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**SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 12, 2023**

Description: BD21390_

The regular meeting of the Southington Board of Education (Committee of the Whole - Operations) was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. as a public meeting in the John Weichsel Municipal Center Public Assembly Room, 200 North Main Street, Southington, Connecticut with an Executive Session preceding the regular session at 6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Colleen Clark, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Board members present: Mrs. Dawn Anastasio, Mr. Joseph Baczewski, Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mrs. Colleen Clark, Mr. David Derynoski, Mr. Zaya Oshana

Absent: Mr. Sean Carson, Mr. James Chrzanowski, and Mr. Jasper Williams

Cabinet administrators present: Mr. Steve Madancy, Superintendent of Schools

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Student Matters**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

**“Move to go into Executive Session, excluding the public and the press, for the purpose of discussing Student Matters, and upon conclusion reconvene to public session.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

*Mrs. Clark ended Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.*

*The Regular Board Meeting was reconvened at 7:01 p.m.*

1. **REGULAR SESSION**

Board members present: Mrs. Dawn Anastasio, Mr. Joseph Baczewski, Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mr. Sean Carson, Mrs. Colleen Clark, Mr. David Derynoski, Mr. Zaya Oshana and Mr. Jasper Williams

Absent: Mr. James Chrzanowski

Cabinet administrators present: Mr. Steve Madancy, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Jennifer Mellitt, Director of Business & Finance; and Ms. Rebecca Cavallaro

Student Representatives present: Angelina Micacci, Ryan Ogren, and Uptej Singh

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

The student representatives led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Clark called for a moment of silence in memory of the following:

Nicholas DePaola, passed away on December 1, 2022. He was hired as Director of Elementary Education in September 1970 and served as a member of the Southington Board of Education.

Madeline Zoni, passed away on December 9, 2022. She was a Paraeducator at Kelley Elementary School from September 1969 until her retirement in June of 1990.

Raoul “Roy” Rodriguez, passed away on December 15, 2022. He served as Director of Continuing Education for 26 years from January 1986 until his retirement in October 2012.

Alison Goff, passed away on December 22, 2022. She was a Paraeducator at Southington High School since September of 2022.

Hilary DiMauro, passed away on December 27, 2022. She worked in Southington as a substitute teacher since March of 2022.

1. **CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

For the Celebration of Excellence Mr. Steve Risser, Athletic Director, and the Board members recognized Erin Luddy, SHS Field Hockey Coach, who was recognized by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association All State Field Hockey Selection Committee as the Outstanding Coach of the Year representing Class L. Mr. Risser spoke about the accomplishments of Coach Luddy and the Field Hockey Team for the 2022 school year that advanced to the State Quarterfinals this year. Mrs. Clark presented Coach Luddy with a Certificate of Excellence.

*Mrs. Clark called for a five-minute recess at 7:08.*

*Mrs. Clark reconvened the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.*

**MOTION:** by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

**“Move to move Agenda Item 11.c ‘Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips’ to Agenda Item 6.b.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

**“Move to add Agenda Item 11.s ‘Student Expulsion’ to the agenda.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2022**

**MOTION:** Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

**“Move to approve the Regular Board of Education Minutes of December 8, 2022, as submitted.”**

**Motion carried by voice vote with Mr. Oshana and Mr. Baczewski abstaining.**

1. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**
2. **Communications from Student Board Representatives**

Uptej Singh reported that the student representatives planned to start reaching out to students at the high school for any comments, questions, or concerns about their high school experiences. He reported on the current events and festivities at Southington High School including the Course Fair, United Theatre rehearsals, mid-terms, second semester, and the Robotics Team 195. Angelina Micacci reported on the winter athletic sports season for the SHS wrestling team, Boys Basketball team, and the Girls Softball team who were recognized at the last Boys Basketball game during half-time with a 2022 Championship ring ceremony for Southington winning a national record of 20 State Championships with past alumni of Softball State Championships invited. Ryan Ogren reported on the current events and festivities at J. A. DePaolo Middle School for the Boys and Girls Basketball teams, Drama Club rehearsals and show times for Matilda, the Musical; Leadership Program activities; 8th grade science class egg drop experiment; and that DePaolo student Jack Denorfia was recognized as the recipient of the annual First Baptist Church Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. There were no reports from the other schools.

