

**WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
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<p>WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION Thursday, February 3, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. WHS Library Special Board of Education Meeting</p>
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MINUTES

Members present: Kim Walker, Don Perreault, Christine Kuehlewind, MaryElla Luft, Michelle Palumbo, Sally Greaves,
Via telephone: Zachary Hayden, Mike Esposito, Andrew Miesse

Also present: Superintendent Kristina J. Martineau; Business Manager, Lesley Wysocki

I. CALL TO ORDER – K. Walker, Chair, called the Special Meeting of February 3, 2022 to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. BUDGET DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP #3:

Dr. Martineau provided the Superintendent’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Dr. Walker gave each board member an opportunity for comments or questions. M. Palumbo commented to move forward with the budget as presented. D. Perreault appreciated the hard work in developing a good budget with a reasonable increase. Dr. Walker also commented that she was appreciative of the budget process. C. Kuehlewind was thrilled to see the lunch recess aides added back into the budget; solving future potential issues. With inflation, she is happy with the budget as proposed with the slight increase. S. Greaves was satisfied and appreciates the hard work. M. Luft agreed with fellow board members and likes the process and is ready to move forward. Z. Hayden commented it is a great budget and appreciates the process and time put into creating the budget. He was pleased to see a slide including the Districts Mission and Vision and thought it important to bring back learning experiences and focusing on student education. He is concerned about insurance next year. M. Esposito stated that he is appreciative of Dr. Martineau and Mrs. Wysocki for their work and transparency on the budget and for providing him with requested information so he has a better understanding and he believes we are moving in the right direction. A. Miesse agreed with what most board members shared and appreciated the hard work and transparency that went into the budget process. He is concerned with the decrease in Professional Development, Conferences, and Travel.

MOTION by D. Perreault and SECOND by M. Luft to move the Superintendent’s Proposed Budget as presented to a vote at the next regular Board of Education meeting.

Vote: (ayes): Z. Hayden, M. Luft, C. Kuehlewind, S. Greaves, M. Palumbo, D. Perreault, A. Miesse, K. Walker (Nay) M. Esposito

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments

IV. ADJOURN: MOTION to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. by M. Palumbo and SECOND by S. Greaves. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Kuehlewind, Board Secretary Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk

TBA at next meeting

