

**SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP - FEBRUARY 7, 2022**  
**LMC & ZOOM**  
**5:30 PM**

A Budget and Maintenance Committee meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Laughlin at 5:31 PM on February 7, 2022.

**1. PRESENT**

For the Board: Mr. Laughlin, Mrs. Grasseler, Mr. Philipakos, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Diotte,  
Mr. Berlandi, and Mr. Vogt  
Administration: Dr. Melendez, Mrs. Coonan, Mr. Lombardozzi, Mr. Kalkreuth, Mrs.  
DiBartolo, and Mr. Dudics

**2. DISCUSSION**

Discussion took place regarding possible budget reductions to the original proposal presented for review on January 12, 2022. A detailed review of staffing and programmatic needs took place, which included explanations of specific needs for Special Education, the PEEPs program, class size, specialized staff for health, as well as administrative and support personnel.

Discussion also included the potential for reductions in curriculum subscriptions to various websites and other efficiencies that could be identified. A review of vacant positions not currently filled also took place.

A revised draft was requested for further review which included analysis of the following potential reductions; a) elimination of .5 Health position, b) reduction of administrative personnel, c) freeze of current administrative salaries, d) elimination of vacant Business Office Assistant position, and e) elimination of vacant Media Aide position.

Public comment included Mrs. J. Ribisil advocating for maintaining historical class sizes as a worthy investment and Mrs. S. Seeger related to bussing and middle school.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Laughlin  
Chair, Budget and Maintenance Committee