

Attendance:

Philip Schaefer, Chairperson	Dr. Colleen Palmer, Superintendent
Ellen Uzenoff, Vice Chairperson	Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent
Dana Levin, Secretary/Treasurer	Dr. Jo-Ann Keating, Director of Finance & Ops.
Nina Daniel	
Denise Harvey	<i>Absent:</i> Lewis Brey, Director of Human Resources
Elise Major	Jackson Marvin, Student Representative
Sara Spaulding	Jack Seigenthaler, Student Representative

CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Philip Schaefer, Chairperson

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. HURLBUTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The proposed Hurlbutt Elementary School budget represents a 1.18% decrease over FY 2015 budget, primarily due to the reduction of two classroom sections at the kindergarten level. Mrs. Kaddis, Hurlbutt Elementary School Principal, explained the budget drivers as enrollment, staffing, and books and materials. Cost containment measures include a decrease of 2.0 FTE for kindergarten, a minimal increase for books and materials, and philanthropy donations from the PTO. Discussion by the Board and administrators followed.

III. WESTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Ms. Falber, Weston Intermediate School Principal, presented the Intermediate School’s proposed budget, which represents a .28% increase over FY 2015. Priorities that drive budget decisions include academic, social/emotional, and behavioral programs; staffing; opportunities for students to receive support and enrichment; technology integration to support teaching and learning; high-quality professional development; and safety and security of students and staff. To contain costs, there will be a 1.0 FTE certified staff reduction and a minimal increase for non-salary accounts, CIL and administration-led professional development will be utilized, and PTO philanthropy grants will offer support. Discussion by the Board, administrators, and Town officials followed.

IV. WESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The proposed budget for Weston Middle School represents a .04% increase of the FY 2015 expected budget. Mrs. Watkins, Weston Middle School Principal, explained budget drivers, which include enrollment, adjusting the curriculum to meet the skills required in the future job market, staffing, pool operations, books and materials, and equipment. Cost containments include efficient use of certified staff, replacement of the Family and Consumer Sciences course with STEM instruction (a \$926 savings over FY 2015), a

decrease in materials based on enrollment, and postponing furniture replacement. Discussion by the Board, administrators, and Town officials followed.

V. WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

Weston High School Principal Mrs. Deorio presented the High School proposed budget, which represents an increase of 6.41% over the FY 2015 budget. Budget drivers include enrollment, particularly for the senior class; graduation requirements; and academic and co-curricular programs. Discussion by the Board, administrators, and Town officials followed.

VI. ATHLETICS

For FY 2016, a total of 853 student athletes, 11 more than FY 2015, are expected. The proposed athletic budget is \$779,580, which represents a 3.65% increase over the FY 2015 budget request. Mr. Doak, Weston High School Assistant Principal, explained that officials, insurance, transportation, and stipends/salaries, including the reinstatement of one freshmen coach, are the major budget drivers. Cost efficiencies include outside financial support, participation fees, gate receipts, maintaining an administrative assistant position as an 11-month position, no equipment costs, and no increase in supplies. Discussion by the Board, administrators, and Town officials followed.

VII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

There were no additional questions or comments beyond what was discussed previously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Markov, Board of Education Clerk.

Minutes reviewed/approved by Dr. Colleen Palmer, Superintendent.