

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

February 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting: Zoom Recorded

Full video can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPTuDhQ7JKw&t=324s>

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 Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Present to Speak

No one was present to speak.

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

Superintendent Stevens shared information requested from the prior meeting including updated budget numbers, information on the percentage of students identified with special education needs, the per pupil expenditure, and the contractual items by program. Board members asked about malware security, professional development for the new special education software, the mil rate, and additional experiences available to students.

5. Program 6 Curriculum and Staff Development, review and BOE discussion

Superintendent Stevens reviewed the program 6 items and the connection between the curriculum work and professional development. Director Conley shared that additional resources are built into programs 1 and 2. Superintendent Stevens reviewed the grants utilized to offset the program.

6. Program 7 Utilities, review and BOE discussion

Superintendent Stevens reviewed program 7 and that the items were all contractual. He shared the increase in fuel this year and that he was budgeting \$2.50 per gallon, but they have not locked that rate yet as the price is currently higher than that amount. Superintendent Stevens shared information regarding the energy performance contract. A board member asked if the electric rate was locked in.

7. Program 8 Operations/Maintenance, review and BOE discussion

Superintendent Stevens reviewed program 8 for the custodial and maintenance costs. He shared the minor increase in custodial supplies.

8. Program 9 System-wide Support, review and BOE discussion

Superintendent Stevens reviewed program 9 including the various purchased services. He shared the importance of continuing services with the contracted IT company, NOVUS. Superintendent Stevens shared a few areas that could be minor reductions from the program. Board members asked if the superintendent maintains additional details regarding all the purchased services.

9. Program 10 Fringe Benefits/Substitutes, review and BOE discussion

Superintendent Stevens reviewed program 10. He noted medical insurance is a 0% increase, but that additional staff members stated they would be taking insurance next year. Superintendent Stevens shared the grant offset tied to the program.

The Board offered comments regarding various programs. Superintendent Stevens stated he felt he provided a reasonable budget.

Herb Arico left the meeting at 7:42 pm.

10. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Donna Cook seconded the motion.

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

Motion passes