

F.O.I. Compliance – Subject to BOE approval

REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: April 05, 2021

Public Hearing and Special Meeting – REMOTE MEETING held

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Attendance:	<u>Region 4 BOE</u>		<u>Administration:</u>		<u>Other:</u>
(√ = attended)	Kate Sandmann	√	Brian White	√	
	Jane Cavanaugh	√	Bob Grissom	√	
	Rick Daniels	√	Matt Espinosa	√	
	Rob Bibbiani	√	Mike Barile	√	
	Lon Seidman	√	Sarah Smalley	√	
	John Stack	√			
	Lori Ann Clymas	√			
	Jennifer Clark	√			
	Vacancy				

Chair Sandmann called the Public Hearing to order at: 7:00 p.m.

A verbal roll call was held.

Superintendent White presented the proposed 2021-22 budget for Region 4.

Public Hearing Comments: No comments were made.

Chair Sandmann called to order the Special Meeting immediately following Public Hearing at approx. 7:19 p.m. Another verbal roll call was held.

The Board reviewed their capital needs and funding requests. Superintendent White shared that he had received feedback from the towns since the Board’s last meeting, asking for possible reductions in the Region 4 budget. Based on these requests, he and Mr. Grissom revisited the capital requests to see if any responsible reductions could be recommended within those items. They reached out to vendors for further review and updated assessments to determine if some other options may exist, particularly with regards to the chiller replacement request.

Based on the chiller vendor’s reassessment to look for options other than a full replacement, the vendor recommended that a repair would be appropriate to extend the life another 6-10 years before a full replacement would be needed. Therefore, administration would recommend that a repair be performed, which would revise the replacement request into a repair request, and result in a lower capital request for next year’s budget.

There was a discussion regarding the chimney repair at VRHS and possible additional costs that may not be known until the initial repair is undertaken. The other identified capital needs were discussed as well including the JW and VR curbing, sidewalk, and paving repairs.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED to approve the regular operating budget with the following items in the capital funding request - JWMS chiller repair at \$30,000; VRHS building management system upgrade at \$50,000; VRHS chimney repair at \$50,000; An appropriation to the capital reserve fund at \$35,000; and to include the JWMS curbing and sidewalk replacement at \$55,650 for a total capital funding request of \$220,650 making a total proposed budget for 2021-22 in the amount of \$21,938,122 to be moved to the Annual Meeting on May 03, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.