

EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Budget Workshop

Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Joel Barlow High School – Library Learning Commons

On YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRtQ6dze5a8x5XT5LzBnDHA>

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Board of Education: Stinson, Parker, Hicks, Chieda, Wible, DeJesus

Administration: McKinnon, Pierson-Ugol, Clapp, Petruzzelli, Mohr, Fox-Santora, Del Conte, Scrofani

Others: One member of the public

CALL TO ORDER:

J. Stinson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: 2022-2023 BUDGET

Dr. McKinnon presented the first draft of the Easton School Budget for 2022-23. The format will be different than previous years with a particular emphasis on addressing the instructional impact of the pandemic. Easton's ELA test scores dropped by 5% year over year and its math scores dropped 7.3%. Therefore, the importance of aligning our spending to meet the needs of our children is more important than ever. To date, neighboring districts have proposed increases that range from 3.5-5.5% over 2021-22. Dr. McKinnon has recommended an increase from \$17,561,143 to \$18,344,641. This equates to \$783,498 or 4.45%.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carolyn Oppenheim, Hunting Ridge Rd. Thanked Dr. McKinnon for his presentation and Sara Scrofani for bringing the budget process more "on-line". She was also supportive of breaking out the cost of all contractual obligations.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education meeting be adjourned. Wible, DeJesus, Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Recorded and Submitted by Jeff Parker
Easton Board of Education Secretary