

School Committee
9/14/21
Minutes

Attendees:

Chris Ryan, chair
Ellen Greico, vice chair
Jeanne Downs
Omar Easy, Superintendent
Ellen Whittemore, Director of Finance and Operations

Also In Attendance:

Bill Steinberg, Finance Committee Chair
Kelly Lappin, Finance Committee
Steve Correia, Finance Committee
Michael Hoyle, Finance Committee
Abner Bruno, Finance Committee

Chris Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm (as part of the Finance Committee meeting) and a roll call was taken with Chris, Ellen and Jeanne acknowledging their attendance. The following items were discussed:

Public Comment

None.

Per Pupil Expenditures

Jeanne reviewed the Per Pupil Expenditure chart with the Finance Committee noting where Wayland sits amongst its twelve peer towns in term of expenditures. For FY18-FY20, Wayland has consistently ranked 9th in terms of per pupil expenditures. Finance Committee members asked for various metrics to be added to the chart for the future budget presentations including the Finance Committee peer towns, number of students, number of schools, full day kindergarten and immersion programs.

Vocational Education

Dr. Easy updated the Finance Committee on the current timing of presenting eighth graders with vocational education options. He noted that Wayland High School offerings are presented much later in the year than vocational school offerings and the district will work to present both sets of offerings at the same time in the future. Dr. Easy explained the town's obligation to provide vocational education to students who desire that option.

FTEs

Jeanne reviewed the overview of staff changes during the school year as well as the Staff Deployment Report. The Finance Committee expressed a desire to have information about the benefits eligible part time and full time employees and a recap of what has changed in terms of FTE in a given year.

Spanish Immersion Program

Jeanne reviewed the Spanish Immersion noting that it is in its fourth year. The Finance Committee made several suggestions regarding the program in terms of its financial presentation including where it is headed and the impacts on programming.

Budget Calendar Dates

The Finance Committee would like to have the School Committee’s voted budget closer to January 10th. Dr. Easy noted that the School Department needs adequate time to be diligent in its budget request which includes several months of data. The Finance Committee noted that if the School Committee could vote their capital budget early, the current calendar for the operating budget would be adequate. The School Committee will discuss this issue at a future meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Ellen and seconded by Jeanne., the School Committee voted unanimously (3-0) to adjourn at 8:02 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Chris Ryan	X	
Ellen Grieco	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Downs

- Corresponding Documents:
- Per Pupil Expenditure Chart
 - FTE Summary Document
 - Staff Deployment Report