

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
AG SCIENCE COMMUNITY ROOM – LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Operations Committee Meeting was called to order by Mr. Brooder at 6:17 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

M. Brooder, K. Castelli, A. Doerr, S. Glidden, K. Hlavac, R. McKay

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

S. Menzo, S. Parkhurst, C. Lavalette, L. Winters, R. Mancusi, K. Veilleux, M. Deptula, P. DeFilio, T. Hale

**CAFETERIA BUDGET REVIEW**

Mrs. Lavalette informed the Board of Education members that Mrs. Wong is out on medical leave. An interim Food Service Director has been hired. He is a retired Food Service Director.

Dr. Menzo distributed information on the estimated loss of revenue due to a drop in participation percentages of 1% through 10%. The estimated loss is based on lunch prices of \$2.50, \$2.60, and \$2.65 for the elementary schools. The current lunch price is \$2.25. The DRG average is \$2.64. For the middle schools, the estimated loss is based on lunch prices of \$2.65, \$2.75, \$2.85 and \$2.90. The current lunch price is \$2.40. The DRG average is \$2.90. For the high schools, the estimated loss is based on lunch prices of \$2.80, \$2.90, \$3.00 and \$3.05. The current lunch price is \$2.50. The DRG average is \$3.06. The effect of the price increase will reduce the Board of Education subsidy.

Dr. Menzo stated he will meet with Board of Education members, administrators, parents and students to discuss opportunities without raising the lunch prices so dramatically.

**REVIEW OF 2016/2017 BUDGET**

Ms. Winters distributed budget changes. The Cafeteria subsidy was reduced \$24,627. Ms. Winters received a memo from the State Department of Education. The estimated

Excess Cost Grant and State Agency Placement Grant revenue was reduced from 80% to 73%. This is an increase to the budget of \$174,602. There is a 4% rate increase in the cost of electricity resulting in an increase of \$42,281. The estimated 2016/2017 Sustained Services Budget Request is \$99,905,249 which is a 3.53% increase.

Dr. Menzo distributed a list of priorities in the Strategic Plan Budget with corresponding percentages of the budget increase.

Mrs. Glidden expressed the need for the Family Resource Centers and the School Resource Officers.

The consensus of the Operations Committee was to pilot the Family Resource Centers at two schools. The Family Resource Centers will be available to families of all elementary school children.

The consensus of the Operations Committee was to keep the School Resource Officers in the 2016/2017 budget.

Dr. Menzo asked the Board members for a consensus on a percentage increase for the 2016/2017 budget request. The consensus of the Operations Committee was a 4.5% budget increase.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Brooder adjourned the Operations Committee Meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia DeFilio