

**Westport School Committee
Budget Meeting
DATE: Wednesday, April 30, 2025
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: WMHS – 2nd Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

Members Present: Evan Gendreau, Fred Melnyk, Jason Pacheco, Caitlin Sampers, Christopher Thrasher

Also Present: Michelle Rapoza School Business Manager

I. Call to order - The Westport School Committee Budget Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm. with a quorum of the members present by Chair Christopher Thrasher.

II. Informational Agenda

A. FY26 Annual Town Meeting Budget Briefing

Mr. Gendreau gave an FY26 Budget Summary as follows:

FY25 Annual Town Meeting approved budget:	\$22,651,207
FY26 Select Board recommended budget:	\$23,542,874
FY26 Finance Committee recommended budget:	\$23,654,943
FY26 School Committee recommended budget:	\$24,040,788

Budget Breakdown

FY25 Annual Town Meeting approved budget:	\$22,651,207
Contractual increases	\$700,293
Transportation	\$100,500
Utilities, maintenance, custodial, position previously	\$234,260
Funded by Town	
Special Education therapeutic program and TAs	\$153,513
FY26 School Committee recommended budget:	\$24,040,788

Difference from Select Board recommended budget \$497,914

Difference from Finance Committee recommended budget \$385,845

III. Action Agenda

A. Potential Annual Town Meeting Budget Resolution

Mr. Gendreau read a resolution entitled “**Resolution Regarding FY26 School Budget Support at the Annual Town Meeting**” which is a proposal to the Finance Committee ensuring the School Committee will not endorse a further amendment to the budget if the Finance Committee allocates \$80,000 from unallocated free cash.

Mr. Gendreau asked the members for their ideas and questions?

Mr. Melnyk asked what would be the cut in the budget? Mr. Gendreau said around \$300,000.

Ms. Rapoza shared there are 2 additional items on the warrant from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) funds.

\$235,000 Security upgrades

\$325,000 Elementary School Generators

A motion was made to approve the *“Resolution Regarding FY26 School Budget Support at the Annual Town Meeting”* to send to the Finance Committee.

Motion by Gendreau, seconded by Pacheco

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Thrasher abstained

IV. Adjourn - A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Gendreau

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The Westport School Committee Budget Meeting ended at 6:41 pm.

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