

A Special Meeting - Budget Meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in the Ellington High School Library Media Center, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, CT 06029.

**The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Dzen.**

**PRESENT** Chair Jennifer Dzen, Vice-Chair Kerry Socha, Secretary Jennifer Mullin, Gary Blanchette, Marcia Kupferschmid, Angela Moser, Miriam Underwood, Steve Viens, Dr. Lenora Williams (6:10 p.m.), Mike Young (virtual)

**ALSO PRESENT** Mr. Oliver Barton, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Ms. Mary Cardin, Selectman, Liaison to the Board of Education  
Ms. Alisha Carpino, Director of Finance and Operations  
Mr. Dan Keune, Board of Finance, Liaison to the Board of Education  
Dr. Kristy LaPorte, Director of Special Services  
Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Stephanie Veturis, Coordinator of Accounting

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Jennifer Dzen opened the meeting by sharing that tonight is a high-level presentation of the budget overview. The budget binders for review will be distributed this evening for a more in-depth read ahead of Saturday's Budget Workshop and will be available on the Ellington Public Schools website.

### **Budget Discussion**

#### **Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Nicol introduced himself and welcomed guests and Administration to the meeting. The Board of Education Liaisons from the Board of Selectman, Ms. Mary Cardin, and the Board of Finance, Mr. Dan Keune were also present. Dr. Nicol reviewed the scheduled highlights to be presented. These included an introduction, budget themes, major drivers, and proposed net spending increase. Dr. Nicol continued to share background information before moving on to the items of particular focus for the 2024-2025 proposed budget. Special Education, Athletics, Facilities, and Medical and Dental are the areas of particular focus with increased costs and adjustments. The proposed budget for 2024-2025 is \$46,442,068. This equates to a net spending increase of 3.01%. Over the last decade, the Ellington Board of Education has maintained a consistent percentage of the Town's budget without incrementally increasing over time.

Additional budget discussion will continue on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the annual Saturday Budget Workshop.

You may view the entire presentation on our [website](#).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** First: J. Mullin  
Second: A. Moser  
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (6:39 p.m.)  
Motion unanimously carried.