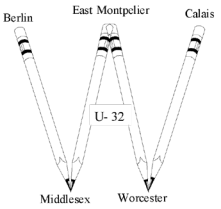
Washington Central Unified Union School District

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Washington Central Unified Union
Informational Meeting
3.3.25
5:30-6:30 PM
(Virtual and In-Person)
U-32 Middle & High School
930 Gallison Hill Rd
Montpelier, VT

Present: Flor Diaz Smith, Zach Sullivan, Ursula Stanley, Chris McVeigh, Superintendent Steven Dellinger-Pate,

Others: ORCA Media, Marilyn Martin, Edie, Monica Cerminara, Syliva Parker, Scott Hess, Julia, Zurowski, Linda, Mark Friesen, Denise Roy, Ellen Knoedler, Hoyt Battey, Emily Levin, "iphone," David Lawrence, Linda, Lila Richardson, Jessie Leyse, Amber Larrabee, Caitlin Howansky, Chris Winters, Ross Mroczek

1. **Call to Order:** Flor Diaz Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She welcomed those present and stated that the goal is to inform people of the budget development and final, board-approved budget, and to answer any questions.

2. **Present Proposed WCUUSD Budget and Articles of District Warning:** Flor Diaz Smith began the presentation: *FY26 Budget Presentation.*

   Linda asked what was the result of the visits to the communities and the "listening" Superintendent Dellinger-Pate spoke about, for example, the topic of school nurse coverage. This is an example of decrease in positions but also planning and being sure that student needs are met.

   Question: When are recommendations and findings from the Configurations Committee expected? Flor Diaz Smith stated that the committee has met and has begun its work; a backward plan has been created; she invited people to refer to the Configurations Committee webpage that shares the work of the committee. The deadline for decision-making is still set for December 2025.

Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that one of the bigger themes is what programs do we want for our children/ families? E.g. before and after school care. He answered a question about a grant to explore Community School Model - making connections between our school and our local communities. (Some of the goals include improving attendance, access to health care…)

Flor Diaz Smith stated that there are ways for the community to be involved in the discussions of the Configurations Committee, and in the discussions around Community School Model.

Ross Mroczek asked is there any reason why the information is shared so close to the time of voting. Is there a way to share information earlier? Flor Diaz Smith and Chris McVeigh spoke about the time constraints that are involved in developing the budget and the legal constraints in warning in advance, etc. Mr. Mroczek stated that it has not been clear and there may be opportunities to improve on this. He asked, what happens tomorrow if the vote fails? What are a few things that will be done to address this? Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that, as was true last year, everything would be on the table to reduce overhead, for example, increasing class sizes.

3. **Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Grace, Board Recording Secretary