Minutes
Region 14 Board of Education
Budget Presentation to the Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Finance
of the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury
Monday, March 24, 2025; 6:00 p.m.
Woodbury Middle School
Cafeteria
Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, April 7, 2025

Present:
Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
Caren Lipinski

Absent:
Chris Griffin
Tikva Rose
Michael Carbonneau

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

I. Call to Order
Jim Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and acquaintances were made

III. Presentation of the Superintendent's proposed 2025-2026 budget to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance of the towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury
The Superintendent's proposed budget:

- Supports the district's goals and meets the needs of all students and staff
- Notes an increase of $2,060,835 over last year or 4.99%
- Contractual salaries and benefits (health insurance) are the driving force at 73% of the total budget or 94% of the 4.99% increase
- Includes the addition of one new staff member, a 1.0 F.T.E. Elementary Spanish teacher
- Student Services indicated a decrease of $709,075, specifically in the areas of outplacement and transportation costs
- No major capital projects in the budget for 2025/2026
- Significant decreases in federal funding Title I, IDEA, and School Mental

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V. **Discussion of Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 Budget**

Principal discussions included:

- State reimbursement for Special Education costs and its impact on the district
- IEPs versus 504 costs per student
- Teacher Salary Increases
- Out-of-district Vo-Ag Tuition and Enrollment Numbers
- Capital Projects (Technology)
- Decrease in Federal Grant Funding/Impact on Region 14
- Covid Monies/Staff

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Patricia Paige, Board Clerk