

Bonny Eagle School District

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Central Office Conference Room
94 Main Street, Buxton, ME 04093

Link to meeting packet: [BAC Meeting packet 3/10/22](#)

Link to recording BAC meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/user/bonnyeagletv>

1. Mr. Delaney called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. The BAC is still seeking committee members. All membership categories have openings. Anyone interested may contact Tina Plummer in the Business Office (tplummer@bonnyeagle.org)
3. **Public Comments:**
There were no public comments at this time
4. **Ground Rules and Norms**
Are available in the meeting packet; no discussion.
5. **Approval of the March 3, 2022 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Ms. Hawes: seconded by Mr. Burns:
To approve the minutes of the March 3, 2022 Budget Advisory Committee meeting as presented.

VOTED: "Yes," Unanimously
6. **Preliminary Local Assessments Scenario 1 through 5:**
 - Towns were higher than the State average in valuations and this contributed to less State Subsidy in the Preliminary ED 279
 - Local # Share Proposed Scenario:
 - Buxton – 28.161%
 - Hollis – 16.932%
 - Standish – 37.338%
 - Frye Island – 5.502%
 - Limington - 12.068%

Scenarios 1 – 5 showing impact on Local Assessments can be found on pages 12 thru 16 of the meeting packet.

Discussion:

 - Mr. Burns shared that the Town of Buxton is in the process of doing valuations and factors the tax implications were to average between \$200 to \$350 per household on the home valued at \$200,000. He is concerned about the residents being able to absorb high increases.
 - Mr. Delaney discussed impacts and believes an increase to be unavoidable.

- Ms. Black shared that the town of Limington has done their budget and anticipating an increase over \$800,000. Ms. Black feels it important to find a balance.

7. **Discuss Supplemental 2022-2023:**

Mr. Thibodeau provided an overview of the Operational requests that are proposed through the Supplemental area of the budget. These items listed are just for the operational budget in 2022-2023. He has met with all the building principals and considered their school needs and requests. He had to remove many identified projects to get to the target amounts within the scenarios.

Operational requests scenarios 1 – 4 can be found on pages 19-26 of the meeting packet.

Mr. Brockman made note that these items are not part of the Facilities Audit. The results of the Facilities audit will be presented first to the Finance-Facilities committee at an upcoming meeting. He urged the committee to be mindful of continued deferring of maintenance to the district's aging buildings.

Discussion:

- Mr. Penna agreed that the district's facilities are in need. He urged the committee to focus on what percentage increase we feel the community can live with. Mr. Penna stated that with the instructional budget additions they can maintain levels and would not require adding to the instructional side of the budget in the immediate future.
- Mr. Burns would like to see the budget fall somewhere between scenarios 2 and 3 (closer to 3). He feels going higher may make it difficult to pass the budget.
- Ms. Higgins agrees somewhere between 2 and 3. She wants to ensure that any safety concerns and code requirements are met on the facilities side.
- Mr. Delaney does not believe that the State will be assigning additional funds to school districts this year, noting that not all the districts experienced subsidy reductions.
- Mr. Brockman thought that the district may be able to continue to look at possibly taking advantage of ESSER 3 funds for another year to offset increases within the 2022-2023 budget.
- Ms. Creutz referenced the district's strategic plan noting that the scenarios presented line up well. She is in favor of instructional and operational being presented equally.

8. **Group Questions/Discussion:**

- Next meeting to present new scenarios and impacts on operations/instructional targeting
 - o 2a – \$1,000,000 increase
 - o 3a - \$ 900,000 increase

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office

9. **Adjournment:**

Moved by Ms. Creutz : seconded by Mr. Plummer

To adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

VOTED: "Yes," Unanimously

To obtain copies of previous BAC packets please use the following link:

https://www.bonnyeagle.org/school_board/msad6_finance-facilities_committee