

**WILLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP #2
AGENDA**

January 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting: Zoom

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Members Present

Herb Arico - Chairman

Elena Testa - Vice Chairman

Michelle Doucette Cunningham - Secretary

Ann Grosjean

Tracey Anderson

Donna Cook

Laura Rodriguez

Members Absent

Also Present

Superintendent of Schools, Phil Stevens

HMS Principal, Mary Kay Tshonas

Director of Pupil Services, Marcia McGinley

Members of the Public

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arico at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Present to speak

No one was present to speak

4. Review of Programs Previously Presented and B.O.E. Discussion

A discussion was held on Programs 1, 2, and 4 from the last meeting. A discussion was held on the budget development process and Business Manager Latinscics provided additional

comments. BOE members shared thoughts on funding for textbooks, per-pupil expenditures, and class size.

5. Program 3: Special Education and Related Services Review
and B.O.E. Discussion

Superintendent Stevens reviewed Program 3 and Pupil Services Director McGinley shared a brief overview of the special education program. Superintendent Stevens highlighted the need for an additional 0.4 special education teacher and also reviewed funds needed for students attending school choice programs who are receiving special education services. He also reviewed the savings hiring paraprofessionals into the WESS union instead of contracting for services.

6. Program 5: Health Services Review and B.O.E. Discussion

Program 5 was reviewed by Superintendent Stevens and he noted a minimal increase in the program due to the contractual salary increase.

7. Program 6: Program for Curriculum and Staff Development Review
and B.O.E. Discussion

Superintendent Stevens reviewed Program 6 and the need to continue funding for curriculum development and professional development.

8. Program 7: Utilities Review and B.O.E. Discussion

Program 7 was reviewed and the savings for the various utilities were discussed.

9. Program 10: Fringe Benefits/Substitutes Review and B.O.E. Discussion

Superintendent Stevens reviewed Program 10 and the insurance increases. Current rates were shared and Superintendent Stevens stated negotiations for health insurance were still ongoing and would share updates when received.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Arico adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.