



Wakefield School Board Budget Workshop Minutes

October 22, 2024
Held in the Library
Approved

BOARD MEMBERS		ADMINISTRATORS	
Robert DeColfmacker, Chair	✓	Anne Kebler, Superintendent	✓
Bob Ouellette, Vice Chair	✓	Frank Markiewicz, BA via zoom	✓
Mary Collins	✓	Carol Keenan, Student Services Director	✓
Brennan Peaslee		Norma DiRocco, Principal	
Sandrea Taliaferro	✓	Ivy Levitt-Carlson, Assistant Principal	

Others Present: Chris McKay

Mr. DeColfmacker led those present in the salute to the flag at 5:30.

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, that this workshop end no later than 7:30. (Vote 3-0)

Co-Curriculum

The morning program is paid by the parents. The cost is \$25 per week and if they don't pay within two weeks they lose their spot. There is a waiting list. There are up to thirty-five children in the program. There will be a new line in the Morning Program making it self-sufficient. Camp Calumet (\$20,000) and the eighth grade class trip (\$10,000)

Athletics

Coaching will be \$8,000 not \$9,600.
Keeping salary at \$5,000 not \$7,500.
Possibly collaborating with Parks and Rec for supplies like chalk for fields.
New Item: Fencing \$3,000

Summer School

The last three years paid by ESSER funds. The Board will need to decide whether to continue and budget the program. Mrs. Kebler will get the cost for First Student and will check the average attendance.

Truant Officer

The Police is working on getting an SRO.

Guidance

We have two guidance counselors and one social worker. NWEA and Assessment test costs are in this function.

Nurse

She is requesting a new bed. A furniture line will be added.

Professional Development

Each teacher gets \$450 for workshops per the CBA.

Library and Media Specialist

Scholastic will be ordered and kept in the library instead of having in in each classroom.

School Board

GASB increased by \$500. It increases every two years. Auditor fees increased 3%.

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to increase the salary line for school board members by \$200 each for a total of \$1,000. (Vote 3-1)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to increase the School Board Scholarship by \$500. (Vote 4-1)

Fiscal

The software conversion was to take place this year. It had to be delayed because of the current BA's and IT Director's resignation. It has been rescheduled for July 1, 2025.

Co-Curriculum Transportation

The cost per First Student will be \$400 per bus for field trips and step up day at Spaulding.

Other Benefits

3% increase for unaffiliated workers.

The next meeting will be October 29th. The Board will approve the budget on November 6th so it can be sent to the Budget Committee.

Novel November

Mrs. Collins said that November is National Novel Month. Mrs. Hurleys along with the other 5th grade classes will be writing stories and will be reading them to the Board at the first School Board meeting in December.

Adjournment

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35. (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath
School Board Secretary

