

MIDDLETON PUBLIC INPUT QUESTIONS - 3/11/2026

- 1. Are the School Board members willing to give up their stipend payments in order to benefit the FY2027 budget?**

That will be up to each member individually. I will not ask the members to give up their stipend. The school board members are the equivalent of the select board members for the town. Each member has worked diligently this year investing additional time into the school board by creating sub committees etc. The budget concerns were not related to a lack of work or dedication by any member of the board.

- 2. How was the tuition rate calculated for the mailer that was sent out?**

The rate was calculated by the SAU office based on the agreement in place.

- 3. Where did the money come from to pay to send the mailer out?**

The funds for the mailer came from the budget. The school board allocated \$850 for the Deliberative post cards in January and expended less than \$500 for this mailer. The previous year cost for the voting mailer was \$830. The enhanced voting mailer was \$1003, a difference of \$173 which was covered by the \$350 balance allocated for the previous mailer. This change was made in an effort to provide transparency to the residents.

- 4. Request for staff salaries to be made publicly available.**

This information on the SAU website. Select "GWRSD" and then select "Right to know wages". This will provide data by individual name. You can also reach out to the SAU office.

- 5. Does the School Board believe the townspeople want the children to lose things because of the budget?**

Though personal feelings are irrelevant, the school board understands the financial concerns of the town and do not feel that there is malicious intent.

- 6. What did the substitute teacher tell the students about the budget and what action will be taken?**

This was addressed by the principal. We are not able to provide further info related to personnel issues.

- 7. Where was it posted to invite people to come into the school to read to classes?**

The principal reached out to individuals listed on the town's website, PTA and the church for this event. There are volunteer opportunities available within the school. Please reach out to the principal to discuss these opportunities.