

Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee
May 2, 2022 8:00 AM
Remote Meeting via Zoom

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DATE: June 21, 2022
TIME: 9:09 AM

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Anne Helgen, Paul Rickter, Laurie Slap, Jack Weis

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM.

Discussion of FY 23 School Department Budget and Warrant Committee Report

The group began with a discussion regarding the first draft of the “Conclusions” section. Some of the points or suggestions raised included:

- Changing the word “Conclusions” in the title to “Observations”.
- Noting that much of the COVID-relief funding is directed at the change in student needs.
- Broadening the comment on the additional staffing to reflect the last three fiscal years, not just the most recent year.

Regarding the “Recommendations” section, suggested revisions included:

- Revise the commentary on the budget approval process to emphasize that the numbers should be presented earlier than they were presented this year in order to allow adequate time for review, feedback, and revisions in a less compressed fashion than was the case this year.
- Note that the current budget book has very good detail, but there isn’t an adequate discussion of what the budget drivers are, and there could be better summary-level budget information.

Additional more minor editorial comments were made regarding the other four sections of the report.

Each subcommittee member will revise their individual sections of the report no later than the end of the day on Tuesday, May 3rd. The group will meet again on Thursday, May 5th to review and discuss the revised report sections.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.