

essential questions which align with practice standards. Online resources as well as a video formats give students access to different primary and secondary resources, provisions for adapting instructional activities to accommodate english learners, listening to text through audio form and ability to change the font size; there is also the ability to change the level of reading to either be on grade level to approaching grade level. All of the videos have closed captioning for students who may need to read and see. Ultimately, the McGraw-Hill resource provided a variety of ways for students to build and enhance their learning.

MSMS Budget (pages 49-67)

Ms. Purchase explained that their budget was level funded and some line items were moved around to accommodate needs (for example, science is another area where they are in the process of implementing new frameworks and new curriculum). The middle school is requesting additional staff in response to changing needs in the building including:

- One new ELL Teacher
- One part-time (.5) Reading Teacher
- One Adjustment Counselor or Social Worker
- One World Language Teacher (Spanish)
- One part-time Italian Teacher
- Two Instructional Coaches - one humanities and one STEM to work with and support teachers to support a wider range of students

In closing, Ms. Purchase feels that there's an opportunity to provide some additional support to our teachers and to our students that replicate the supports that exist in other buildings in the district.

Burlington High School Budget (pages 68-86)

Mr. Sullivan explained that their budget was level funded and are requesting a few positions that have gone unfulfilled over the last couple of years and a few new positions:

- One 9th Grade Health Teacher (unfulfilled last year)
- One Special Education Teacher (position lost in 15-16)
- One Speech/Language Pathology Assistant
- One Computer Science Teacher (Increase from .6 position to a 1.6 position to run 10 sections)
- One Associate Principal of Curriculum, Instruction & Special Programs at BHS

Athletic Department requests:

- Two coaches for new Electronic Sports program (E-Sports)
- Two coaches for new Boys Volleyball program
- Two coaches for Unified Sports program

Mr. Murphy congratulated Mr. Hart and the boys basketball team this year.

Guidance Budget (pages 103-106)

Mr. Attubato explained that their budget is staying the same, but has changes within the budget. He explained that they are discontinuing Naviance and moving to another program called Score. They are currently using Score with Juniors this year. They are also planning to continue to work with ASCA (American School Counselor Association) with professional development to help staff align with national standards. Mr. Attubato explained that there has been some restructuring for support services in the last couple of years and thanked the school committee for their support in those positions.

PE and Health Budget (pages 120-130)

Mr. Jackling spoke to advocate for the 9th grade health teacher position mentioned by Mr. Sullivan. He explained that when we had the program, it served as a great introductory point for the transition from 8th grade to the high school for student social emotional well-being.

Art Budget (pages 139-144)

Mr. Ratkevich is requesting additional funding (\$2,100) at the elementary level to add kindergarten students to the program (approximately \$7 per student).

Music Budget (pages 93-102)

Mr. Middleton is requesting an administrative secretary position to fill from a retired position a couple years ago.

Athletics Budget (pages 115-119)

Mr. Hart did not have anything to add from Mr. Sullivan's requests. In response to Mrs. Monaco's question, Mr. Hart responded that they are not cutting any athletic programs, but are adding Electronic Sports (E-Sports), Volleyball, Unified Basketball which will add over 100 more participants to the athletic programming.

Library Budget (pages 111-114)

Mr. Villano explained that their budget is level funded. There is not much change in purchasing; there was more of a need for some digital resources than print during COVID, but are seeing a comeback in print resources.

Special Education Budget (pages 167-179)

Mrs. Cicolini explained that their budget is level funded, but would like to advocate for the schools requesting more support staff for social emotional needs at all grade levels. In response to Mrs. Monaco's question, Mrs. Cicolini explained that they would be looking to request an additional OT and PT not only for the DSC students moving up to the middle school, but also for the increased needs in the district; funding from the accommodated budget. Ms. Coscia noted that the accommodated budget would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Science Center Budget (pages 136-138)

Ms. Pavlicek could not attend the meeting tonight, but Mr. Larkin explained that their budget was level funded and Ms. Coscia confirmed no additional staff requests.

Health Services Budget (pages 131-135)

Ms. Conley could not attend the meeting tonight, but Mr. Larkin explained that she may be available for the next meeting.

Operations and Plant Budget (pages 152-155)

Mr. Cunha explained that the contracted services portion of his budget increased by 4% (approximately \$18,000) and the supply budget is level funded. Ms. Coscia added that the Recreation Department requested a line item for an additional \$5,000 for the organic rear field maintenance at Memorial.

B. Fox Hill School Building Committee - Standing Agenda Item

Mr. Cunha reported that there was nothing new to add. He explained that we are still waiting to be added to MSBA's Board Meeting in either April or May. All of our required documents have been submitted and confirmed receipt by MSBA. Ms. Simon requested a School Building Committee meeting once we know the date set by MSBA for their board meeting. In addition, Ms. Simon is requesting the School Building Committee be invited to tour some recently built MSBA school buildings.

C. Amend the FY23 Budget Calendar⁵

Ms. Coscia explained the change on the hand out. April 12th's meeting will add the accommodated accounts budget and remove the public budget hearing. April 26th's meeting will add the public budget hearing. Ms. Coscia confirmed for Mr. Riggs that the accommodated accounts budget will be reviewed at the April 12th meeting.

D. BHS Update

Mr. Cunha explained that we received the numbers report for the feasibility study for the high school HVAC system. The company has been going through all the details and will be presenting a final report which will outline all of the 30/30 rule triggers, recommendations of architectural and mechanical firms, and itemized dollar values for the potential cost of the HVAC system at the high school. The needs of the high school are not going away regardless of how big or small we choose to proceed with the project. Mr. Cunha explained that we have one month to submit a BHS Statement of Interest to MSBA. Ms. Simon commented that she reviewed some of the costs Mr. Cunha provided her, and a majority of the costs is to update the building to ADA codes. While expensive, it's a long time overdue to make this building accessible to people with disabilities. What makes more sense? An \$80-\$90 million repair or a \$250-\$300 million new high school - more discussions and difficult decisions moving forward with this project.

NEW BUSINESS

A. YesCPABurlington Committee Presentation of Community Preservation Act

Mr. Cohen presented on behalf of a citizen's committee, [YesCPABurlington](#)⁶, with the purpose to advocate for the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA). CPA enables cities and towns to create a local dedicated fund for open space, historic preservation, community housing, and outdoor recreation projects. Cities and towns that adopt the act also receive funds from the state-wide Community Preservation Trust Fund each year to help fund these projects. The communities around us that have adopted CPA include: North Andover, Billerica, Lexington, Chelmsford, Acton, Belmont, Arlington, Lowell, and Bedford. YesCPABurlington will present a warrant article at the May 2022 Town Meeting for the adoption of a 1.5 percent surcharge onto real estate taxes. The annual cost of this surcharge to the average Burlington homeowner would be \$75 (low income families and moderate income seniors to be exempted from paying

⁵ School Committee FY23 Budget Calendar (amended 3/22/22)

⁶ CPA Google Presentation

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In closing, Mr. Larkin thanked Mr. Murphy for his 27 years of service with the school committee and everything he has done to support the town in this work. The district appreciates his commitment and leadership and will certainly miss him.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Foss to adjourn at 9:34 pm; seconded by Ms Simon. Motion Carried 5-0-0 by Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Monaco - aye, Mr. Foss - aye, Mrs. Bond - aye, Ms. Simon - aye, Mr. Murphy - aye.

SUBMITTED

Respectfully,



Kristen Downie
Recording Secretary

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