

Board of Education Minutes  
Budget Workshop  
February 10, 2016

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A budget workshop was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mr. Karpinski, Dr. Robert, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Mathwich (6:20 p.m.), Mr. McCord (6:55 p.m.), and Mr. Mendolia (7:04 p.m.). Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. The workshop began at 6:14 p.m.

1. Discussion of 2016-2017 Proposed Education Budget – Questions were asked regarding personnel, including an increase in special education personnel and a curriculum director. The increase in special education is due to a portion of a current staff member being moved from a grant to town funds. There was discussion regarding the curriculum director. Mr. Nero elaborated on that position. Questions were asked on professional development that Mr. Nero answered. There was further discussion. Questions were asked about administration, dental coverage, substitute days, custodial costs, preschool teachers, adding staff from the grants into the town budget in order to keep with the terms of the grant, student internships, health plans, and supply donations. Mr. Nero had comment and explanation. There was discussion. Questions were asked about middle school coaching stipends, insurance costs, and the budget increase. Mr. Nero had comment and there was discussion. There was further discussion on the curriculum director position. Questions were asked about health care increases and contractual increases. There was further discussion.

The workshop ended at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to  
The Board of Education