Mr. Oshana asked the student representatives, who are the voices for all the students, to also report on student problems and concerns as well as the great activities happening at the schools.

Mrs. Clark noted that she inadvertently skipped over Agenda Item 6.b that was moved.

**6.b Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trip**

**MOTION**: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mr. Williams:

**“Move to approve the field trip, as submitted.”**

Ms. Kate Tavera Collins, SHS World Language Teacher, gave a brief synopsis of the high school Italian Study Abroad Trip to Rome and Mondavio for November 3-11, 2023.

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

1. **Communications from Board Members**

Mr. Baczewski announced that due to work commitments and the Curriculum & Instruction Committee meetings occurring during the day, he was regretfully stepping down as the Chairman of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee. He thanked the teachers and the committee members for their hard work. Mrs. Clark announced that Mrs. Anastasio accepted the chair of the committee.

Mrs. Carmody remarked that the SHS Girls Softball Teams over many years won so many State Championships that Southington was honored with the National record of winning the most State Softball Championships in the United States. She was very proud of all the girls’ athletic teams.

Mrs. Clark addressed the season kick-off on Saturday of the SHS Robotics Team 195. She invited Team 195 to an upcoming Board meeting to give a presentation with their robot.

1. **Communications from Administration**
   * + 1. NAMM Foundation: Mr. Madancy announced that once again the high school received the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation 2022 Best Community for Music Education Award.
       2. Sloper Plunge: Mr. Madancy reported that the YMCA Sloper Plunge that benefits the students of Southington was on February 25, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. He encouraged Board members to jump and let him know if they will partake in the plunge.
       3. Healthy & Wise: Mr. Madancy noted that the Healthy & Wise Committee was established years ago in partnership with Anthem. He encouraged employees to take advantage of the February initiatives of the Yoga classes on Monday nights and Pickleball on Wednesday nights offered for free to Board of Education and Town employees.
       4. Strong Community Meeting: Mr. Madancy reported that on December 9, 2022 the Strong School community celebrated the Asset of the Month, which was Safety, and a lesson in civic engagement. Strong School recognized and thanked the Southington Police Department with many police officers in attendance. Mr. Madancy distributed photos of the event to the Board.
       5. STEPS Community Meeting: Mr. Madancy reported that STEPS held a Pep Rally at Hatton School with the theme of Being Your Best Self and teachers Being Their Best Self.
       6. Team 195, Cyber Knights: Mr. Madancy stated that the Board members were invited to the Mohawk facility where the Robotics Team 195 meets and works on the robots.

Mr. Madancy announced that he secured grant funding to fund a Robotics program at every elementary school.

1. **Communication from Public**

Mr. Ryan Mathews, 101 Pondview Drive, and Mr. David Bearman, 50 Masters Drive, requested that the two major Jewish holidays Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur be added to the school calendar as day’s off for the Jewish students to observe as done in some other school districts even though they are excused holidays in Southington. Mr. Mathews noted that his children have recently been subjected to unprovoked antisemitism and requested more education be taught on diversity with religions.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. **Elementary Facilities Committee Meeting – December 12, 2022**

Mr. Madancy reported that the committee met in December, after the November Referendum, and discussed the Athletic Facilities upgrades and Title IX mandates that was voted down by the community. They also discussed the initial cost projections for the Elementary Facilities projects and current market rates, escalation of project costs and updated quotes for Derynoski and Kelley Elementary Schools and the Karen Smith Academy. He addressed debt service, and that the committee would be meeting with the state on February 14 with some scenarios to continue the conversation and would come back to the Board with new information.

