



BERLIN-BOYLSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Budget, Facilities, and Safety Subcommittee
Berlin-Boylston Regional School District Offices | 215 Main Street, Boylston, MA
Tuesday, December 6, 2022, | 10:00 AM

Attendance: Carol Costello, Nancy Konisky, Julie Lee, Meagan Grill

I. Call to Order

II. New Business

A. FY24 Budget

Berlin Memorial All Level Services requests were reviewed. The year-over-year increase is 12% of which 10% is attributable to the General Budget and 17% is attributable to Special Education. We then reviewed the Above Level Service Requests from the District Improvement Plan and a few others outside of the plan. The year-over-year increase is 20% of which 19% is attributable to the General Budget and 24% is attributable to Special Education.

Boylston Elementary All Level Services requests were reviewed. The year-over-year increase is 16% of which 6% is attributable to the General Budget and 41% is attributable to Special Education. We then reviewed the Above Level Service Requests from the District Improvement Plan and a few others outside of the plan. The year-over-year increase is 30% of which 22% is attributable to the General Budget and 53% is attributable to Special Education.

Tahanto All Level Services requests were reviewed. The year-over-year increase is 13% of which 8% is attributable to the General Budget and 30% is attributable to Special Education. We then reviewed the Above Level Service Requests from the District Improvement Plan and a few others outside of the plan. The year-over-year increase is 22% of which 17% is attributable to the General Budget and 40% is attributable to Special Education.

Many Level Service Requests were attributable to general inflation in utilities and transportation costs. As well as a few additional special needs children needing out-of-district services.

Nancy included all of the Above Level Service requests in the budget, and we can cut as needed under the discretion of Nancy and Carol.

One discussion point was part of the increases were due to the rapid increase in enrollment at the elementary levels. We are seeing a decline in enrollment from grade 9 and feel that some of the additional expenditures would help the school retain students.

Meagan to speak with Mike Tottman and Lori Hart about inviting Boylston Fincom and Selectboard to discuss the budget either informally or at our SC Budget discussion on Dec 13th.

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B. Cell Phone Tower Update

Meagan to follow up with Paul Mara about a contact from the town of Boylston regarding the placement of a cell tower on land in Boylston (possibly DCR land?).

III. Comments / Future Agenda Items

IV. Adjournment

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