

Budget Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The video recording of this meeting can be found at the BETV YouTube site [BAC Meeting 1/25/24](#)

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Call to Order: 6:01 p.m.

1. **Welcome:**
BAC Vice-Chair, Eric Kuntz, welcomed all those in attendance.
2. **Membership:**
There are still a few openings if residents/municipal officers would like to submit an application to serve on the committee.
3. **Rules for Public Comments at BAC Meetings**
Rules for Public Comments which can be reviewed within the meeting packet on page 3.
4. **Ground Rules & Norms:**
Ground rules and Norms that can be found in the meeting packet on page 4.
5. **Public Comments:**
There were no public comments at this time.
6. **Draft BAC Minutes:**

Moved by Mr. Burns; seconded by Mrs. Higgins
To Approve the BAC Minutes from 1/11/24 as presented.

VOTED: "Yes," unanimous

7. **Review of Preliminary ED279:**
Ms. Pooler provided a high-level overview of the FY'25 ED 279 and how each section is calculated per the State's formula. The district will be receiving approximately \$120,000 less than the current year's State subsidy.

Unlike other school districts within the State, MSAD 6 is unique in that the State doesn't use the Number of students within each town for calculating purposes but is based on each town's MIL rate.

To view the ED 279 presentation and discussion please access the recording at minute marker 08:31. [BAC Recording 1/25/24](#)

8. **Baseline Budget:**
Ms. Pooler presented a first viewing of the baseline budget broken out by Articles 1 through 11.

The overall percentage increase to the baseline at this point in the budget building process is 4.15%. This does not include any potential Capital or Supplemental future requests.

9. Group Q&A:

To view the group discussion in its entirety please access minute marker 1:14:07 of the recording.
[BAC Recording 1/25/24](#)

Discussion items include:

- Is the district looking at ways to reduce the baseline?
- What is the district estimating health insurance increase to be? Ms. Pooler noted that they have built into the baseline a 6% increase.
- Will there be town impacts available for the next meeting? Yes, Ms. Pooler will put that information together based off from the current baseline.

10. Next meeting: Will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024

11. Public Comment:

There were no public comments at this time in the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.