

WSD Budget Meeting  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 6:30pm  
Library, 60 Normand Street, WInooski 05404

Board Members Present: Michael Decarreau-President, Tori Cleiland, Alexander Yin-Secretary, Matthew MacNeil

Board Members Absent: Margaret Bass

Administration Present: Sean McMannon-Superintendent, Rebecca Goulet-Finance Manager, Robin Hood-Director of Support Services & Early Learning, Kirsten Kollgaard-Director of ELL and Curriculum

Interpreters Present: Tul Niroula, Stevya Mukuzo, Abeer Alzubaidy, Mohamed Abdullahi

Budget Buddy: Duane Sherwood

Others Present: See attendance sign-in sheet on file

1. Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm
2. Agenda Review and Adjustments: None
3. Public Comments:
  - a. Community Member #1 via recorded voice message
    - i. Bus service in the afternoons for students
    - ii. Use budget for extra support for
    - iii. Would like more frequent communications from teachers about student progress so parents can help
    - iv. Use budget to hire additional teachers to help struggling students
    - v. Students at CTE cannot read letters to parents, need reading and writing support/help
    - vi. Some students are weak in math and science, need tutoring
    - vii. Thankful & grateful for school programs that help students
    - viii. Request to move meeting times to Friday or Saturday so more people can attend
  - b. Community Member #2 via recorded voice message
    - i. Thanks to teachers, principals & board members for helping our students
    - ii. Would like bus to and from school
  - c. Corali Bisbee brought recordings above.
    - i. Noted that some community members are missing work to attend this meeting.
    - ii. Suggests after school classes for ELL students to support reading, writing, math & cultural classes.

- d. Bishnu Khatiwada
    - i. Advocating for bus transportation
    - ii. Use of technology
  - e. Amina Ali
    - i. Advocating for return of PEP program
    - ii. WSD communicates well with parents
4. FY '21 Budget Work Session:
- a. Supt. Sean McMannon provided an overview of the WSD Ends statement, Graduate Expectations (GXs), Graduate Proficiencies (GPS), current staffing and enrollment levels, and the FY21 Baseline Budget. The FY21 Baseline Budget reflected a year-to-year increase of \$1.32 million or 7.37% with debt service accounting for \$900K or 5% of the increase, salaries and benefits accounting for \$529K or 2.9% of the increase and a \$99K or .5% decrease in other items.
  - b. Director of Support Services & Early Learning Robin Hood provided an overview of WSD's special education programming.
  - c. Director of English Language Learning (ELL) & Curriculum Kirsten Kollgaard provided an overview of WSD's ELL programming.
  - d. Finance Manager Rebecca Goulet provided an overview of fiscal services, operations, the fund balance account and the capital reserve account.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:08 pm by Tori Cleiland. All in Favor