

Winchester Public Schools

Finance meeting

January 9, 2018

- I. Call to Order - 6:00pm
- II. Quorum established
- III. Roll Call:
 - A. Present: Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent, Michelle Hintz, Nora Mocariski, Doug Pfenninger, BOE Chair, Chris Royer, Liz O'Dowd, Cheryl Heffernan
 1. Enter: Alex Propfe enter 6:15pm Jamie Duffy enter at 6:30
 - B. Absent: Shana DeVoux
- IV. Pledge
- V. Approval of Minutes: No minutes to approve
- VI. Correspondence: None.
- VII. Budget Calendar shared [handout]
 - A. BOE members were invited to attend BOS meetings when presenting the budget. Dates:
 1. Jan. 16 to BOS, 7pm.
 2. Feb. 5 to BOS, 7pm
 - B. Will the BOE engage in "budget 101" training for new BOE members?
 1. Answer: We will be presented with possible dates at the regular BOE meeting at 7pm
- VIII. Initiatives
 - A. Gifted & Talented Program at Pearson - 0 FTEs
 - B. Essential Skills Upper Grades - .2 FTE, Title IV monies - Grant funded from state department to bridge gap with Gilbert
 1. Students targeted: For under credit, over-age, special education students only. (i.e. school refusal, anxiety). Trying to work with Gilbert for 6 hrs. Considering 12-3pm hours, online, variety, alternative sitting. Starting in February with Pilot. Hoping to work with Gilbert. Rationale to run it during a portion of regular Gilbert school hours: to use school support i.e. social worker, guidance, etc. Winchester Public Schools will determine who qualifies. Again, for Special Education students only. Criteria to be developed. Looked into Step program Region 7. Bristol experience.
 2. 8-10 kids at the moment.
 - C. Pre-Kindergarten Expansion - 1.5 FTE
 1. Expanding 45-50 seats, full day. Need to add 1.5 FTE to do this with net zero costs because of staffing shifts next year for a total of three teachers for 15-18 kids per classroom. Start up supplies via Alliance Grant.
 - a) A PRESCHOOL, not a daycare.
 - b) December 1 deadline - results in younger kids registering.
 - c) When parents send their kids out to other district for preschool, this money follows the student.
 - D. School Safety, Culture & Climate - 2.0 FTE total → 66K personnel cost.
 1. Behavior Technician at Batcheller
 2. Security Guard at Pearson
 - E. Wrap Around Day Program, Day care.
 1. Funded by grants to begin. But must have to be self-sustaining.
 2. 15-20 slots in mornings and/or afternoons.
- IX. Anticipated Resources Budget

- A. BOE will be proposing to maintain a 0% ask from the community/town for taxes all the while when improving student performance, increasing enrollment, five major initiatives and expanded services.
- X. Motion to adjourn
 - A. Motion at 6:55 pm: Cheryl Heffernan, Christine Royer, SECOND → Unanimous