

**WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF
SPECIAL SESSION
BUDGET HEARING
HELD ON MAY 10, 2021
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1445 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD
WYANDANCH, NEW YORK 11798**

THIS MEETING WAS VIA LIVESTREAM ON ZOOM AND FACEBOOK LIVE.

The meeting was called to order by President Crawford at 7:03 PM and asked for a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Performed by Christian D. Code, District Clerk

Trustees Present: James Crawford, Latesha Walker, Shirley Baker, Jarod Morris

Trustee Who Arrived Later: Yvonne Robinson

Trustee Absent: Ronald Fenwick, Charlie Reed

Others Present: Dr. Gina Talbert, Mr. Kester Hodge, Dr. Christine Jordan, Mrs. Shamika Simpson, Mr. Carl Baldini, Mr. Dan Somaiah, Monte Chandler, Esq., Al Chase, Mrs. Winsome Ware, Mr. Christian D. Code and community members

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion by Walker, second by Morris to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0

WELCOME BY BOARD PRESIDENT

President Crawford welcomed everyone to the virtual session and thanked everyone for attending.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Hodge, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recited the mission statement:
“Inspire the passion for learning and educating all students to achieve their full potential.”

Mrs. Robinson arrived at 7:15PM.

SUPERINTENDENT’S PRESENTATIONS

BUDGET HEARING

Dr. Talbert presented the Budget Hearing portion of the meeting by bringing greetings and asked that Mr. Al Chase, New York State Fiscal Monitor to provide remarks regarding the budget.

Mr. Chase shared the process and development of the District’s budget, which began in October 2020, with the Superintendent’s cabinet and then the business office met with administrators in drafting the budget. The Monitor was also mandated to create a 5-year plan, as prescribed by the State. The budget this year added teaching-related positions, which in his opinion, was needed in effort to better our scholars. The budget is a balanced budget and it accomplishes many of the goals that the District has shared with the community. He shared with the community that there is a tax calculator that will be available on Wednesday, so the community can compute their taxation or increase in its taxation.

Dr. Talbert stated that the fiscal goals of the District is to maintain a balanced budget, increase financial awareness and transparency with all stakeholders and to work in tandem with the NYS Fiscal Monitor in the governing of District funds.

Mr. Dan Somaiah, the School Business Official shared the budget process development and the 2021-2022 budget highlights. He also shared the summary of expenditures, the tax levy and the contingency budget overview.

There was a question from a community member regarding the placement of a social worker that would be an added position in line with the budget. Dr. Talbert stated that the social worker would be placed in the elementary schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Morris, second by Baker to adjourn at 7:28 PM

Motion carried 5-0-0

**Minutes Recorded and Transcribed
By District Clerk**

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