

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
HELD JUNE 10, 2021 AT 7:30 PM IN THE HUMISTON BOARD ROOM**

Board Members Present: Anthony Perugini-Chair; Adam Grippo-Vice Chair; Faith Ham, Andrew Martelli, Timothy White

Board Members Absent: Kathryn Hallen-Secretary; Anne Harrigan

Administrators Present: Jeffrey F. Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer

Public access made available through live streaming the Cheshire Public School's YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/cheshirepublicschools. Public comments were accepted at CPSCovid19@cheshire.k12.ct.us.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:45 P.M.

A. Roll for Quorum. The roll was called and a quorum determined.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Perugini led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2021/2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

MOTION by Mr. Grippo, seconded by Mr. Martelli.

***MOVED** that the Cheshire Board of Education approve a Budget for the fiscal year 2021/22 of \$77,001,052 as appropriated by the Cheshire Town Council. Further, the Board of Education reduces its 2021/22 Budget Recommendation by \$1,486,000 as follows:*

1. Certified Salaries	\$ 280,000
2. Non-Certified Salaries	\$ 0
3. Employee Benefits	\$ 956,993
4. Instructional Expense	\$ 68,166
5. Support Services	\$ 73,395
6. Operations & Maintenance	\$ 107,446
Total Reductions	\$ 1,486,000

Mr. Masciana reviewed that The Certified Salaries account has a recommended reduction of \$280,000 which is based on seven teacher retirements. There are no reductions being recommended for Non-Certified Salaries.

The Medical Benefits account is being reduced by \$1,037,542. This amount includes savings of \$37,542 from a lower than expected stop-loss insurance renewal. A \$1 million reduction by the Town Council will be offset by a direct contribution of \$1.5 million into

the medical benefits reserve fund. There is an increase of \$130,549 for the pension account, based on an update that was received after the budget was established. Regarding Unemployment Compensation, that account will be reduced by \$50,000.

The Instructional Expense account is being reduced by a total of \$68,166. This includes reductions to staff training (\$10,000), Instructional Supply (\$23,166), Textbooks (\$22,500), replacement equipment (\$6,250) and new equipment (\$6,250). Dr. Solan said, even with these reductions, this account is still adequately funded.

The Support Services account will be reduced by \$73,395. This includes reductions to Rentals/Fees (\$20,000), Communications (\$3,116), Travel/Conference (\$3,214), Office Supply (\$4,500) and Transportation Supply (\$17,565) are each being reduced by 5 percent. Capital Equipment (\$25,000) can be reduced because we were able to purchase some of next year's equipment with funding from the current year's budget.

A \$107,446 reduction is recommended to Maintenance & Operations. This reduction comes from a 5% reduction to Building Repairs (\$93,896) and Maintenance Supplies (\$13,550). This is not a drastic reduction and maintains an increase over last year's budget.

The Board discussed cyber and data security in the district. Mr. Masciana and Dr. Solan reviewed the safeguards that are in place within our systems for staff and students.

Mr. Perugini said the 3.23% budget increase is the largest we have seen in a long time. He thanked the Town Council for their work on our budget.

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no public comments via CPSCOV19@cheshire.k12.ct.us.

4. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Ham, and seconded by Mr. Martelli, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Perugini, Board Chair

Attest:

Carol K. Jesensky, Board of Education Clerk

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