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Public Hearing Proposed FY 2021 Budget

March 19, 2020 - 6:00 pm

Hearing presented via ZOOM Meeting

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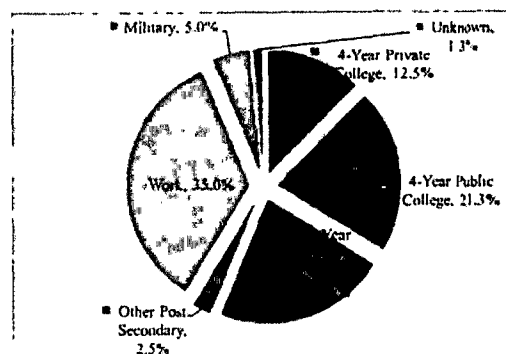
Attendance:

Greg Vine, Chair, Larry Murphy, Roann Demanche, Felicia Nurmsen, Pam Smith
Joan Landers, Superintendent, Anne Mahan, Business Administrator,
Bill Clinton, Director of Technology -Zoom Meeting Host

1. Call to Order 6:04 pm by Greg Vine, Chair
2. Please enter *9 to ask a question
3. Power Point Presentation of FY-2021 Budget - Joan Landers and Anne Mahan
 - a. Outline of the Strategic Plan and Mission of Winchendon Public Schools
MISSION:
Draft as of December 2019
In full partnership with our community, our mission is to ensure each student possesses the skills, knowledge, and habits necessary to persevere and realize their unique potential to become contributing members of society through:
 - A safe, positive, inclusive environment that promotes an appreciation of diversity and sense of community
 - A system of supports incorporating meaningful opportunities for social, emotional, and academic success
 - Positive collaboration with home and families
 - A culture of possibility with a focus on preparedness for the future
 - b. Strategies Objectives
 1. Each student demonstrates the desire and ability to fulfill their talent and potential to a high level of personal excellence.
 2. Each student exercises independent, effective advocacy for their own well-being and learning.
 3. Each student is a collaborative and contributing member in their various communities.
 4. Each student embodies strength of character: responsibility, integrity, and compassion.
 - c. Strategies
We will create a high-quality educational system ensuring that each student develops the skills and mindset to embrace opportunities for success.

We will actively engage our schools with our local and global communities.
We will create a safe and supportive environment that promotes a culture of respect and inclusion for all.

- d. Selected Student Population FY2020
- e. Placement of Students with Disabilities FY18
- f. Plans of graduates 2019/2019
- g. Graphics



G Vine asked about the dropout rates in comparison to the state. J. Landers will look for that answer.

J. Landers stated that we are addressing the opportunities to exposing student to dual enrollment. L. Murphy said to look at the four-year private and four public college as it shows an increase 4%.

Scholars Academy is a great idea to assist with student making choices.

L. Murphy asked about inclusion students going down. S. Michel gave an explanation about several student move to substantially separate.

S. Michel the staff is doing an amazing job of determining where the student below on the educational grid. J. Landers State dropout rate 1.9%. G Vine stated our demographics our rate is inline.

L. Murphy asked about percent still in school are they repeating a grade level. J. Landers spoke about plans to keep our students in school and with more choices. Repeating in the freshman year is a high rate.

- h. Four-year graduate rate

L. Murphy asked how we measured up to the state rate. J. Landers stated we were a bit higher but with all the new programs in place for our freshman this number is expected to go down.

- i. Non-Staff Cost Breakdown

Ann Mahan reviewed the non-staff cost being paid using the Robinson Broadhurst and Murdock Trust funds monies.

- j. Town Capital Improvement Plan

Ann Mahan stated that J. Landers worked with the town on this capital improvement plan. The school department will be receiving approximately \$100 thousand dollars in funding for numerous projects. J. Landers also stated that she has submitted a statement

k. Key Budget Priorities

1. Budget Assumptions

m. Revolving Accounts

n. Federal and State Grants Estimates FY2021

o. FY2021 Narrative for the Budget

p. FY2021 Revenues

q. FY2021 Expenses

r. FY2021 Proposed budget - Surplus/deficit

L. Murphy made a motion to accept the local and state funding FY2021 budget \$13,787,063 as presented by the Superintendent, P. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

Winchendon Public Schools

J. Landers asked to have a moment to update the community with so important information:

On March 23rd food services and transportation company will be delivering to locations throughout the town and the Toy Town elementary School location will be closed. Waterville Plaza, Rivers edge parking lot, Rite Aid Parking Lot, Lincoln Ave extension.

Heywood Hospital will be providing food for families. Chromebooks are available for students to borrow. J. Landers will be distributing these from Central Office.

Staff will be reaching out to the families to ensure we maintain contact. Weekly videos are being done Superintendent heard from health department and can dial 211 for questions around services. There will be another phone number manned by nurses to also assist.

J. Landers thanked the town and other community members for all their help and the Leadership Team for all their support. G. Vine asked about kindergarten registration. Michelle Atter, Principals.

Felicia asked about educational resources being sharing with parents. J. Landers has a resource on the website and emailed.

J. Landers stated we are providing enrichment work only. It must be equitable so enrichment instead of educational. Special Needs student are also receiving the services, guidance and updating their plans.

School Committee Comments:

- F. Nurmsen commented that we still see the trend of high needs and low income rate and these student are dropping out.
- P. Smith stated that teachers are sending resources through facebook and parent are very appreciative.

5. R Demanche made a motion Executive Session

- a. Purpose #2 *Motion to move into to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and will return to open session for a roll call vote.*

6. Adjournment 7:46 pm

Respectfully Submitted: _____

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