

**Town of Preston
Board of Education
Finance Committee Budget Workshop
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, January 27th, 2022
6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Sean Nugent (SN)
Cindy DuPointe (CD)
Zach Maurice – BoF Liaison
Superintendent Seitsinger (SS)
Vicki Schwery (VS)
Bill Merrill (BM)

Guest: Glenn Labossiere

2. Public Comment

No public comment was provided either via email or during the virtual meeting.

3. FY23 Budget Workshop

- SN provided an overview of our approach in developing a modified-ZBB. As we've done in the past, our starting point is our projection of the number of students which then leads to staffing needs. This is followed by contractual agreements/shared services/BoE Strategic Imperatives. Following these we then integrate the remaining elements.
- SN highlighted our FY23 calendar and reminded the team to ensure the dates and times have been added to their calendars.
- SN then walked the group through our "Rainbow Chart" which provides a consolidated high-level overview of the overall budget for our school district.
- SN also reminded the team to review and use their FY22 Budget packets in preparing for each workshop session.
- SS then walked the team through draft "Introductory Budget Comments" for FY23.
- SS & SN then walked the team through the updated NESDEC Enrollment Projection Report (12/28/21). This report continues to illustrate that, unlike some school districts in CT, Preston's student enrollment is projected to increase roughly 5% over the next ten (10) years. It is also important to keep in mind that the NESDEC report does not factor in pre-K which has historically added roughly 35 students to our overall total.
- Using the NESDEC report as background and factoring in our pre-K experiences, SS then walked the team through the enrollment projects for FY23 suggesting that we may have ten (10) less students overall. It was noted that, unless all day were in the same grade level, that this would not likely lead to any reduction in class size or number of classes.

4. Next Steps

- The team was reminded to review their FY22 budget booklet as well as the draft materials regarding student enrollment and staffing before the next meeting.

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5. Adjournment

A motion was made by CD and seconded by SN to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. All in favor; motion carries.

The next regular FC Workshop will be held on February 14th, 2022, at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Nugent