

April 29, 2019  
Finance Subcommittee Meeting

A meeting of the Finance Subcommittee of the Westfield School Committee was held on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in room 201 at City Hall, 59 Court Street. Members present by roll call were: Cindy Sullivan, Tim O'Connor, and Ramon Diaz. Other school committee members in attendance were: Diane Mayhew, Bo Sullivan, and Mayor Brian Sullivan. Heather Sullivan was not in attendance.

Tim O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Public participation, excluding personnel: none

2. Review of the 2019-2020 budget proposal:

Superintendent Stefan Czaprowski described the budget as a balanced budget with no increase to the city, plus a savings of \$465,000 on the city side in health insurance benefits, due to 37 fewer employees. He reported that the initial requests from the schools showed a potential increase of \$6.1 million. The district reduced the increase to \$1.9 million, which will be offset by an increase in Chapter 70 local aid of approximately \$2.1 million.

Ron Rix reported the total FY20 proposed budget was \$63,164,542. The personnel side of was \$48,425,921 (77%) and the expense side was \$14,738,621 (23%).

Tim O'Connor, chair of the subcommittee, stated that budget would be reviewed and questions were welcomed. The subcommittee reviewed the budget. A discussion took place regarding the personnel and expense sides of the budget, administration, special education, retirements, transportation, utilities, and building based figures. Questions were answered.

Ramon Diaz moved, Cindy Sullivan seconded to bring forward a recommendation to the full committee to bring forward the FY20 proposed budget to the Mayor/City Council. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Tim O'Connor thanked Superintendent Czaprowski and team for preparing the budget.

At 7:30 pm Cindy Sullivan moved, Ramon Diaz seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Tim O'Connor, Chair  
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A report on this meeting given to the school committee at the May 6, 2019 meeting. Approved by school committee members at the May 6, 2019 school committee meeting.

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