



**Minutes
Regular Meeting
Budget Presentation to the Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Finance
of the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury
Monday, March 27, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
Woodbury Middle School Cafeteria**

Present

Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Kapstein
Carol Ann Brown
Michael Devine
Chris Griffin
David Butkus
Tikva Rose (arrived 7:23 p.m.)

Also Present

Brian Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

Call to Order

Mr. Crocker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Presentation of the Superintendent's proposed 2023-2024 Budget to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance of Bethlehem and Woodbury

Superintendent Murphy presented his proposed 23/24 budget. The budget summary noted an increase of \$1,508,995 over last year or 3.91%, with Contractual Salaries, Student Services, and Utility/Fuel driving the increase at 46%, 36% and 16% respectively.

Noteworthy were the academic achievements at each of the schools, Bethlehem Elementary is in the top 19% of schools in Connecticut; Mitchell, the top 9% and also a School of Distinction; Woodbury Middle School's academic achievement has improved in all areas and Nonnewaug High School is in the top third of all schools in Connecticut.

Curriculum resources and materials as well as writing and training disclosed a proposed budget of \$276,932 for the 23/24 school year. Salaries, both grant-funded and conventional, were summarized; a .2 increase in certified staff and 6 in non-certified staff are proposed.

Discussion of Superintendent's proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Members of the Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Finance were invited to ask questions. A

question and answer period ensued.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.