

**Southington Public Schools
Southington, Connecticut**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
WORKSHOP #1
2023-24 BUDGET
January 17, 2023 &
January 19, 2023

NOTE: The live links can be found on the Southington Public Schools Website on the Central Office Business Department page.

Board member's initials & Q #	<i>QUESTIONS</i>	<i>ANSWERS</i>
1. DD	Can I get a break down of cost for each membership/dues in account #64000?	Budget of \$48,000, CABA CAPSS fee is \$21,758. See here for a full listing FY22 and FY23.
2. DD	Account 12220 Sec Sub's Who are the sub's and how much is the sub pay per Hr?	If a sub is needed for secretarial duties, the substitute is paid in Account 1220. The pay rate is based on the Unaffiliated Salary and Wage schedule (click here).
3. SC	Can you provide staffing ratios against student enrollment and any associated layoff costs that could come with reductions in force?	See handout distributed by Mr. Madancy at the Thursday workshop.
4. TC	How many athletic attendants do we have?	We currently have one athletic attendant who supervises the girls locker room at the high school after school.
5. JW	What was the projected savings when we last went out to bid on health insurance?	The self insurance committee works with an insurance consultant from Lindberg & Ripple. An RFP was done last January/Feb with Cigna being supported by the Self Insurance Committee. The switch did not come to fruition based on factors with certain labor groups from the Town and the Board. Here is a summary presented to the Town Council in March by our consultant.

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6. DD	How much was the Noresco performance contract?	The Noresco contract was for \$12,619,656. The payment schedule is split between the Board of Education (72.441%) and the Town of Southington (27.559%) based on the improvements performed back in 2014-15. The 23-24 Budgeted schedule is here . We also pay an annual payment for the Noresco Performance Fee. The YR24 fee is \$18,227 payable to the Town based on the same 72.441%.
7. JB and DD	Can we have a copy of the Energy savings contract?	The Town provided the attached Contract for the financing of the project - click here . Also find the measurement verification , the YR1 Guaranteed savings report from 09/30/17 and the current YR 6 Guaranteed savings report from 09/30/2022
8. DD	Do we lease or own the solar panels? Are there any Eversource refunds associated with energy savings?	Our solar panels are a 3rd party owned solar property (Greenskies/Goldman Sachs). We pay for the power we use and any excess generated is shown on our EverSource invoices under the supply charges. The excess supply “rolls over” until completely used. Once completely used, a supply fee is charged on our EverSource invoice for that location. We currently have solar panels at DePaolo, Kennedy, Hatton, Oshana and SouthEnd.
9. ZO	Are there maintenance fees in this contract?	There are no maintenance or hidden fees on the solar usage. The owner (Greenskies/Goldman Sachs) is responsible for the maintenance.
10. DD	How much do we pay the Energy Management Consultant each year?	The Town completed a bid for an Energy Procurement & Consultant Services in March 2022. The bid was awarded to Titan Energy for three years with an annual fee of \$25,000. The BOE pays 50% or \$12,500 annually.
11. CC	Can the Board of Education use corporate counsel to reduce legal fees?	Many of our regular education legal fees are related to labor negotiations, labor disputes and expulsions. The special education legal fees are very specific to the legal matters surrounding a student’s IEP.

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12. JW	Can we have a breakout of the text replacement item within the budget?	The text replacement budget is based on a per pupil allocation. All schools were reduced to the 2022-23 budgeted amount with the exception of the high school. The high school's per pupil calculation is \$55,262 higher than last year and includes a specific listing of text replacements of \$22,041.
13. DD	Can we follow up on the cost of ice packs? \$500 per School seems excessive. Could we use \$300?	We have nine sports teams at each middle school. The request is to provide one case of ice packs per team. They are sold for \$34.99 for 50 ice packs (70 cents each). The total for all 18 teams would be \$630. The request could be reduced from \$1,000 to \$630.
14. DD	What memberships are included within our dues and fees account?	See question #1.
15. C C	How many students do we service in Jumpstart?	24 students, 12 with IEP's.
16.DD	How much oil do we currently have in New Haven?	For 2022-23, we prepaid for 40,000 gallons from East River Energy and have approximately 14,000 unused at this time.
budget workshop Thursday January 19th	How many students are in the ESY program?	We had 201 students enrolled last summer (13 students attended for speech only). This does not include Jumpstart.