

Minutes
Wakefield Public Schools Subcommittee
February 19, 2021

Meeting called to order at by subcommittee Chair Gerard Leeman at 09:03 AM

Committee Members Present: Gerard Leeman, Bill Boodry, James Sullivan, Brian Cusack

Others Present: Doug Lyons, Superintendent of Wakefield Public Schools
Christine Bufagna, Business Director, Wakefield Public Schools
Aimee Purcell, Chairwoman, Wakefield School Committee

- **Public Participation – None**
- **Budget scenario overview provided by C. Bufagna & D. Lyons**
 - The 3-scenario rationale was described and each scenario was explained;
 - All three scenarios restore the \$400,000 and cut mid-year FY 2021 as part of the Town's COVID response;
 - Collective bargaining agreements account for 4.37% cost increase over FY 2021;
 - Legal fees were incurred to negotiate MOUs with 3 of 7 bargaining units for change in working conditions;
 - A summary of the COVID mitigation related expenses and operational changes were provided;
 - COVID-related reductions in revenue sources and the assistance provided by grants and donations were explained;
- G. Leeman recommended that Administration explain the increases and decreases at sufficient level of detail so the full FinComm members can reconcile their understanding of FY 2020 revenue and cost elements to FY 2021 COVID impacted results;
- The attendees discussed how to obtain and review year-over-year salary data;
- Special Education expenses remain an area where extraordinary circumstances are causing uncertainty in the current year and in the future. The Administration is not expecting to exhaust the full Special Education Stabilization Fund.
- Attendees discussed possible dates for future meetings;

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 and the Zoom call was closed.