

Special Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 6:30 PM

LP Wilson Community Center, Board Room, 601 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor, CT
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1. **Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence**
2. **Audience to Visitors**
3. **Budget Assumptions FY 20**
4. **Update on Internal and External Task Force Committees on School Climate**
5. **Announcements**
6. **Adjournment**

Budget Assumptions for 2019-2020

1. **Enrollment:** Each year, the Windsor Public School District commissions the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to conduct an enrollment projection study. NESDEC uses the cohort survival technique as well as current town-specific information in preparing Windsor's enrollment forecasts.

District wide enrollment has had a steady increase over the past few years. In 15/16 and 16/17, enrollment remained stable. The NESDEC projected enrollment for 17/18 and 18/19 showed a decrease of 36 students over 16/17 and then another decrease of 19 students over 17/18. Contrary to the study results, 17/18 enrollment increased to 3,238 and the final October 1, 2018 results have enrollment at 3,269 for 18/19. ***This is an increase of 83 students over the past two years.*** The projected enrollment for 19/20 shows a continued increase.

2. **Staffing & Programs:** Based on the likelihood of a lean 19/20 budget, any requests for additional staffing will be highly scrutinized and may not survive the budget process. Decisions around staffing and program redesign will be driven by their potential impact on raising student achievement while honoring the commitment to be fiscally responsible.
3. **Health Insurance:** If we continue to have low claim trends as we've been experiencing the past few years, the cost for health care is projected to remain flat and possibly decrease slightly.
4. **State & Federal Funding/Grants:** ECS and Excess Cost Funding for Windsor is expected to remain stable for 19/20. The entitlement grants (Title and IDEA) have held flat. We're hopeful that those grants will not be cut in 19/20.
5. **ECS Alliance Grant:** Funding reliability of the Alliance Grant has varied over the past 6 years. 18/19 is year 6 of the grant. Funding for 19/20 is highly likely to remain consistent with 18/19.
6. **Energy:** All schools are now operating with natural gas and by Spring 2019, 5 of our 6 schools will have completed a total school LED upgrade. The energy efficiency upgrades that have been made have allowed the district to lower energy costs over the past few years. Locking in a rate sooner rather than later is important in order to remain flat funded in this budget line item. Cost-saving measures within the facility and operations area are a must.
7. **Facilities:** All capital needs are presented to George Greco, Physical Plant Manager. State and federal compliance issues must be addressed. The need to properly maintain our buildings is also a priority and we anticipate a request for increased major maintenance funding.
8. **Transportation:** The contractual increase for DATTCO Transportation is 3.9% or \$183,515 for 19/20. The percent increase is due to lower percent increases in prior years. Special education transportation for 19/20 is estimated to increase by \$83,500 (4.3%) for 19/20. This increase is due to additional individualized transportation based on student needs.
9. **Diesel Fuel:** Diesel fuel has been at a low the past two years. We do not anticipate that moving forward. The lock in price in 17/18 was \$1.81/gallon and in 18/19 it is \$2.05. The projected rate for 19/20 is \$2.50/gallon which is consistent with that Town of Windsor's projection. This is an increase of \$42,182. This will be monitored in the coming months by the Town.