

Special Board of Education Virtual Budget Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by Chairman Patricia Mechare. Members in attendance were Theresa Graney, Maria Bulson, and Adam Sher. Also attending were Principal Stacey Calo and Superintendent Lisa Carter. Absent was member Tanya Golden.

The Board discussed the narratives accompanying various lines in the proposal. It was determined that some narratives needed clarification or slightly more information. It was also noted that some contained percentages that needed clarification as to whether they represented budget to budget percentages or were of another matter.

Also discussed was the summary of the proposal series by series. This was authored by Sher. He discussed it with Mechare and minor changes were made. The board determined that this piece should be labeled the "Executive Summary". It was to be forwarded to the Board for review after the meeting with response to the Chairman regarding its content.

Another topic discussed was how the packet would be ordered. It was decided that the first piece in the packet would be a paper on the process used to get the presentation in order. The next piece would be the proposal, the first page of which would be the "Executive Summary", followed by the proposal itself. The third piece would be the "Technology Report". The packet would be made available on March 6, 2023 both in paper and digital form.

In reviewing the proposal it was determined that it was mostly complete. The outstanding items were the final number for Region One, Regional Schools Services Center and Pupil Services and several expenses out of the control of the Board. Because the number of the items were few, the Board felt that Mechare, Calo and Wadsworth could take care of making the proper adjustments in the proposal as needed and inform all Board members. Given this process, unless there was something unexpected, there didn't seem to be a need for the March 1, 2023 meeting. In the event of a need all Board members had the date reserved and a special meeting could be called if necessary.

With nothing else to come before the special meeting on a motion by Bulson, seconded by Graney the meeting unanimously adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted.
Patricia Allyn Mechare, Chairman