

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING #4 - FEBRUARY 23, 2022
LMC & ZOOM
6:00 PM

A Budget and Maintenance Committee meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Laughlin at 5:01 PM on February 23, 2022.

1. PRESENT

For the Board: Mr. Laughlin, Mrs. Grasseler (via Zoom), Mr. Philipakos, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Diotte, Mr. Berlandi (via Zoom), and Mr. Vogt
Administration: Dr. Melendez, Mrs. Coonan, and Mr. Dudics (via Zoom)

2. DISCUSSION

Discussion took place regarding feedback from the Board of Selectmen's budget intake meeting. Items requiring further clarity included anticipated capital expenditures and tuition costs related to the PK.

Members of the public in attendance in person and via Zoom provided comments related to potential budget reductions. Mrs. L. Lauryn, Mrs. J. Seymour, Mrs. K. Bonaiuto, Mr. J. Keller, Mrs. A. Styranko, Mr. S. Hicks (via Zoom), and Mr. R. Acosta (via Zoom) all advocated for restoration of the PEEPs program in next year's budget. A petition signed by nineteen residents was presented to the Committee to that effect.

Discussion of options for implementing the PEEPs program as a limited pilot in the coming year was reviewed. Offsets via grant allocations and tuition were discussed. It was determined that restoration of funding to permit a limited pilot of PEEPs was prudent in the coming year if tuition funds (currently \$2,250 per student) were not reduced as originally contemplated and other offsets were identified that would still permit the proposed budget reductions presented during the budget review process to be maintained.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Laughlin
Chair, Budget and Maintenance Committee