

Waterville Valley School Board Budget Hearing
Monday, February 9, 2026

Public Meeting at WVES Multi-Purpose Room with Public Attendance in person

Members Present: Mike Furgal and Tim Smith

Administration Present: Lindsay Costello, Principal WVES; Pam Martin, SAU 48 Assistant Superintendent.

Public Present: Public approximately 15 members

Mike Furgal "I MOTION we open the Waterville Valley School Board Budget Hearing." Tim Smith seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

Mike Furgal commenced the meeting at 6:00. Mike Furgal presented a slide show outlining the Waterville Valley School Budget for school year 2026-2027

Mike Furgal thoroughly reviewed the slides, asked for feedback, and answered questions about the budget.

Article 1: Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer

To see what action the District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.

Article 2: Open Enrollment

Shall the Waterville Valley School District vote to adopt an open enrollment school program, designating Waterville Valley Elementary School (WVES) as open enrollment pursuant to NH RSA 194-D, for the purpose of enabling the district to admit non-resident students to WVES, with one hundred percent (100%) of its eligible resident pupils permitted to attend WVES and zero percent (0%) of its resident pupils permitted to attend open enrollment schools located outside the District, and further, to limit the number of non-resident pupils who may attend WVES under the provisions of RSA 194-D to no more than 1 student. The School Board recommends this article. (3-0). (Majority vote required).

Discussion:

- WVES is currently not an open enrollment school as this is a new piece of legislation. The Article will establish and define WVES' Open Enrollment policy.
- The potential student (1) who may use Open Enrollment to attend WVES will provide their own transportation. The feeder school will pay WVES 80% of its tuition costs plus 100% of the costs for SPED.

Article 3 Operating Budget

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of One Million Six Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$1,686,959) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this article. (3-0). (Majority vote required)

Tim Smith "I MOTION we move warrant articles to the District Meeting on March 9, 2026."
Mike Furgal seconded; MOTION PASSED.

Tim Smith "I MOTION we move the budget as presented to the District Meeting on March 9, 2026." Mike Furgal seconded; MOTION PASSED.

Tim Smith "I MOTION to close the Waterville Valley School Board Budget Hearing." Mike Furgal seconded, and Budget Hearing ended at 6:24 PM.

A True Copy I do Attest,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lori Fernandez", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal flourish.