

**Regional School District 8 Board of Education  
Public Budget Forum Minutes  
Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Judy Benson-Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm

BOE Members Present: Judy Benson-Clarke, Erik Schevchenko, Lori Blake, Michael Charron, Joe Colletti, Gabe Marques, Susan Stolfi, Jessica Dapsis, Carey Fraulino and Mike Morris

Administration Present: Scott Leslie, Superintendent  
Eva Gallupe, Business Manager

Student Representative: Lily Schevenko and Rowan Akerlind

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Budget Forum**

Overview of the Administration's Proposed 2022-23 Operating and Capital Budgets  
S. Leslie reviewed the Administrative Budget Proposal for FY 2022-23. The budget is worked off of the District Plan. Next meeting is April 4, 2022 for the Public Budget Hearing and Special Board of Education meeting to set budget number. Presented to the Marlborough BOF and will go to Andover and Hebron BOF next. Highlights of the presentation include; cost per pupil, enrollment projections, staffing adjustments, proposed improvements/changes, and technology, special education and facilities budget driving factors. Capital budget proposal reviewed. Proposed Town Levy for Andover, Marlborough and Hebron reviewed. Capital budget options discussed using proposed and exiting capital funds and 2020-21 audited surplus funds.

**4. Public Comments**

Terry McManus, Hebron – inquired about cost per pupil calculation. E. Gallupe discussed the factors included in coming up with the number. Inquired about salary and benefits in correlation with bonding decrease. S. Leslie reviewed how non-certified staff was paid significantly less compared to other districts. This is a one-time bump to align with other districts. Inquired about funding towards playing fields. S. Leslie stated that the intent is not to move the playing fields to the next level, rather addressing specific problems with solutions to address them. (i.e. drainage issues)

Janet Pedasky, Hebron – spoke to the level of proposed town levy for Hebron being significant. She would like to see a more even distribution amount over the three towns.

Matt (last name?), Hebron – Stated his happiness in seeing an investment back into the property. Commended the level of education given. Would prefer nothing else gets added back into the budget. Stated there has been a request to the state for grant funds for fields and electrical generation. Inquired about why there are more academic labs at the high school vs the middle school. S. Leslie stated that the high school has always had the labs and the middle school was structured to provide support in which labs were not existent.

Lily Schevchenko, student rep – inquired if google enterprise encompasses google classroom.  
Also questioned the current use of a program. S. Leslie will look into both.

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5. **Adjournment**

**M. Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., seconded by G. Marques.  
Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk