

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 21, 2024 – 5:30 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Rachael Archer, Alexis Margerelli-Hussey, Brian Green, Nicole McGillicuddy, Sarah Haynes and Danelle Person

Also Present: Superintendent Gonzalez and Martha Starkey-Castro

I. Call to Order at 5:33pm

II. Discuss 2024-2025 Budget

Open the floor for questions regarding the budget and budget presentation.

Questions were brought up and answered regarding the Athletic department budget increase.

Concern was made over utilities and potential increases. The contract will not be in place until the spring. Concern that if costs go up there is no room in the budget for any increase.

Additional concern over the unknown special education costs with no room to increase in the budget as it is.

Discussed if 4.9% is a number that the Board and Superintendent Gonzalez would be comfortable working with.

Discussed each request that was made at budget input sessions and why we could not meet those requests. The requests were:

1. Additional support for the English Dept. at Lyman
2. Increase PE position at LES to full time
3. RBT being able to function as RBT vs. one on one paraprofessionals (this related to staff absences and coverage challenges)

Statements were made that the budget is very transparent, very fiscally responsible, there is no fluff in this budget. There are no additional cuts we could make therefore any decrease to the 4.9% requested would have to be staffing. The subcommittee agreed that is something we do not want to do.

Committee discussed and unanimously agreed to bring the budget as is at a 4.9% increase to the full board at a special BOE meeting tomorrow at 5pm.

III. Adjournment at 6:23pm

Submitted by,
Rachael Archer, Subcommittee Chair