

Orange Board of Education
February 10, 2020 Special Budget Meeting
Approved Minutes (approved on 4.27.20)
6:00 PM

Location: Mary L Tracy Board of Education meeting room

Attendees: Board members: Bill Kraut, Jeff Cap, Susan Riccio, Charles Flynn, Betty Hadlock, Mary Welander, Christian Young, Kim Browe

Absent: Ken Ziman, Ken Vitelli

Administrative Team: Dr. Vince Scarpetti, Dr. Evelyn Russo, Christine Koch

Meeting called to order on 2/10/2020 at 6:03pm by Chairman Bill Kraut.

Chairman Kraut commended Dr. Scarpetti and the leadership team, staff and everyone who participated in building the budget. He thanked the Board for their continued hard work and support.

Mr. Kraut reminded the Board that once the Superintendent's budget is voted upon and approved, it will become the Orange Board of Education 2020-2021 budget.

Chairman Kraut suggested that the Board consider and have a discussion about having an SSO officer. Amity will be hiring an SSO officer for the Middle school. Potential to add a line item for SSO officer - retired officer with at least 15 years experience. Discussion will follow at a later date. Not included in the current budget.

2020-2021 Budget Discussion

Superintendent: Dr. Scarpetti summarized themes from last time

Themes from last time:

- Enrollment/class sections
 - MLT, THS, and RBS
 - Space/Locations
- Buses
 - MLT
- School supplies list
 - Discussion with Principals
- Furniture

Finish Budget Presentation - Current increase 3.78%, \$21,691,677 total budget. We would have been at 2.68% however, due to significant insurance increases, the budget rose 1.10%. Note contractual obligations are 3%.

- Student enrollment planned for 2020-2021 is currently 1211 students.
- Legal costs are higher due to contract negotiations with 4 bargaining units this year
- Increase in Central office overtime due to new financial system, Munis installation
- Reduction in Facilities for custodial overtime and events overtime
- Solar question, Ms. Koch will review contract and update the Board
- Large increase in Health Insurance costs. BOE is part of the Town plan.
- Cafeteria consultant will support state standards and adherence to policies.

The overall Budget increase is only 0.78% over the contractual obligations.

Discussion on 21st Century's contribution to BOE overhead costs in the amount of \$60,000. The 21st Century budget and funding covers all costs, expenses and is monitored. No taxpayer dollars are used for the 21st Century program.

Student safety for furniture is a concern. Ongoing concern for old, broken furniture. The Building and Grounds committee will look at the 5 year and 10 year plan. Future discussion on furniture.

Proposed Budget Request - Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Orange Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$21,691,677 (3.78% increase) made by Susan Riccio, 2nd by Kim Browe. Unanimous vote in favor of approving the budget. Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn made by Susan Riccio, seconded by Mary Welander. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:15pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Executive Board Secretary Susan Riccio on 2/10/2020.