

Board of Education
June 19, 2023

The special session meeting was live streamed on COX channel 16 or Frontier channel 6101 and may also be viewed on: YouTube® Channel, “Wethersfield Government Access TV” at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfuf-C0gYVVxmD5iIfTnsQ>

The Wethersfield Board of Education met in special session on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and was streamed from the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Di Roberts, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Granato, Mr. Healy, Mr. Laccavole, Dr. Regan-Lefebvre, Mr. Reilly, Vice Chairperson Mr. Cascio, and Chairperson Carey. Also present were: Superintendent of Schools, Michael Emmett; Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction, Sally Dastoli; and Business Manager, Matthew Kozaka.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Business Manager, Matthew Kozaka led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Action Items

a. Recommended Motion: Approval of budget transfers from the 2022-2023 Operating Budget

Mr. Cascio MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education authorize a budget transfer from the 2022-2023 operating budget for the purpose of purchasing classroom technology infrastructure and student musical instruments.

Background: Mr. Emmett noted the district projects to finish the 2022-2023 school year under budget. The transfer of current operating funds will be applied to the purchase of requested classroom desktop computer units. These units are needed to replace current units whose operating systems will soon be obsolete. Funds will also be applied to the purchase of musical instruments for student use as this has not been funded in prior years.

The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Drew and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Di Roberts and Mr. Carey commented. Mr. Emmett also commented.

b. Recommended Motion: Approval of the 2023-2024 Wethersfield Public Schools Operating Budget

Mr. Cascio MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the revised Operating Budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of Sixty-One Million, Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-Six (\$61,863,166) Dollars, as allocated by the Wethersfield Town Council. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Healy and VOTED unanimously. Board Comments: Mrs. Granato, Mr. Cascio, Dr. Regan-Lefebvre, Mr. Reilly, Mrs. Di Roberts, Mr. Healy, and Mr. Carey commented. Mr. Emmett also commented.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Healy MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Cascio and VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Cascio, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

WETHERSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2023-2024 BUDGET
SUPERINTENDENT PROPOSED REDUCTIONS

TC ADOPTED 22-23 BUDGET	59,869,601
BOE APPROVED 23-24 BUDGET	63,370,872
INCREASE AMT	3,501,271
INCREASE %	5.85%
 TOWN COUNCIL REDUCTION	 1,507,706
 TC ADOPTED 23-24 BUDGET	 61,863,166
INCREASE AMT	1,993,565
INCREASE %	3.33%
 PENSION CONTRIBUTION REDUCTION (PER TOWN)	 (7,706)
MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT REDUCTION (PER TOWN)	(198,516)
REDUCE MATH PROGRAM TO FIRST YEAR ONLY	(310,000)
ELIMINATE NEW ELEMENTARY SOCIAL WORKER	(75,000)
ELIMINATE TWO NEW SPED POSITIONS	(140,000)
ELIMINATE NEW SECONDARY SPED POSITION	(65,000)
ELIMINATE NEW SDMS SOCIAL WORKER	(75,000)
ELIMINATE DESKTOP PURCHASES	(100,000)
ELIMINATE MUSIC INSTRUMENT PURCHASES	(30,000)
CHOICE PER PUPIL REVENUE ADJUSTMENT	(200,000)
EXCESS COST REIMBURSEMENT ADJUSTMENT	(150,000)
REDUCE ONE SDMS READING POSITION	(105,000)
REDUCE ONE CREC TEACHER RESIDENCY POSITION	(40,000)
TEACHER RETIREMENT SAVINGS WITH LOWER COST NEW HIRES	(151,484)
ADD ONE WHS SPED POSITION	65,000
ADD ONE SDMS SOCIAL WORKER	75,000
	 (1,507,706)