

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Board Members Present: J. Lothian, K. Nelson, M. Schneider, P. Peyer, E. Nichols

Absent: None

Administration Present: District Administrator Dr. W. White
Elementary Principal Dr. A. Bond
Middle/High School Principal Mrs. E. Soley-Johnson
Special Education Director Mr. C. Colosimo
Athletic Director Mr. H. Johnson
Business Manager Mrs. J. Frederick
Director of Buildings and Grounds Mr. R. Quinn

Guests: 2

I. CALL TO ORDER

President J. Lothian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discuss Budget Projections and the Contingency Plans for Budgetary Scenarios
Mrs. Frederick reviewed the Baird Budget Forecast Model with the Board and shared the district would be facing an approximately 1.2 million budget shortfall for the 2024-2025 school year. The Board asked questions and discussed options to address the budget shortfall. The Board discussed potential budget reduction options. These options included reductions in staff, increasing fees, changes in employee benefits, elimination of programs and activities, controlling increases in contracts for outside vendors, constraining employee compensation, and numerous other options. The Board will further discuss the budget projections and contingency plans at the December Regular Monthly meeting.

B. Discuss Need for a Potential Referendum

The Board reviewed feedback that they received at the community listening session on November 15, 2023. The Board discussed a referendum as a possible solution to the budget issues. They discussed a recurring referendum and non-recurring referendum. They discussed the financial impact on community residents and how to restrict that impact.

VII. ADJOURN

At 7:30 p.m., P. Peyer/E. Nichols motion and second to adjourn the meeting, carried 5-0.

Ed Nichols, Clerk
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