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## TOWN OF BURLINGTON

### *Meeting Minutes — Ways and Means School Subcommittee*

DEPT./BOARD: Ways and Means School Subcommittee  
DATE: Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
TIME: 5:30-6:30 PM  
PLACE: Burlington High School Admin Wing, Small conference room

**Present:**

Roger Riggs, Rob Neufeld, Jayashree Voruganti, Ed Parsons, Chris Campbell  
Eric Conti, Nichole Coscia  
Martha Simon

### **Review of Superintendent's Operating Budget for FY23**

The most significant open issue for the operating budget is the ongoing teacher contract negotiations. The school committee is committed to meeting the guideline but until the contract is settled it won't be known what else in the budget needs to be adjusted.

The enrollment pressure at Fox Hill needs to be resolved. There will be a meeting (later on 4/14) with Fox Hill parents to discuss a redistricting to move a block of students to Pine Glen. That would help with both space and staffing pressures at Fox Hill.

Most of the grant funded positions in the budget are from Federal Grants that renew every year. A handful of positions are funded by ARPA (American Rescue Plan) funds for two more years; at that point, decisions will be needed on continued staffing of those positions.

### **Review of Special Education Budget for FY23**

The special education budget is up 4.4%, within expected ranges. The number of placement is down slightly, 9 residential placements and 40 day placements. The number of LABB students is steady at 32.

The budget includes creating new programs and staff in the middle school for the Grade 5 students moving up. The New England Center for Children is supporting the program expansion with staffing of a part time director position and 1 full time staff.

### **Review of Assessments for Shawsheen, Minuteman, and Essex**

Not discussed

### **Review of School Warrant Articles**

Not discussed





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None of the budget items discussed were voted.

The meeting adjourned before 6:30PM.

Documents discussed:

- BPS FY23 Superintendent Operating Budget
- Special Education Accommodated FY23 Budget Request For SC & WebSite

