Essex Westford School District Budget Work Session
January 14, 2020 at 6:30pm
Essex High School Library

MINUTES

Board Members;  Martha Heath, Kim Gleason, Al Bombardier, Brendan Kinney, Andre Roy, Keeley Schell, Todd Odit, Diane Clemens, Liz Subin, Laura Printon (Student Representative), Tilly Krishna (Student Representative)
Staff: Beth Cobb (Superintendent), Brian Donahue (COO)
Public: None
Absent: Patrick Murray

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<td><strong>Call to Order</strong>&lt;br&gt;Martha called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td><strong>Budget Work Session:</strong> Building Blocks and Operational Expenses: Property Services, Technology, Transportation, Safety &amp; Security, Child Nutrition, and Business Functions&lt;br&gt;● Brian shared a <a href="#">slide presentation</a> on the budget building blocks for District Operations.&lt;br&gt;● There was preliminary tax rate information for discussion purposes only regarding possible tax rate drivers. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) will be a major story for us.&lt;br&gt;● The Statewide Healthcare Settlement and the Weighted Study are two popular topics that will be heavily discussed. Both will dramatically impact EWSD but it will take time to understand the implications of these measures.&lt;br&gt;● District Operations leverages the powerful resources of people, property, projects, and plans to ensure EWSD is ready to learn.&lt;br&gt;● There was discussion about the budget recommendations for each District Operations department.&lt;br&gt;● A brief survey will be sent to the board to gather feedback on the value of the presentation and materials.</td>
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<td><strong>Adjourn</strong> - The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.</td>
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Upcoming Meetings:

- **Regular Board Meeting:** January 21, 2020, Essex High School Library, 6:30-9:30pm
- **Budget Work Session:** January 28, 2020, Essex High School Library, 6:30-8:30pm

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