

West Bath School Administrative Unit

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026 @ 6 PM

Members Present: Kayla Hughes, Joanne Powers, Robert Weir, and Casey Whorff

Members Absent: Nathan Briggs

Others Present: Emily Thompson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mrs. Whorff. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

1. Second Reading of the 2026-2027 School Budget

Mrs. Whorff completed the second reading of the budget. The budget included the following:

- 01 - Regular Instruction - \$1,136,816.26/increase of \$34,033.21 or 3.09%
- 02 - Regular Instruction Tuition - \$1,743,646.48/increase of \$18,068.67 or 1.05%
- 03 - Special Education Instruction - \$908,026.97/increase of \$118,318.08 or 14.98%
- 04 - Special Education Tuition - \$201,926.92/ increase of \$88,633.08 or 78.23%
- 05 - Other Instruction - \$4,500/no change
- 07 - Student & Staff Support - \$377,911.84/increase of \$15,129.06 or 4.17%
- 08 - System Administration - \$107,985.90/increase of \$3,379.44 or 3.23%
- 09 - School Administration - \$213,147.88/increase of \$8,312.84 or 4.06%
- 10 - Transportation - \$195,634.96/ no change
- 11 - Operation/Maintenance - \$253,150.00/increase of \$15,414.00 or 6.48%
- 13 - Food Service - \$50,000/no change

This creates a total proposed budget of \$5,192,747.11/increase of \$301,288.38 or 6.16%

The proposed revenue includes:

- State Subsidy - \$437,560.00

- Carry forward - \$0

The local contribution is \$4,755,187.11/increase of \$198,501.98 or 4.36%

Mr. Weir asked questions about the special education increases. Mrs. Thompson brought the board members back to the budget document, explaining the special education tuition increases and where the half time special education director is located within the budget.

The board discussed transportation and fuel costs as well as the lighting project. They discussed preschool numbers and discussed kindergarten enrollment. Mr. Weir said he felt like 4.36% was a reasonable increase.

Mrs. Whorff made a motion to approve the 26-27 school budget as presented. Mrs. Powers seconded the motion. There were no further comments. Vote (4-0).

Public Comments

None

Set Next Meeting Dates and Locations

1. April 15, 2026 – Regular School Board Meeting - Approve Warrant @ 6:00 PM
2. April 27, 2026 – Public Information Session @ 6 PM at the Fire Hall
3. May 4, 2026 – Town Meeting @ 6 PM at the West Bath School

Adjourn

Mrs. Whorff made a motion to adjourn at 6:24 PM. Mr. Weir seconded the motion. Vote (4-0).

Submitted by,



Emily Thompson