

A Special Meeting - Budget Meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, in the Ellington High School Library Media Center, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, CT 06029.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Dzen.

PRESENT Chair Jennifer Dzen, Vice-Chair Mike Young (virtual), Secretary Jennifer Mullin, Treasurer Liz Nord, Gary Blanchette, Marcia Kupferschmid, Angela Moser, Kerry Socha, Miriam Underwood, Steve Viens

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Oliver Barton, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations
Dr. Kristy LaPorte, Director of Special Services
Mr. Aaron Fliss, Director of Technology
Ms. Stephanie Veturis, Coordinator of Accounting
Ms. Melinda Ferry, Ellington Board of Selectmen Liaison to the BOE

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Discussion

Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations

Superintendent Nicol began the meeting by welcoming the Board and viewing public. He acknowledged guests and members of the administration present. Dr. Nicol shared that the main focus of the meeting is to present the broader themes of the budget to the Board of Education. The highlights include budget themes and the major drivers.

Dr. Nicol turned over the presentation to Mr. Brian Greenleaf to present the budget to the Board in more detail. Mr. Greenleaf discussed the strategic investment process and revenue streams such as Special Education Tuition, Medicare, Open Choice, and Excess Costs. The Board of Education revenue totaled \$2,222,000 for the 22-23 year.

Dr. Nicol continued the presentation to discuss the major drivers of the budget and the proposed 2023-2024 budget. The budget is comprised of many categories with salaries taking up the largest portion, followed by benefits, purchased services, supplies, etc. Areas of particular focus with increased costs are utilities, benefits, maintenance and custodial supplies, and magnet tuition. The proposed budget for the 23-24 year is \$45,319,597. This equates to a 5.38% increase. Dr. Nicol noted that the Board of Education change in the overall town budget for FYs 2014-2022 is negative 1.7 %, a consistent trend.

Additional budget discussion will continue on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for the annual Saturday Budget Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION First: M. Young
Second: M. Kupferschmid
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (6:09 p.m.)
Motion unanimously carried.