* 1. **Policy & Personnel Committee Meeting – January 4, 2023**

Mr. Williams reported that the committee met and discussed Policies 9321 and 9325, which reflect changes to public comment during Board of Education meetings. The committee reviewed the draft and agreed that they did not want a time limit set to 30 minutes relative to agenda items. The committee agreed that the Board chair would still have discretion on the amount of time allowed to each speaker. The committee also discussed the new job description of District Media and Engagement Specialist stipend position and that there was not a consensus to move forward with this position. The committee discussed the revised job description for the Family Resource Center of Southington Parent Educator, which will be brought forward to the full Board for adoption. A new job description for Career Pathway Liaison Stipend, which is a grant funded position and will only be filled if the grant funds are available, needs full Board approval. The committee discussed the revised Curriculum Specialist Stipends that was in the teachers bargaining unit contract and existed for several years. The district has not filled these positions since 2018. There was not full committee consensus to bring this forward to the full Board for adoption as this time and will be reviewed at a future committee meeting.

* 1. **Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – December 1, 1022 (Cancelled) and January 5, 2023 Meeting**

Mrs. Carmody reported that the committee met on December 1, 2022 and a quorum was not present. Mrs. Clark was in attendance and asked the teachers to still give their presentations. Mrs. Carmody reported in detail that teacher Monica Cost presented Grade 7 Science Unit 2: Metabolic Reactions; SHS teacher and department leader Rebecca Migliaro presented English IV, which is a half-year course for seniors; Mrs. Migliaro also proposed text changes for grade 9 Accelerated English. SHS teacher Sharon Kirsche presented Aquatic Apocalypse as the eighth and final unit of the Conceptual Chemistry Course; SHS Special Education Coordinator Amy Aresco and Department Leader Susie Velsor offered course change revisions of students on academic support, study skills, self-advocacy, and transition planning. Director of Teacher & Learning Amy Zappone proposed moving First Aid/CPR from the current 10th grade health curriculum and expanding the offering into a half-year elective with the elective available to all grade levels.

The Board members thought that the First Aid/CPR elective for all grade levels was excellent especially after what recently happened at an NFL football game where Buffalo Bills Damar Hamlin went into cardiac arrest on the field after taking a hit. Board members thought that everyone should be taught CPR.

Mrs. Carmody reported in detail on the January 5, 2023 Curriculum & Instruction meeting where the committee received presentations from Sara Levinthal for a proposed course named ACHIEVE ArtShop; Lindsey Davenport and Mike Garry gave a presentation on grade 8, Unit 3 science on Colossal Collisions. Tom Hinman and Megan Croce proposed a course revision for Consumer Mathematics, which is a half-year elective for 11th and 12th grade students. The main content of the course is on everyday consumer problems where mathematical life skills are needed. Nicole Campochiaro and Robert Levesque presented revisions of Health 1 and 2. Both Health 1 and 2 consist of six units.

Mr. Derynoski addressed electives and that high school students had very little free periods along with the amount of credits for graduation that were just increased. Mr. Madancy stated that these concerns would be addressed in the SHS Scheduling presentation.

**d. Finance Committee Meeting – January 5, 2023**

Mrs. Mellitt reported that the committee met and discussed in detail RFP 2023-03 Architectural & Engineering Design Services for Entryways at six schools. One vendor responded with a base price of $147,000 for all three tasks on the RFP when only $120,000 was budgeted. The committee came to a consensus to award only Task I at this time to Silver, Petrucelli & Associates for $30,200 using the non-lapsing funds that were previously set aside for the project. The other two Tasks would be revisited. Board members noted that safety came first, and the other tasks could be phased in.

* + - 1. **Award of RFP 2023-03: Architectural & Engineering Design Services for Entryways**

**MOTION**: by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mr. Carson:

**“Move to award RFP #2023-03 for Architectural & Engineering Design Services for Entryways to Petrucelli & Associates for Task I, as presented.”**

Mr. Oshana explained that this was phase I of three phases and was a safety concern and that phases II and III needed to follow. He planned to table other motions from this Finance Committee meeting until after the budget discussions and workshops to have a better understanding of where they stand with funding. Mr. Oshana would not be denying the motions but only tabling until they can firm up the budget numbers first. Mr. Baczewski had questions on Task I and security. Mr. Carson and Mr. Derynoski thought that Phase I should move forward.

