



Budget & Finance Subcommittee Special Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 5:30 PM

Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137 B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Purpose of the Budget & Finance Subcommittee: Reviews all components of the operating budget including health insurance, provides oversight of the non-certified pension and investments. Within the timeframe established, provides guidance, input, and decision-making related to the development of the district budget.

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Jason Adler: Present
Erica Gelven: Present
Alan Samet: Present
Jack Scherban: Present
Catherine Staunton: Present

1. Opening Exercises

A. Roll call

Also in attendance were Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti, and Business Manager Carolyn Dickey.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the pledge.

2. 2023-24 Budget Discussion

Superintendent M. O'Donnell updated the subcommittee on the operating budget increase and additional adjustments that had been made since the previous subcommittee meeting on January 12, 2023. Various line items had been adjusted related to school-based needs, staffing, transportation, and utilities. M. O'Donnell provided a review of ESSER and ARP-ESSER grant positions that would be eliminated in the 2023-24 budget due to the sunset of the grant funds. In addition, M. O'Donnell identified two positions that would have one more year of funding in the grant and several that would be continued and put into the operating budget. The subcommittee reviewed additional operation budget staffing considerations and recommendations for reductions in staffing due to declining enrollment. Members asked clarifying questions about the staffing needs of the district, the impact on students and programs, and the decision-making related to several of the positions.

Information was provided regarding transportation services and costs. Additional questions were posed related to transportation requirements, student per-pupil costs, athletics, and various line items. C. Dickey informed the subcommittee members that she would be receiving an update on Health Insurance rates from the state on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, and would update the projections for the employee health insurance benefits if there was any change to the previous recommendations.

3.General Discussion

M. O'Donnell indicated that the budget will continue to be adjusted prior to the presentation of the Superintendent's 2023-2024 recommended budget at the Board Meeting on Monday, January 19, 2023.

4.Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Donnell