

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 15, 2022 - 4:30 PM**

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Andrew Gonzalez, Valerie Belles (Business Manager), James Apicelli (LMHS Principal), Samantha McCarthy (LMHS Assistant Principal), Robert Laskarzewski (LMS Principal), Jessica Scorso (LES Principal), Rita Quiles-Glover (Director of Curriculum and Instruction) Dawn Delia (Director of Pupil Services/District Title IX Coordinator)

I. Call to Order

M. Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. 2022-2023 Budget Development

This meeting was a continuance of the meeting started on February 8 at 7 PM which ended at 7:30 PM.

We continue discussion page by page of the budget book that has been provided to us by Valerie Belles. We did not have any significant questions about the budget until we got to page 31 when it was discussed whether or not the maintenance service budget figure might not be enough because of past budget over runs.

There was also a concern raised on page 32 regarding the administrative licensing fees. After its review, it was felt that the budget amount for this line item wasn't significant enough to cover the projected costs.

The next concern for the budget discussed was the ultimate cost of fuel oil for heating the three schools. Last year Lebanon paid approximately \$1.90 a gallon and as of this meeting, there were figures as high as \$2.70 a gallon. It was suggested that it would be necessary to wait until just before the Board Of Finance meeting to have a figure that might be accurate. This was stated by Valerie Belles.

The concern for the increase in fuel costs also was carried forward into the diesel fuel budget for the buses and vehicles used by the school.

Next we discussed what is tentatively being called the new initiatives on page 2 of the budget book. It was decided that we would go forward with all the initiatives except for a current middle school social worker part time position being converted to a full-time position. School personnel thought that we might be able to use as our ESER funding for that position. The idea of creating three new full-time secretary positions at all three schools was changed to increasing to one full-time secretary at the elementary school. The full-time position would be modified for this

secretary to what is referred to as a 10/12 position. The idea of an added LES Special education teacher was also deleted from the list.

There was discussion to add what is referred to as an interventionist to the list for the high school.

There was discussion of the capital expense list put forward by the athletics department, the technology department and the facilities department. It was realized that the full amount would not be approved for these expenses but they would use these numbers and bring them to the Board Of Finance. It was thought that this would give the Board Of Finance an idea what we are looking at down the road.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Smith, Chair