

## **Board of Education Workshop**

January 06, 2020 9:00 AM

Central Office Annex Conference Room

### **Attendance Taken at 9:00 AM:**

#### Present Board Members:

Gina Albert

Victor Escandon

Ruby Hedge

Ms. Hillary Koyner

Taffy Miller

Anthony Pesco

Melissa Walker

### **1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum**

### **2. Board Workshop on FY 21 Budget Request**

#### Discussion:

The Board Workshop began with members listing initial questions they had regarding the FY 21 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget.

#### Ms. Melissa Walker:

Would like copies of all union contracts, organizational charts for all positions from the Superintendent downward, what is a full teaching load for teachers at WMS and WHS, what are the class sizes for PE, art and health across all grades and how many sections teachers are teaching in a day, how many nurses in each building, and retiree benefits. She also asked about the positions of food service, custodial staff, and maintenance. Additional questions surrounded class size guidelines by grades and class sizes for AP/honors classes at WHS, as well as the enrollment in before and after school music programs across the district.

#### Ms. Ruby Hedge:

Would like DRG-A comparison on cost per student, an updated enrollment chart as of January 1, 2020, multi-year projection. She wanted further clarification on slide 26 in the Milone & MacBroom enrollment report, regarding total population change.

#### Ms. Hillary Koyner:

Would like copy of all salaries by step and by person, list of all administrator salaries, and asked what are our strengths and weaknesses as a district.

#### Ms. Gina Albert:

Wanted clarification in page 2 of the summary regarding Project Challenge and the changes in the theater department. she asked about the "bubble" within the technology budget and the multi-year Chromebook replacement schedule. Ms. Albert wants to highlight the financial support to the athletics and theater departments. Regarding transportation, she is looking for what the final resolution on the sale of buses/vehicles from our fleet.

#### Mr. Victor Escandon:

Interested in hearing the reasoning in moving "fractional heads" between schools. With regard to the consulting budget line items, he is interested in identifying the increases and looking for more of a story behind the numbers.

Ms. Taffy Miller:

Would like travel data and conferences attended in the 2018-2019 year and breakout of what was spent. She also would like Milone and MacBroom to provide the source of the comment that Weston has a stable housing market (pg. 22). On page 28, she inquired regarding the ECS revenue from the State. On page 13, she noted the increase in Legal Fees. The District has had an uncommon year of needs. Ms. Miller questioned as to what "floor" we are looking at for the FY 21 budget.

Dr. Anthony Pesco:

Made note that last year's budget was based on a headcount of 355 and this year's budget is based on 362. Board to closely look at staffing and programs. Dr. McKersie will create a running list of all requested items throughout all the Board FY 21 Budget meetings.

### **3. Adjournment**

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent