

WAYS & MEANS
MEETING MINUTES
BURLINGTON, MA 01803

MAY 4, 2022

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Present: Steve Morin, Chair
John Iler, Vice Chair

Chris Campell
Michael Hardy
Meghan Nawoichik
Ed Parsons
Sonia Rollins
Jaya Vorunganti

Doug Davison
Frank Monaco
Rob Neufeld
Roger Riggs
David Tait

Absent: Brad Bond
Phil Gallagher

Guests: Dr. Eric Conti, Superintendent Burlington Schools
Bob Cunha, BPS Director of Operations
Dr. Brad Jackson, Superintendent Shawsheen Tech

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participations Dr. Conti gave accolades to Dr. Brad Jackson on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of Shawsheen Technical High School after this current year.

Additional Comments N/A

FY23 Budget Reviews

300 – Burlington Public Schools (Operating Budget) \$59,539,128

The subcommittee approved the operating (salary and expenses) budget at the guideline of 3.75% over fiscal year 2022. The school committee adopted an accommodated account for special education costs for out-of-district and transportation. A motion was made and seconded.

Vote: [13-0-0]

300 – Burlington Public Schools (Special Education Budget) \$12,873,799

The line item has a 4.4% increase over fiscal year 2022 – with the expansion of the program, a developmental skills classroom at Pine Glen was created for cohorts who will be moving into the middle

school; that is funded through the accommodated account. A lab life skills classroom, a medically fragile program, that exists at Francis Wyman. There are 3 monitors listed for town transportation at \$35,144 this current year. A motion was made and seconded.

Vote: [13-0-0]

301 – Regional School Assessments

- Shawsheen (A) **\$2,667,214**
An increase of \$741,049 (2.9%) – Shawsheen is an independent entity, serving students grades 9-12 from the 5 member communities (Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Tewksbury and Wilmington). It is governed by a 10-member Regional School Committee, with 2 members elected from each community. The entity is responsible for 100% of the costs of the education of the students attending, building maintenance, employee and retiree benefits. The school district's budget development involves taking the prior year (FY22) voted budget, examining all of the fixed costs and assessing every line item to ensure temporary expenditures are removed before examining run-rate expenses.

Vote: [13-0-0]

- Essex (A) **\$106,865**
Two students did not receive the admission, the two students who were listed may receive admission but will be decided after May 15.

Vote: [13-0-0]

- Minuteman (A) **\$26,314**
Currently there is only one student attending Minuteman and the school will not accept any more students from Burlington. Due to the high demand of new applications I, they cannot take any additional applicants from Burlington. A motion was made and seconded.

Vote: [13-0-0]

School Warrant Articles

7-12 – Francis Wyman Playground **\$290,000**

The park is due for replacement; the estimate for the project is approximately \$350,000. The request for the budget is \$290,000 which includes a collaboration with the park department for some of the site prep, demolition and installment.

Vote: [13-0-0]

7-13 – Computer Science for All Curriculum Supplies **\$150,000**

This article involves adding hardware and software for implementing curriculum at the elementary school level. The equipment includes a package of severe robots and devices.

Vote: [13-0-0]

7-14 – HVAC Controller Upgrade **\$108,000**

This article involves replacing the centralized digital controls for the HVAC system – it was originally installed in 2004 and upgraded in 2011 with the renovation of the middle school. The subcommittee voted 5-0-0 in support. A motion was made and seconded.

Vote: [13-0-0]

7-15 – Pine Glen Bathroom Repairs **\$65,000**

This article involves the replacement of all the partitions in the bathrooms. The town is planning to utilize all four elementary schools indefinitely and the maintenance is warranted. The subcommittee voted 4-0-0.

Vote: [13-0-0]

7-16 – Pine Glen HVAC

\$500,000

The request for this warrant involves building a new HVAC system – it's a design and build for 24 spaces. Due to not having air conditioning in the building, it's difficult to use during the warm months. The subcommittee voted 4-0-0.

Vote: [13-0-0]

7-17 – Burlington Sports Field Master Plan

\$70,000

The proposal is to build a 10-year capital plan to prioritize the maintenance and reconstruction of all the town's sports fields.

Vote: [13-0-0]

7-18 – BHS Music Floor Reconstruction

\$450,000

The floors were done in 1972; the proposal is to add concrete to the existing flooring to make the room accessible for all students and faculty. The subcommittee voted 5-0-0 in support.

Vote: [11-1-0]

*Yes: Brad Bond, Doug Davison, Mike Hardy, Frank Monaco, Meghan Nawoichik,
Rob Neufeld, Ed Parsons, Roger Riggs, Jayashree Voruganti, Steve Morin, David Tait*

No: John Iler

7-19 – Fox Hill Portables Repairs

\$160,000

The proposal is to repair the portable classrooms until a newly renovated Fox Hill building opens. The committee voted 5-0-0 in support.

Vote: [12-0-0]

7-20 – Scoreboards for Sports Fields

\$110,000

This proposal is requesting to add new scoreboards at Marshall Simonds, Francis Wyamn and Marvin Field. The athletic department has requested that it collect fees for holding the events. The subcommittee voted 4-0-1 in support.

Vote: [12-0-0]

7-21 – Activity Bus & Utility Vehicles

\$145,000

The request for two activity buses and utility vehicles (gators) – currently, the high school has one activity bus. These will be utilized for sports and special education. The committee is looking to purchase two 14-passenger vans due to the lack of transportation in the past. The utility vehicles will be assigned and used by the maintenance department during the daytime as well as utilizing them for larger sporting and musical events.

Vote: [12-0-0]

7-22 – Bleachers MSMS Field

\$220,000

The request of this article is the purchase and installation of bleachers. The addition of bleachers will enable better utilization of the fields at Marshall Simonds for sporting events for the high school and middle school. The bleachers will be ADA accessible. A motion was made and seconded.

Vote: *[12-0-0]*

7-23 – Visitor Control Access System

\$25,000

A **three-year** contract – implemented throughout **six** physical buildings, however, does apply to both administration and preschools. This item will be heavily used on tracking who enters and exits the buildings; it documents the visitor as well as flag visitors that are prohibited from entering. The subcommittee voted 4-0.

Vote: *[12-0-0]*

MEETING ADJOURNED.