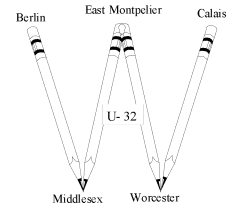


# Washington Central Unified Union School District

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**WCUUSD Finance Committee  
Meeting  
9.10.24 8:30-9:30 AM  
Virtual  
Central Office  
1130 Gallison Hill Rd  
Montpelier, VT**

**Present: Flor Diaz Smith, Steven Dellinger-Pate, Susanne Gann, Ursula Stanley, Daniel Keeney, Chris McVeigh, Zach Sullivan, Lila Richardson**

- 1. Call to Order: Flor Diaz Smith called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.**
- 2. Approve Minutes of 8.13.24, 8.19.24, 9.3.24 – Ursula motioned to approve the minutes. Daniel seconded and the minutes were approved by consensus.**
- 3. Informational Reports**
  - 3.1. Monthly Reflections** - Susanne provided a memo highlighting the work done to prepare for the beginning of the school year. She spoke about MY Ride K-12, which the District implemented for transportation to allow parents to see the bus route their students are assigned to as well as pick up and drop off times for the route. She explained that the feature to track buses was not activated due to concerns that it may not be accurate due to cell service and could cause more harm than good and there were safety concerns as well. Susanne welcomed Theresa Stearns as the new Administrative Assistant at Rumney. She spoke about the payroll cycle and how it was paid on 9/4/24 instead of Friday 9/6/24 to ensure it met bargaining agreement requirements. Chris McVeigh asked that we let the community know why we are not using the tracking piece of the transportation app to avoid further questions. There was some discussion regarding reports that were filed to the state.

#### 4. Discussion/Action

**4.1. Multi-year Capital Improvement Project Budget Update and Approval:** Ursula motioned to recommend that the Board authorize allocation of \$267,174 additional capital reserve funds to the completion of the projects as identified and approve the District moving forward with bid documents and bidding as necessary. Zach seconded. There was some discussion. Susanne explained some of the projects came in higher than expected and explained priorities of the projects. There was some discussion surrounding inflation and some of the projects such as EV chargers, lights etc. **The motion passed. Chris McVeigh abstained from the vote. Ursula motioned to recommend that the board approve the amount to budget in the general fund to transfer to the capital reserve fund in FY 25-26 as \$1,047,964. Daniel seconded. The motion passed with one abstained.**

**4.2. FY 2025-26 Budget Discussion** – A memo was provided for the Board showing a baseline budget for FY 25-26. The goal of the presentation will be to help the Board understand what the estimated cost will be to support current programs, services in our schools, and to understand some of the budget realities that exist before any changes in programming, services, or configuration. The hope is that the Board can provide specific guidance as to what the budget will need for approval and what conditions the Board would not approve so that the leadership team can work towards those conditions. Chris McVeigh asked about grant-funded positions. Susanne explained that some are being reduced and some are going away. Daniel asked about a big-picture estimated increase for the baseline budget. Susanne advised it would be ready for the Board meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Flor spoke about parameters. Zach proposed that we put parameters around the services we offer rather than around individuals. Ursula asked if the baseline budget is what we budgeted for or what we currently have. Steven advised what we budgeted for. Chris McVeigh asked if the budget presented will show an increase based on level funding. Steven advised that there was an inflationary increase done as well and will include a bottom-line increase.

5. **Public Comments:** Lila Richardson spoke about the scheduling of the configuration vote. She mentioned that the Board should make it clearer to the community what the intent is for the September 18 meeting. She also asked about how Rumney and Doty would be configured. She stated she has not been able to get that information. She noted that the last minutes did not reflect the conversation about how the 23-student first grade class would be handled and that it was important to the community. Flor advised the team is doing a comprehensive posting today regarding gathering information. She clarified that on September 18 the Board will decide on the configuration models. On October 1, the decision will be made as to what will be included on the ballot.

#### 6. Future Agenda Items

**6.1. Next Regular Meeting:** October 8, 2024

7. **Adjourn:** Ursula motioned to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Daniel seconded and the meeting adjourned by consensus.