

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 28, 2021

Place: Havemeyer Building, Board Room

Present: Kathleen Stowe (chair)
Christina Downey
Joe Kelly
Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent
Mr. Sean O'Keefe, Chief Operating Officer

Meeting was called to order at 1:45 PM

Action items:

A motion to approve the agenda as made by Ms. Stowe and seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 10/14/21 meeting was made by Ms. Stowe and seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion items:

Discussion of expected proposed 2022-2023 budget (sole discussion item)

Mr. O'Keefe talked about plans for a proposed operating budget which he expects to be within the guidelines from the BET for a 2.65% increase. In that figure he expects to include, among other things, additional costs relating to changes in SPED programming (from the audit), the math interventionists which had been added this year using ARP money, two additional custodians (previously requested) to alleviate overtime costs, and the estimated busing cost (which we will not know until the RFP comes back). Dr. Jones advised the committee that she feels the amount requested will be adequate to fund the educational needs, including professional development and curriculum work.

With respect to the capital budget, Mr. O'Keefe indicated there will likely be requests for major projects for Old Greenwich and Julian Curtiss architecture/design work, Cardinal Stadium Phase 2 and soil remediation at WMS (although until the final figure is determined and the state entities give approval that may be subject to an interim appropriate request instead). Also requested will be annual infrastructure for HVAC work, ADA related and annual maintenance. There was discussion about seeking

funding for the HVAC work out of the Town portion of the ARP funds. Also discussed was the technology budget for GHS cellular improvement, relocating the server at central office and other network improvements, and that what may be included in the five year projections for capital requests.

Mr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Downey seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM