

**WILLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES**

**January 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting: Zoom Recorded**

Full video can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7Bh21u0Ke4&list=PLonWua5AAYAwBKMjTq0LaU5lorHDHQmTS&index=2&t=5485s>

Members Present (all via Zoom)

Michelle Doucette Cunningham - Chair
Herb Arico- Secretary
Ann Grosjean- Vice Chair
Tracey Anderson
Donna Cook
Briana Ross
Laura Rodriguez

Also Present

Superintendent of Schools, Phil Stevens
Director of Curriculum and Instruction,
Erin Conley
CES Principal, Lisa Cushing
HMS Principal, Mary Kay Tshonas
Pupil Services Director, Marcia McGinley

1. Call to order

Chair Michelle Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Present to Speak

No one was present to speak.

4. Introduction of Superintendent's 2022-2023 Proposed Spending Plan

Superintendent Stevens provided an overview of the budget document. He reviewed the Board goals, instructional summaries, enrollment, staffing, grants, overall budget process and assumptions.

5. Program 1 Center Elementary School, Review and BOE Discussion

Superintendent Stevens shared the details of program 1, the grant offsets and significant changes to the program. Director Conley and Principal Cushing shared the importance of the math coaching position. Board members asked about course offerings, Donors Choose, the math coach, and funds for supporting childcare on the early dismissal days.

6. Program 2 Hall Memorial School, Review and BOE Discussion

Superintendent Stevens shared the details of program 2, the grant offsets and significant changes to the program. Principal Tshonas shared the importance of the math coach. Board members asked questions about clubs, sports, the per pupil expenditure, and a math interventionist.

7. Program 3 Special Education & Related Services, Review and BOE Discussion

Superintendent Stevens shared the details of program 3, the grant offsets and significant changes to the program. He shared that the Board has a legal obligation to meet the needs identified in a student's individualized education plan, which includes the addition of a teacher

and outplacement. Superintendent Stevens highlighted Director McGinley’s outstanding management of funding paraprofessionals. Board members asked questions about grant funding, WEALTH, the number of students identified with special education services, the board certified behavioral analyst, training for the new IEP software, and early intervention practices.

Michelle Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting until 8:15 pm for a break.

Seconded by Tracey Anderson.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico	x		
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook	x		
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		
B. Ross	x		
L. Rodriguez	x		

Motion passes

Michelle Cunningham moved to reconvene the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Donna Cook seconded the motion.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico	x		
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook	x		
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		
B. Ross	x		
L. Rodriguez	x		

Motion passes

8. Program 4 Transportation, Review and BOE Discussion

Superintendent Stevens shared the details of program 4 and significant increase to the cost of fuel. He shared his thoughts to hold off on a potential joint shared service contract with E.O. Smith, and stated the next bus contract should have a reopener option should the district move to one Prek-grade 8 building.

9. Program 5 Health Services, Review and BOE Discussion

Superintendent Stevens shared the details of program 5. He thanked the nurses for their efforts during the pandemic and shared the minor changes to the program.

10. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Laura Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
H. Arico	x		
M. Cunningham	x		
D.Cook	x		
T. Anderson	x		
A.Grosjean	x		
B. Ross	x		
L. Rodriguez	x		

Motion passes