



Citizen Budget Oversight Committee Meeting

October 25, 2023

5:00 pm Milford School District Office Conference Room

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Minutes

- A. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm
- B. Members present included:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara Hale Kristen Galati, MEA Tracey Weaver Alex Schmidt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members not in attendance included: Bridget Amory Thomas Chilton Kerry Stahl Lester Guyer
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- C. Dr. Hale discussed the preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Budget voted by the Milford Board of Education in June 2023. The final budget for Fiscal Year 2024 will be presented for vote in February 2024.
- D. Dr. Hale explained the recent DEFAC projections for the Fiscal Year 2025 Governor’s Recommended Budget have declined. Officials claim there is a significant revenue gap impacting new budget requests. Dr. Hale explained that there will be a series of DEFAC meetings leading up to the release of the Governor’s budget in January and the district will monitor the process closely.
- E. There were no state legislative updates. Dr. Hale explained to the committee the Voluntary School Assessment bill that passed and is now seeking implementation from Sussex County Council.
- F. Dr. Hale provided an update on the Milford Middle School project. She also explained that the district has submitted a Certificate of Necessity request for a major renovation to Milford High School that has not yet been approved or denied.
- G. The committee decided to hold the next meeting on January 17, 2024 at 5:00 pm. At this meeting we will further discuss membership and recruiting.
- H. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm

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