

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING #1 - FEBRUARY 15, 2023
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER & ZOOM
6:00 PM

A Budget Committee Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Laughlin at 6:09 PM on February 15, 2023 in the Library Media Center at The Sherman School.

1. PRESENT

For the Board:	Mr. Vogt, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Febbraio, Mrs. Grasseler, Mr. McGlinchey, Mr. Philipakos, and Mr. Laughlin
Administration:	Dr. Cosentino, Dr. Fernand, Dr. Fildes, and Dr. Leekin
Guests:	Mrs. Adriani, Mr. Lombardozi, and Mr. Lowe

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. Dr. Fernand reviewed high school enrollment. Challenging to get final high school choices before the Budget Presentation, however the school counselor is on top of this.
- 2.2. Dr. Fildes reviewed requests for professional development and curriculum development. Both requests are aligned with our strategic plan. Dr. Fildes explained the reorganization of some of the technology and software cost centers.
- 2.3. Dr. Fildes explained the mandatory Science of Reading. Mrs. Frey asked to pilot programs if possible.
- 2.4. Board members asked questions regarding copiers and our current contract which expires in 2025.
- 2.5. Mr. Lombardozi reviewed facility requests. Cleaning service contracts were compared to hiring personnel.
- 2.6. Mrs. Adriani discussed health benefits. Our Dental contract has allowed us to save money. Health contract is at an increase now, we are waiting on more information.
- 2.7. Dr. Cosentino discussed staffing changes - 1 Special Education Teacher will become a .2 Special Education Teacher and .8 Instructional Coach.
- 2.8. Class sizes were discussed, as was the intervention program.
- 2.9. Security will be moved to executive session if needed.
- 2.10. Review of new Admin Team with part-time superintendent. Overall we are saving money on the Admin team.
- 2.11. The lunch program was discussed at a cost of \$25,000.00. Dr. Cosentino explained due to our small size, it's hard to find a company that will take on Sherman.

A motion was made to move into executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss Contract Negotiations w/ Dr. Cosentino, Dr. Fernand, and Dr. Fildes.

3. ADJOURNMENT

- 3.1. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherman Board of Education