

Budget and Finance Committee

5/19/22 6:00 pm City Council Chambers/Hybrid

Meeting Post: <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/city-council/events/310211>

Roll:

Wright, Zeid, Khan,
Cameron, Shand, Preston, Wallace, Donahue, Lane

Staff

Superintendent Gallagher, Juliet Walker, Brian Callahan, Donna Drelick, Sarah Hall
Superintendent Whittier, Business Manager Whittier
Heidi Riccio, Essex

Agenda:

Budget

ORDR00338_04_11_2022 Capital Improvement Program FY2023-2027:

Whittier

- No school choice
- Presentation Provided

NPS

- Superintendent presented
- Had a number of meetings for budgets
- Also had parallel process for strategic plan, met with 700-800 stakeholders
- Met with community members, city officials, students, faculty, etc
- Aspirational budget but then came to strategic
- 4% budget increase
- City appropriation +5%
- Public Comment –

Kerri Glynn 10 Salem St. – looking for asst. groundskeeper. Also asking for HR position to be added. Admin position for health/nurses. Could ESSER funding be used. Would like to know how it's being SEL, and spending curriculum. Extra staff to implement SEL program. How will they then be funded when ESSER funding grant. Need parental and community involvement. Parents want to know what does it look like at schools.

School Committee Member Juliet Walker – School Committee voted or more but people understand that it was deliberative. Informed by a number of plans. Talking to the department.

Want to make strategic investments. Still recovering from cuts. Budget presented cuts \$350k from what schools wanted. Want to see kids educated and bring back great programs, music/arts. Mayor has to balance.

- Groundskeeper will work with DPS/Parks
- HR Director – felt that the position is needed.
- PSAT is big, sophomore's can now take it for free
- MW – million dollars in grants, how spending. ESSER is funding 4 positions, K, and other programs, and technology. Trying to fund 1 time expenses. And address learning loss.
- Supt – try not to cut programs, recession
- JD – Echo special education
- Essex N. Short Tech - 5 applicants NBPT, likely only 1. Tuition went down a little bit. \$18,756, approximately \$1k less than previous year. Per pupil transportant \$1850/year. Special ed may also be different. No caps, no minimums.

Information Request

Essers III spending lines
Quantify special education
SEL Spending
DEI spending

Motion to adjourn 7:52 PM

AK/MW

Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Xw-e6g0zbK3wFZib0ShH0mg7M3C-B9xyM9pWAO4fi7QTfrw-nrebVrBcOwTSr_kL.4Uk5bBGBdL6G8aRk