funds.

6. Please reconcile the year-to-year increase in staffing (BOE +7.0 on page 262 of the budget book vs Selectman's budget book +5.9).

Five special education positions and two custodial positions. The FY22 staffing number in the Selectman's budget book was understated by 1.00 and has been adjusted per Roland. As a result, both books should reflect a +7.0 increase.

7. In the BOE budget book supplement, please add subtotals by category of staffing on pages 10-60.

Please see staffing information starting on page 10 of the BET Budget Document provided on February 3, 2022.

8. Please reconcile the Food services Opening and Closing Fund Balances and Town Contribution by year.

The Food Services budget opening and closing balances have been reconciled with Roland Geiger. Please refer to the attached chart.

- **9.** Please identify where the funding for the consultant for the district dishwasher. The cost for dishwasher design is included in the Food Service CIPs.
- 10. Can the Western HVAC project be completed by the ARP expenditure deadline? If not, are there any other smaller HVAC projects to be completed in time? Yes, it can be completed. However, there are other smaller HVAC projects which could also be completed.
- 11. Can you provide electric bills by school for 1 to 2 years?

 Download file here.
- 12. Please provide information on the summer school revenue and RRR account.

Summer School Revenue and RRR Fund Balance By Year				
	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	YTD FY22	
RRR O/B	\$646,902	\$725,993	\$589,579	
Revenue	\$82,211	\$50,353	\$2,018	
Revenue Drawdown	(\$3,120)	(\$186,767)	(\$479,439)	
RRR C/B	\$725,993	\$589,579	\$112,158	

13. There is a line for abatement in the budget. Where is the abatement being conducted?

This is a District line where funds could be utilized for any abatement concerns encountered throughout the district in FY23.

14. Does CMS need the dust collector for next year, or can it be eliminated?

The dust collector is seen as a health item to keep the classroom air quality appropriately filtered from the sawdust which is generated in the room. The system is well past its life and is not functioning properly.

15. The track at GHS was resurfaced within the last 10 years or so, why is it being resurfaced again?

GPS did follow up on this item and the track had a top surfacing with a one-year warranty. The track is crumbling again and needs another resurfacing.