

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE  
JANUARY 25, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Matthew Smith (Chair), Nicole McGillicuddy, Dawn Whitcher, Sarah Haynes (BOE Chair)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Andrew Gonzalez, Valerie Belles, Business Manager, Rita Quiles-Glover, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

**I. Call to Order**

M. Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**II. 2022-2023 Budget Development**

Opening comments by Superintendent Gonzalez was that at his last meeting with URSA and NASA, he learned that Lebanon budget wise was falling in the middle percentage range compared to other local districts. Their budgets range from 6% to 2% or less.

Next Superintendent Gonzalez asked members of the committee where they felt the budget should go from this point forward.

At this point Nicole McGillicuddy stated that she felt a budget should come in a little higher than it was currently proposed. Dawn Whitcher echoed the sentiments of Nicole McGillicuddy.

Sara Haynes then stated that she felt the budget was on target, as did Matthew Smith feel that the budget was on target at this point.

Matthew Smith asked for comments from others in attendance at the meeting, there was no input made by Rita Quiles-Glover.

We had a brief discussion about the MBR requirement for the town but Superintendent Gonzalez felt that this was not going to be an issue.

Valerie Belles stated that she should have the full budget book available for the full Board by this Friday 1/28/2022. Valerie Belles offered paper copies to anyone that wanted it otherwise it was going to be emailed out to the entire board.

Dawn Whitcher questioned information on historical cuts that we may have seen in the past and whether or not we should consider restoring some of what we might consider chronic cuts. Superintendent Gonzalez said that he would look into the information to the best of his ability but the information was difficult to find.

There was a question posed by Nicole McGillicuddy about the red highlighted items in the presentation that was given to the board at the last meeting. Superintendent Gonzalez explained the purpose of these red highlighted items and how they were to be used if needed.

It was noted that the Board of Education needs to have a presentation to the Board Of Finance on March 1 at 7 PM. There was also a discussion that it might be necessary to have a special Board of Education meeting to discuss the budget if the February 8 meeting did not allow us enough time to get through all the data. This could happen prior to deciding on the final budget.

**III. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM with the understanding that we would need to have or try to have a meeting prior to the next Board Of Education meeting.

Submitted by,  
Matthew Smith, Chair