

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 8, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Matt Smith (Chair), Nicole McGillicuddy, Dawn Whitcher, Bruce Calef, Sarah Haynes (BoE Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Andrew Gonzalez, Valerie Belles (Business Manager)

REMOTE ATTENDEES: Rita Quiles-Glover (Director of Curriculum and Instruction), Kevin French (Supervisor of Facilities and Custodial Services)

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Matt Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. 2022-2023 Budget Development

The committee engaged in discussion concerning the budget for next year. M. Smith stated that he was planning to meet with Business Manager Valerie Belles to gain further insight into a few areas. Superintendent Gonzalez reported the Board of Education's presentation to the Board of Finance (BoF) will occur at the beginning of March. The current budget for next year represents a roughly 2% increase compared to this year, not including proposed new initiatives/staffing enhancements, which are currently estimated at a \$593,000 increase. Further discussion with the full BoE will explore those initiatives in more depth. The proposed budget document developed by V. Belles was reviewed, with breakdowns of each area of the budget. M. Smith asked about supplies and instruction materials, and why money budgeted for those purposes had not been spent yet. V. Belles stated that Covid has made year-to-year historical comparisons difficult, due to the many disruptions. Superintendent Gonzalez noted one item in the budget (fixing the kiln in the art department at LES), which has been in need of repair for years. Discussion regarding technology upgrades, shop supplies, and similar expenditures ensued. The committee reviewed the first half of the budget document, and will continue their review at the next Finance meeting.

III. Adjournment

M. Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Walcott (Board Clerk)