

**Town of Preston  
Board of Education  
Finance Committee & Budget Workshop Meeting  
Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Sean Nugent (SN)  
Corky Raymond (CR)  
Deb Burke-Grabarek (DBG)  
Zach Maurice (ZM) – BoF Liaison  
Superintendent Seitsinger (SS)  
Cindy Varricchio (CV)  
Vicky Schwery (VS)

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment**

Jill Keith commended the BoE-FC on (a) the thoroughness of their current budget work and highlighted the need to streamline from multiple data systems to one (which we are in the progress of doing), (b) excited about the issuance of the new, informative Budget Citizens Guide, and (c) expressed disappointment that we are not doing enough to ensure our Gifted Students Program is executed.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

**A motion was made by DBG and seconded by SN to amend the Regular FC and Budget Workshop Meeting minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The amended portion clarifies that the Federal Single Audit is to audit our grants and applies to both the District and the Town. All in favor, motion carries.**

**5. FY24 Budget Workshop:**

- **Review Update Materials:** The following areas were reviewed from the last meeting: Budget Summary, Utilities & Supplies, Special Education, Secondary Education, Operational Support, Instructional Technology, and the Transportation Business Case
- **Assess 1<sup>st</sup> Pass Total Estimate:** The following areas were discussed and/or requested for the March meeting: Big Picture, Gaps, Updated Rainbow Chart, Budget Waterfall, and a listing of ‘key points’. We are looking at a significant increase and the FC was requested to review these further prior to the March meeting.

**6. Next Steps:** We will review/discuss the following: Review (a) the penultimate packet, (b) any updated data/information, (c) the updated Rainbow Chart, (d) the FY24 Budget Waterfall, (e) any gaps, and (f) recommend action for the Full Board meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by DBG and seconded by CR to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. All in favor; motion carries.**

The next FC Regular & Budget Workshop meeting will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

BOE FC & Budget Workshop  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Sean Nugent

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