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Mrs. Mellitt reported that the committee received a Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2023 through the end of December 2022. She noted that the district is currently in a spending freeze. The committee discussed the Self-Insurance Funding Level for Fiscal Year 2024 with the BOE responsible for 74% of the approved net budget of $28,955,368. The committee also received an update on Non-lapsing funds for Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Mrs. Mellitt reported that the committee discussed the recent reduction in Federal Title I funding that created a shortfall of $257M in the FY’23 operating budget. The consensus of the committee was to place the Title I shortfall on the Non-lapsing funds schedule. Mr. Oshana stated that the Finance meeting was before the actual budget was put together and based on that he going to make a motion to table.

* + - 1. **Approve Use of Non-lapsing Funds for Reduction of Title I Funding *(formerly Agenda Item 8.d.4)***

**MOTION**: by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mr. Baczewski:

**“Move to table the use of FY’21 non-lapsing funds to offset the reduction in Title I funding in FY’2022-23 in the amount of $256,932.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote to table this agenda item.**

Mrs. Mellitt reported that the Finance Committee discussed the high school guidance office digitization of transcripts from 1970-2008 with the Parchment Company at a cost of $19,500. PowerSchool, which is currently used, houses transcripts from 2009 and later. The committee consensus was to table this project until further information was received. The committee discussed digitizing records in the Human Resources and Payroll Departments to save space using the Non-lapsing funds. The committee supported the project but agreed to table the project to allow the district to investigate other pricing quotes.

**3. Approve Use of Non-lapsing Funds for Municipal Center Lockdown Alarm**

Mrs. Mellitt reported that the Finance Committee discussed a proposal from Maximum Security for a Lockdown Notification System for the Municipal Center costing $18,995 split between the Town and Board of Education using the FY’19 Non-lapsing Account and removing the Press Box Roof from the FY’19 funding list. The Press Box Roof is part of the Town’s Capital Plan. Mr. Oshana noted that there is currently communication by phone announcement between the two floors at the Municipal Center.

**MOTION**: by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mr. Williams:

**“Move to table the approval of use of Non-Lapsing Funds for the Municipal Center Lockdown Alarm.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote to table this agenda item.**

Mrs. Mellitt reported that the Finance Committee received a financial update on the Food Service Program through November 2022 and the transition to full pay meals on December 6. The meal counts decreased significantly in the month of December.

1. **Approve Purchase of Vehicle for Maintenance Department *(formerly Agenda Item 8.d.2)***

Mrs. Mellitt reported that the committee had a lengthy discussion on the purchase of a vehicle with a liftgate for the Maintenance Department. The consensus was to buy the vehicle using Non-lapsing funds and to put a placeholder for a full vehicle purchase.

**MOTION**: by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mr. Carson:

**“Move to table the purchase of a vehicle for the Maintenance Department.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote to table this agenda item.**

Mrs. Mellitt reported that the Finance Committee discussed the SHS Partial Roof Replacement bid opening of December 12 with the award of the bid to be done through the Building Committee.

Mr. Oshana emphasized that the committee consensus was to approve every single item that was tabled because they were important to the district; but based on where the Board stands with the budget, the Board voted to table, not deny, and that these agenda items still were active. He requested a list of what was being paid for with Title I funds and a list of all the projects being paid for using the Non-Lapsing Account Funds. Mr. Derynoski stated that the Board should be cautious and not use the Non-lapsing funds for budgeted items. Mr. Carson addressed the reduction of $250,000 in funding of the Title I grant that the Federal government made in the middle of a fiscal budget year. Mr. Baczewski addressed the School Lunch Program meals and would like to look at the quality of the food that is the energy fuel for students and the student interest in the meals. Mr. Ogren added that for the required 11th grade Citizenship in Action course many students focused their presentation and research on school lunches with student surveys. He stated that the student representatives would do a survey and report back to the Board on the feedback.

1. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
   1. **Personnel Report**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Baczewski:

**“Move to approve the Personnel Report, as submitted.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. **Town Government Communications**

There was no Town Government Communications to report.

1. **Proposed 2023-2024 School Calendar – Second Reading**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

**“Move to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar, as submitted by the Superintendent.”**

Mr. Derynoski requested that the Board look at considering adding the two major Jewish holidays to the 2024-25 calendar. Mr. Madancy addressed Policy 5113, which addresses observance of religious holidays with excused absences, but he thought that the language was where they needed tighten up the practice and demonstrating cultural and religious sensitivity that the teachers needed to embrace for all different religions and what those holidays mean. Mr. Williams requested that this policy be added to the Policy & Personnel Committee’s agenda in February.

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

1. **Capital Improvement Plan 2023-24 to 2027-28 – Second Reading**

Mr. Madancy explained in detail the revisions to the Capital Plan since the December 8, 2022 Board meeting, which was the first reading, to reflect his recent discussions with the Town Manager that was then presented to the Town Council some of the suggestions and recommendations that came out of that conversation. He discussed the debt service and keeping the projects moving forward and spreading that debt out over time. His recommendations reflect his conversations with the Town Manager on how the Board of Education Capital Plan projects line up with the Town’s projects. He thanked Kaiya Hill, Accounting Manager, for her work on the Capital Plan along with Mrs. Mellitt.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

**“Move to approve the revised Capital Improvement Plan for 2023-24 through 2027-28, as submitted.**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **Elementary Facilities Report**

Discussed under Agenda Item 8.a.

* 1. **SHS Scheduling Presentation**

Mr. Michael Crocco, Principal of Southington High School, gave a PowerPoint presentation *(Attachment #2)* on Southington High School Scheduling and planning for the future with Block Scheduling. He gave a lengthy, in-depth presentation that included the Vision of a Graduate, unique pathways towards careers, and the focus to getting students to graduation with the current graduation rate of 98.9% of students. He discussed the percentages of students taking different paths after graduation, the future job market, and the high school Program of Studies used currently to guide students’ schedules. He noted that past Programs of Studies focused solely on getting students to graduation. Mr. Crocco explained in detail planning beyond Southington High School with career clusters and career pathways that provide a focus on interests and potential careers, relevancy to a student’s courses, and opportunities for exploration. He discussed organizing the current Program of Studies to focus on student interests and connections to opportunities post high school, electives, and adjusting current student schedules. Mr. Crocco explained the updated Program of Studies for the 2023-2024 school year and shifting to a block schedule to provide students with more opportunities during the day to take courses that support college and career readiness. He gave a sample of an 8-period day (46-minute classes) versus Block Scheduling (88-minute classes) and compared current scheduling to Block scheduling and the benefits of Block schedules. The ongoing work to change to Block scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year would include working on Program of Studies course offerings, curriculum development and professional development, maximizing the space at the high school and identifying where and when courses can take place, organizing student schedules and work to assure days are smooth, and to communicate to staff, students, and the community via information sessions.

Board members thought that it was an excellent presentation and had questions. Mrs. Carmody and Mr. Derynoski pointed out that Block scheduling was addressed many times (since 1997) by four different superintendents, but it did not go anywhere and questioned why. They were in favor of Block scheduling and questioned student electives. Mr. Derynoski questioned the timeline for rolling out Block scheduling for 2023-2024. Mr. Baczewski questioned the negatives of Block scheduling versus the current scheduling. Mrs. Carmody stated that Block scheduling provided more opportunities for students to take electives. Mr. Crocco pointed out that from past employment he was very familiar with Block scheduling. Mr. Madancy added that he had family members whose schools had Block scheduling and that they liked it and would not want to go back to the old scheduling. Mr. Madancy explained that this agenda item did not need to be voted on by the Board and was an administrative decision. Board members were supportive implementing block scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Clark requested that three months after Block scheduling was implemented that Mr. Crocco give an update to the Board.

