

Winchester Board of Education

Type of Meeting: Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Town Hall – Blue Room

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m.

Meeting Facilitator: Doug Pfenninger

Committee Members: Cheryl McGlynn, Kristin Peterson, Alexandra Propfe, Tara Sundie, Richard Dutton, Doug Pfenninger, Michelle Hintz, Nora Mocarski, and Shana DeVaux

Invitees: Melony Brady-Shanley and Nancy O’Dea-Wyrick

Quorum: 5

Call to order at 7:19 pm

Roll call

Board of Education:

Present: Cheryl McGlynn, Tara Sundie, Richard Dutton, Doug Pfenninger, Michelle Hintz, Nora Mocarski

Absent: Kristin Peterson, Alexandra Propfe, Shana DeVaux

Central Office: Melony Brady-Shanley, Nancy O’Dea-Wyrick, Seamus Cullinan

Agenda Review

Review of Finance Committee Agenda – February 25, 2020

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting – January 28, 2020

First: C. McGlynn, Second: M. Hintz → U.

New Business

Formal Budget Presentation [budget packet distributed]

The proposed budget for FY 2021 would be an overall increase of 1.2% to be voted on by the Winchester BOE on the March 10, 2020, meeting. This represents an increase of \$240,301 over the fiscal year 2020.

- The subtotal of the Personnel Expense request includes a total increase in employee benefits, but this will be offset by a reduction in employee wages (\$48,505 or -0.72%) for a subtotal of an increase of \$122,226 (1.43%) for Personnel Expense.
  - This request includes one more Pre-Kindergarten teacher as enrollment is projected to increase and one more certified administrator to work in Batcheller.
    - However, the cost of these positions will be offset by the retirement of the Director of Family and Preschool Services and by combining accounting staff with the Town of Winchester, for a net request increase of .7
  - Employee benefits went up by 9.58% (\$170,731 increase), but this increase is less than what it could have been if we stayed with Connecticare. We were able to negotiate better benefits by switching to Anthem at 6.99% as a consortium instead of staying with Connecticare, which would have been 18.9%.
- The subtotal request for Non-Personal Expense was \$118,075 (1.03% increase)
  - A reduction will be realized by the decrease in the Special Education Out of District Tuition by \$178,650 (-8.92%) to yield
  - The subtotal of the Non-Personnel Expense includes Gilbert’s invoice to Winchester, which was for \$7,179,393, or an increase of \$336,200 (4.91%) over last year.

- Concern was raised regarding the reduction of \$100,000 out of the non-lapsing fund and loss of a math coach to cover the July 1 bill from Gilbert for FY2020.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm

First: Cheryl McGlynn, Second: Michelle Hintz → U.