



WLB Board of Education
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Memo

THE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH IN ACHIEVING SUCCESS – STUDENTS FIRST!

To: WLB Parents and Community
From: Board of Education Members
Dr. Frank R. Alfano, Interim Superintendent
CC: Ms. Corey Lowell, School Business Administrator
Date: 2/10/2021
Re: Meeting Notes for February 9th

Virtual Work-session Meeting on February 9th @ 6:30 pm

- General Fund Budget FY 2021-2022 – All NJ budget appropriations and revenue for school districts must be balanced. Our present General Operating Budget (not including Title I-IV, IDEA, Capital Projects, and Debt Service) is approximately \$12 Million for FY 21-22. Please know there is a revenue shortfall at this time of approximately \$125K - \$225K for FY 21-22. Thus, we need to further balance our budget for next year. Please know, the FY 21-22 budget is increasing by approximately 3% from FY 20-21.
- What major area in the FY21-22 budget is still in question and needs to be decided?
Courtesy Busing.
 - Courtesy Busing Definition: The requirement as it relates to mandated busing in accordance with state law, *N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1*, is that all public elementary school students (grades K-8) who live more than two miles from their school will receive busing.
 - Question... Does WLB want to continue all/part of courtesy busing even though it is not mandated by law? Please know that WLB eliminated courtesy busing for this year due to the health and pandemic concerns. To provide courtesy busing again, it would cost the district for FY 21-22 approximately \$260K (\$100K for FAS and \$160K for BME students)
 - Possible alternatives to courtesy busing:
 - ✓ Only BME students would be courtesy bussed, not FAS students
 - ✓ Subscription busing – parents would have the option to pay a per child fee for this service. An estimated cost is approximately \$400 to \$500 per child.
 - Questions and/or comments from the public regarding busing

Thank you.

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