* 1. **Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trips** *(Moved to Agenda 6.b)*
  2. **Policy 9321 – Time Place Notification – First Reading**
  3. **Policy 9325 – Meeting Conduct – First Reading**
  4. **Approval of Job Descriptions – Family Resource Center of Southington Parent Education (Revised) and Career Pathway Liaison Stipend (New)**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

**“Move that the Board approve the job descriptions, as presented.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Mrs. Clark stated that they were two different job descriptions and wanted to vote on them separately.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

**“Move to approve the new job description for Career Pathway Liaison Stipend, as presented.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

* 1. **Science Grade 7 Unit 2: Metabolic Reactions – First Reading**
  2. **SHS English IV Course – First Reading**
  3. **SHS English I – Proposed Text Changes – First Reading**
  4. **SHS Conceptual Chemistry Unit 8: Aquatic Apocalypse – First Reading**
  5. **SHS Special Education Course Proposals – First Reading**
  6. **SHS Proposal for First Aid/CPR Elective – First Reading**
  7. **SHS ACHIEVE ArtShop Course Proposal – First Reading**
  8. **Science Grade 8 Unit 3: Colossal Collisions Unit – First Reading**
  9. **SHS Consumer Math Course – First Reading**
  10. **SHS Health I Course – First Reading**
  11. **SHS Health II Course – First Reading**

Mrs. Clark stated that the above first readings would be on the agenda for the next Board meeting for action.

* 1. **Superintendent’s Budget**

Mr. Madancy gave a PowerPoint presentation *(Attachment #2)* on his proposed 2023-2024 Superintendent’s Operating Budget. Mr. Madancy read a statement before presenting his 2023-24 Operating Budget. He addressed the level of services, the higher increase from past years, and that other school districts were requesting higher increases with salaries, healthcare, energy costs, and special education all drivers for most districts for higher budget increases. He pointed out that the district had limited information on local and state economic factors to be considered during the process. He pointed out that the same economic factors impacting taxpayers also influence the cost of operations to the school district. He addressed economic factors. Mr. Madancy’s PowerPoint presentation highlighted the major drivers of the budget increases that did not include any new staff, major projects or equipment, or special projects. He planned to engage the community with the facts during the budget season. He knew that there were difficult decisions to be made ahead but his role as Superintendent was to advocate for the needs of the Southington school district. Mr. Madancy was cognizant to the fiscal needs of the community. He thanked the administrators for their input.

Mr. Madancy spoke in detail on his proposed Superintendent’s 2023-2024 Operating Budget that included historical context, Vision of a Graduate with 21st Century Skills, student achievement metrics, per pupil spending compared to state average (Southington 12th lowest), BOE increases versus Mill Rate increases, budget preparation process and timelines, budget overview and analysis, budget funding including annual grant revenues and one-time grants, salaries/benefits for 1,127 staff members with an enrollment of 6,300 students, American Rescue Plan (ARP) / ESSER funding cliff and funding considerations for FY’25, student transportation / McKinney-Vento overview and analysis for homeless students, special education outplacement and diagnosis center tuition, and important dates and budget workshops. Mr. Madancy emphasized that there was no new staff in the budget (even though administrators requested staff), no new major projects and equipment, special projects, flat funding for school supplies (except custodial) although there was cost increases. This brought the Superintendent’s proposed Operating Budget to $112,397,831, an increase of 7.64%.

Mrs. Clark requested that Board members send administration any questions prior to the first workshop on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 and for Mrs. Mellitt to put together a spreadsheet. Mr. Madancy stated that his opening statement and PowerPoint Presentation along with his proposed budget would be posted on the district’s website.

* 1. **Student Expulsion 2022-23-11**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mr. Baczewski:

**“Move to expel Student 2022-23-11, as stipulated by administration.”**

**Motion carried by voice vote with Mr. Carson and Mr. Williams abstaining.**

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

**“Move to adjourn.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda Blanchard**

Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENT #1**

**SHS SCHEDULING PRESENTATION**

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**ATTACHMENT #2**

**SUPERINTENDENT 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

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