

Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee

Feb. 12, 2025

The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on Feb. 12, 2025, in the ASA meeting room. Present at the meeting were Directors Dorothy Luckock, Steve Nader, and Dave Schaefer; Business Manager Christine Krankota, Superintendent Jarrin Sperry and Assistant to the Superintendent Adam Jardina.

- Technology Budget – Rick Kelly presented his proposed budget noting that phone system is now moved from Central Office budget to his as they now monitor that system. He noted it is a flat budget and also presented the options for a 10% reduction as requested by the business manager. His budget report does not include the wages, with his proposal to move 2 employees from level 1 to level 2 is not finalized yet. He and the business manager are to follow up to ensure that it will work in the budget; and Dot will bring to the Comp Plan committee for their recommendation.
- Special Education Budget – Devin Campbell presented her proposed budget noting areas of decrease and increases of areas not specifically budgeted for previously. The committee was reminded that some of our larger costs are for students in outside placement due to their level of need; and that we have very limited control of those facility costs and transportation costs as well. She has been informed that there are a number of autistic students that will be entering Kindergarten from the Early Intervention program.
- Curriculum Budget – Adam Jardina presented his proposed budget noting some curriculum costs are being moved to his budget from the buildings. He noted areas that can be trimmed as well. The next curriculum on the schedule for update includes Health, High School Social Studies and Foreign Language. He also explained that Title IIA funds may be used for cyber class revisions, but not for new class development.
- Superintendent budget – Jarrin presented his budget, which also includes the board budget. It is a 9% reduction overall.
- There were documents provided by Jody Welcheck from Tower Engineering regarding the Hot Water project at CASH. This came as a recommendation from the B&G committee for our financial review. Our understanding is that this project is necessary.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on March 12, 2025.

Dorothy Luckock, Board President

Christine Krankota, Board Secretary