

Special Meeting - Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 6:30 PM

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1. **Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence**
2. **Budget Assumptions FY 22**
3. **Announcements**
4. **Discussion on Transportation Contract (Executive Session - no action)**
5. **Adjournment**

Budget Assumptions for 2021-2022 - DRAFT

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 into the generation of the enrollment forecasts for preparing Windsor's enrollment forecasts.

District Wide enrollment has had a steady increase over the past few years. In 17/18, enrollment increased from 3,186 to 3,250. Enrollment increased again for 18/19 to 3,269 and then again for 19/20 to 3,308 students. ***This is an increase of 122 students over the past three years.*** October 1, 2020 enrollment was slightly lower at 3,291. The belief is that this slight decrease is COVID-19 related and more families choosing to home school. The projected enrollment for 21/22 shows a continued increase as proven by the last few years and predicted by the DRA Study.

2. **Staffing & Programs:** Based on the likelihood that the approved budget will be lean, any requests for staffing increase will be highly scrutinized and should be made with the realization that they may not survive the budget process. Decisions around staffing and program redesign or development 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 have been experiencing the past few years, the cost for health care is projected to remain flat.
4. **State & Federal Funding/Grants:** ECS Funding & Excess Cost Funding for Windsor is expected to remain stable for 21/22. Historical data is encouraging for WPS entitlement grants. Over the past 3 years, Title grants have increased an average of 10.41% each year and IDEA grants have increased an average of 2.73% each year.
5. **ECS Alliance Grant:** Funding reliability of the Alliance Grant (most recently referred to as ECS Alliance Grant) has varied over the past 8 years. 20/21 is year 8 of the grant. Funding for 21/22 is highly likely to remain consistent with the 20/21 funding level.
6. **Energy:** All schools are now utilizing gas instead of oil for energy. This is a yearly savings for the district. Locking in a rate sooner rather than later is important. Cost-saving measures within the facility and operations area are a must.
7. **Facilities:** All capital needs are presented to the Physical Plant Manager. The need to maintain our buildings is a priority. All buildings are now upgraded to LED.
8. **Transportation:** Windsor's 5 year contract expires June 2021. We are currently in negotiations with DATTCO. Windsor's yard became unionized by the Teamsters this past fall. The increase will be significant for year 1. Projected increase is between \$500,000 - \$600,000.
9. **Diesel Fuel/Gas:** Diesel fuel has been on a slight decrease over the past two years. We anticipate a moderate increase moving forward. The lock in price in 19/20 was \$2.18/gallon and in 20/21 it is \$1.84/gallon. Regular Gas fuel has been on a slight increase over the past two years. We anticipate a moderate increase moving forward. The lock in price in 2019 was \$1.65/gallon and in 2020 it is \$1.99/gallon. The projected rate for 2021 is \$2.25/gallon.