

The Board of Education Town of Vernon

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January 11, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A Special Meeting (Committee of the Whole) of the Vernon Board of Education was held via Zoom Webinar and in person on Monday, January 11, 2021.

1.0 Establish Quorum

Roll call was taken at 6 p.m. Board members present in person: Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Kalina, Mr. Linton, Dr. Buxton, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Rodriguez, and Mr. Thrall. There was a quorum.

Administration present in person: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Macary, Assistant Superintendent Robert Testa, Director of Business and Finance Angela Wang

2.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Fischer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

3.0 Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

Superintendent Dr. Macary presented the Superintendent's Proposed 2021-2022 Budget to the Board. He highlighted the following:

Budget Priorities:

- Minority Teacher Recruitment
- Instructional Coach at Rockville HS
- Additional Tiered Intervention (ELA & Math)
- Continue Social & Emotional Learning PD for all staff: teachers, secretaries, paras...
- Universal Pre-School Education for All

Budget Highlights:

Every School has a minimum of:

- One Social Worker (IDEA)
- One School Psychologist
- One Speech & Language Pathologist

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- One School Climate Specialist
- All Major Technology Initiatives (like 1:1 Chromebooks, Grade K-1 I-Pads) will be funded through the Alliance Grant
- Addition of Instructional Coach at Rockville HS for teacher support/capacity
- Increased Math & ELA Interventions (4) to address the academic gaps created by the COVID-19 school shutdowns
- New Athletic Uniforms for RHS Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Boys Volleyball, Track and VCMS Boys & Girls Soccer
- Summer School Planning for ESY, Recovery of Services and Enrichment

Budget Requests:

2018-2019

Actual: \$53,837,009

2020-2021

Budget: \$54,516,892

2021-2022

Proposed: \$55,225,612

Increase of 1.30% or \$708,719

Budget Summary:

This is a balanced budget with an increase of 1.3% to the 2021-2022 Budget, while enhancing student learning

- 1.Zero Based Budget Management
- 2.A-ROI: Academic Return on Investment
- 3.Planning for no teacher/staff lay-offs

(Reminder: Minimum Wage Increases: \$12 on Sept. 2020; \$13 on Aug. 2021; \$14 on July 2014; and \$15 by June 2023)

4.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Linton, Board Secretary