

Winchester Board of Education
Type of Meeting: Special BOE Meeting Minutes
Date: February 5, 2024, @ 6:00 p.m.
Location: Hinsdale School – Science Lab

Meeting Facilitator: Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent
Nora Mocarski, BOE Chairman

Jeannette Brodeur, Salvatore Lovetere, Cheryl McGlynn, Sondra Strubhar, Renata Waldron,
Jonathan Morhardt, and Shane Centrella

I. Call to order @ 6:04 pm

II. Roll call Jonathan Morhardt, Shane Centrella, Sondra Strubhar, Renata Waldron, Nora Mocarski, Melony Brady-Shanley. Absent Jeannette Brodeur, Salvatore Lovetere, Cheryl McGlynn.

III. Business

- 1) Discussion of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
 - a) Development of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

Melony Brady-Shanley reviewed the timeline for the FY205 Budget Calendar.

- 2/5/2024 - BOE Budget Workshop 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- 2/27/2024 - Budget Review at Finance Committee
- 2/29/2024 - Superintendent Presents 2025 Budget
- 3/12/2024 - Regular BOE Meeting 7:00 pm
- 2/28-3/15/2024 - Public BOE Budget Presentations (Staff, Community Groups, BOS)
- 3/15 -2024 - Budget Submission Due to Town
- TBD - BOE Budget Public Hearing Scheduled by BOS
- TBD - Town Budget Public Hearing scheduled by BOS
- 5/7/2024 - Annual Town Budget Meeting
- 5/21-5/28/2024 TBD - Budget Referendum Window

Melony Brady-Shanley reviewed the 2024 -2025 Proposed Summary Appropriated and Town Support Budget Draft.

- Wages
- Employee Benefits
- Professional Technical Services
- Property Services
- Pupil Transportation
- Special Ed Out of District Tuition
- Gilbert School Tuition
- All Other Purchased Services
- Supplies
- Equipment & S/W
- Dues & Fees & Other Objects

- Special Items
- Town Support for Educational & Capital

Melony Brady-Shanley reviewed the Draft 2025 Budget Notes

- Wages
- Benefits
- Professional/Technical Services
- Property Services
- Transportation
- Special Education Out of District Tuition and Services
- Tuition Gilbert
- All other Purchased Services
- Supplies
- Equipment and Software
- Dues and Fees

Melony Brady-Shanley reviewed the Town Support for Education for Hinsdale and Pearson Schools

- Water and Sewer
- Refuse Removal
- Snow Removal
- Repairs and Maintenance
- Vehicle OP/Maintenance Service
- Rental Equipment
- General Liability Insurance
- Communications
- Postage
- Sup-Custodial/Maintenance
- Natural Gas
- Electricity

Melony Brady-Shanley explained the Town Support for Education's history is to ensure that the minimum budget number is used for education instead of operations.

Melony Brady-Shanley reviewed the 2024-2025 Budget Personnel - All Staff.

- Explained roles and responsibilities for Certified and Non-Certified Staff.

QUESTION: Do you feel that we need to have extra classes in the summer to bring the students who were home during COVID up to speed to where they need to be?

No, we are in a good place at this time. We will continue to use iReady. We will have a new reading program in the fall and have established small-group instruction.

Melony Brady-Shanley reviewed the Projected Out of District Student Tuition.

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Students/Tuition

- Grade PK-6
- Grade 7-8
- Grade 9-12

- Age 18-22

QUESTION: Where would you make cuts if the budget does not pass the first time?

Unfortunately, it would come from staffing.

To have a better understanding of the budget and where the money is being allocated, it was suggested that board members could tour both Hinsdale and Pearson schools and see students and teachers in their classroom/building settings.

Melony Brady-Shanley is more than happy to take board members into the schools and show them the operational pieces.

Melony Brady-Shanley reviewed and explained the Budgetary Non-Contractual Obligations

- Salaries
- Benefits
- Professional Technical Services
- Property Services
- Pupil Transportation
- Special Education Out of District Tuition
- The Gilbert School Tuition
- All Other Purchased Services
- Supplies
- Equipment and Hardware
- Dues

Holly Cassaday, Board Chair of the W.L. Gilbert School Corp, informed the Board that on Wednesday, February 7, at 6:00 pm, they will hold their Second Budget Meeting in The Gilbert School Library.

QUESTION: How do we advocate for support of our budget?

- Post on our Facebook Page a one-on-one formal presentation with a breakdown of the budget so parents can have a better understanding of what the budget does and how they can support their children and schools.
- Email blasts to families.

MOTION to adjourn

First: Renata Waldron, Second: Sondra Strubhar, U

IV. Adjournment @ 7:50 pm