

**Wellesley Public Schools
School Committee Meeting
January 19, 2022 – AM Meeting
Superintendent’s Conference Room – Wellesley Middle School**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am. Those present at the commencement of the meeting included Chair Leda Eizenberg, Vice Chair Linda Chow, member Melissa Martin, Superintendent David Lussier, Assistant Superintendents Cynthia Mahr and Sandra Trach, Directors Kathleen Bernklow, Monica Visco, Jorge Allen, Megan Bounit, IT Operations Manager Joseph Hutton and Advisory Representative Jenn Fallon. Secretary Craig Mack and Member Catherine Mirick were absent at the beginning of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A phone line was open for listening to the deliberations and to participate in public comment. There was no one present for public comment.

FY24 OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

Dr. Lussier welcomed everyone and outlined that the goal for the budget workshops is to respond to the questions asked by the Committee and the Advisory members. He noted that the administration’s recommended budget is primarily a level service budget; however, due to a mandated 14% increase in out of district tuition, the budget is over the 3.0% guideline.

The Committee began a discussion surrounding the questions asked about general staffing, the central office, general K-12 topics and the capital budget.

The Committee discussed items related to the equity plan and noted that the items included in the budget are illustrative of elements of the plan budget are not comprehensive of all components as work in this domain is not siloed and is embedded in the work throughout the district.

The Committee also discussed fees and the ongoing interest in eliminating fees in a thoughtful manner as well as discussion surrounding revolving funds, and how the schools manage partial Full Time Equivalent (FTE) across the district.

Craig Mack joined the meeting at 11:18 am remotely.

The Committee discussed the proposed new position of Recruitment, Development and Diversity Specialist. It was noted that this is a newly emerging role and that a key component will be focused on retention as well as recruitment. This job description is still under development but is envisioned as a role that would have dotted line relationships with Teaching and Learning, Human Resources and the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

The Committee discussed the cash capital budget and noted that the life cycle for each of these items is included in the budget. Ms. Bounit and Mr. Hutton outlined the goal to space out major capital investments.

Mr. Mack left the meeting at 11:51 am.

Adjournment

Ms. Eizenberg entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOVED Ms. Martin; SECONDED Ms. Chow

Motion Carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Martin

Member

Materials Used

FY24 Budget Review Questions

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