

Board of Education Questions

January 25, 2022

1. Cost of the crossing guards - Private school costs v. public

The public schools have twenty two crossing guard posts and have paid the police department \$10,000 a year to help support the cost of the guards. The private schools have two crossing guards and to date have not paid to support the cost of the guards.

2. Data to support HVAC position - work orders

We are cutting this request.

3. Variations in electricity usage among schools

Many reasons would cause a variation in electrical usage between the buildings. Dwight received a new BMS control system that could cause a decrease in electrical usage in our calculations. Mill Hill was down slightly due to an over-projecting because of construction last year and the ability to have better numbers this year. Sherman is also down due to an over-projection last year based on the addition of air conditioning to the building.

We need to know more about these variances and have the ability to track data on specific changes. We are exploring working with an outside provider who would monitor usage and help us conserve energy and reduce costs as well as budget with greater accuracy.

4. Fuel costs explanation

The overall increase to the budget for transportation in the Superintendent's proposed budget was 7.1%. This assumed a 62% increase in the cost of diesel (or \$2.71/gallon) for a total of \$154,334;. The overall increase is made up of and the contractual 2.5% increase to the rates (\$116,515 for general education), as well as a minor change to the tier structure for general education (\$18,931) offset by a reduction in VOAG (\$14,043). The special education transportation increased due to the contractual increase in rates for OOD of 4.0%, 2.5% for regular special education buses, the cost of fuel as mentioned above, as well as the addition of two buses for a new location and due to time to transport for one location (\$263,082). The town updated the projected diesel rate after budget development, which resulted in a proposed reduction of \$30,800 at a rate of \$2.43/gallon or a 45.5% increase over last year.

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5. Can we find \$125,000 for a new scoreboard?

We'd have to freeze additional spending as we are currently projecting a gap that required a current freeze.

6. Need an open house date for WFC - area districts

An open house date still needs to be determined.

7. Open Choice based on whose threshold?

This number reflects revenue from open choice students as well as foster home placements. We bill Bridgeport Public Schools for the cost of special education and related services over \$3000 for Open Choice students. For students placed in foster care within Fairfield we bill the nexus district one hundred percent of the cost of special education and related services. Excess cost reimbursement does not apply here since the cost of student services does not exceed 4.5 times the per pupil expenditure.

8. In the options you gave for EdGems the one year is \$31,217 and the 6 year is \$187,302. That is exactly the one year times 6 (meaning no discount for the multi year contract). All the other options provided seem to show a "discount" for multi year agreements. Is that just how EdGems works? It just feels a little off ...

According to the EdGems representative, their approach is that the cost is the cost, no matter what the length of time. Some districts pay up front for all six years, some go year-to-year.

9. Second, for Ed gems Option 3 you separate out Math 6, math 7 and pre algebra from pre algebra and pre algebra 7. Could you maybe provide a little detail on why that particular distinction?

Option 3 is not the preferred option, but an approach to reduce the cost of purchasing the EdGems resources while also maintaining a familiar resource in the accelerated program. We would then look to purchase the EdGems resources for the accelerated sequence of courses during the 2022-2023 budget.

10. Can we move up a curriculum area for review?

Business education can be moved forward up one year in the curriculum calendar. The department would work over the summer and fall and present to the BOE in November/December 2022 for implementation in 2023 (September). There are 21 courses that would be reviewed. We would request \$2,500 to complete this process which was not accounted for in the proposal.

**FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2022-2023 TRANSPORTATION BOE BUDGET
SUMMARY at 2.71 / gallon**

DESCRIPTION	Buses	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	INCREASE	% CHANGE
GENERAL ED (adtl tiers)	81 2	\$ 4,660,588	\$ 4,777,103 18,931	\$ 116,515 18,931	2.5%
FUEL (Diesel) \$2.71/GAL		\$ 178,005	\$ 289,360	\$ 111,355	62.6%
Voag and Other		\$ 483,430	\$ 469,387	\$ (14,043)	-2.9%
<u>Subtotal Gen Ed</u>		<u>\$ 5,322,024</u>	<u>\$ 5,554,782</u>	<u>\$ 232,758</u>	<u>4.4%</u>
SPED (adntl buses)	34 2	\$ 4,304,762	\$ 4,412,381 263,082	\$ 107,619 263,082	2.5%
FUEL (Diesel) \$2.71/GAL		\$ 68,704	\$ 111,683	\$ 42,979	62.6%
<u>Subtotal SPED</u>		<u>\$ 4,373,466</u>	<u>\$ 4,787,146</u>	<u>\$ 413,680</u>	<u>9.5%</u>
Adj. for SPED		\$ 6,701	\$ 46,699	\$ 39,998	
TOTAL		\$ 9,702,191	\$ 10,388,627	\$ 686,436	7.1%

**FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2022-2023 TRANSPORTATION BOE BUDGET
SUMMARY at 2.43/gallon**

DESCRIPTION	Buses	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	INCREASE	% CHANGE	Variance
GENERAL ED (adtl tiers)	81 2	\$ 4,660,588	\$ 4,777,103 18,931	\$ 116,515 18,931	2.5%	
FUEL (Diesel) (TOWN) \$2.43/GAL		\$ 178,005	\$ 259,014	\$ 81,009	45.5%	\$ (30,346)
Voag and Other		\$ 483,430	\$ 469,387	\$ (14,043)	-2.9%	
<u>Subtotal Gen Ed</u>		<u>\$ 5,322,024</u>	<u>\$ 5,524,436</u>	<u>\$ 202,412</u>	<u>3.8%</u>	
SPED (adntl buses)	34 2	\$ 4,304,762	\$ 4,412,381 263,082	\$ 107,619 263,082	2.5%	
FUEL (Diesel) (TOWN) \$2.43/GAL		\$ 68,704	\$ 99,970	\$ 31,266	45.5%	\$ (11,713)
<u>Subtotal SPED</u>		<u>\$ 4,373,466</u>	<u>\$ 4,775,433</u>	<u>\$ 401,967</u>	<u>9.2%</u>	
Adj. for SPED		\$ 6,701	\$ 57,958	\$ 51,257		\$ 11,259
TOTAL		\$ 9,702,191	\$ 10,357,827	\$ 655,636	6.8%	

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