

## School Committee Meeting 12/19/22

### Special Education:

- Mental health issues on rise after Covid because of children not having access to school
- YMS has the greatest impact. They need 3 more Education Techs and Speech Pathologist assistant.

### Technology:

- Team of 5 with 3 new hires this summer, need standard increase and workshops
- Data trends were paid for by Covid Relief Funds, now they need to fund. They are looking at a new vendor and will need to phase this in.
- Library books at CRES are needed to have a collection for all students
- Audio Visual YMS needs to increase their database along with YHS software

### Nutrition and Food Services:

- First full year without lunch costs (so we can expect this in the future)
- Asking for .5 position to taste and test
- Questions: Why not a volunteer? What is the budget for this department and why can we use elsewhere?

### York Adult Education:

- Increase demand in community
- Collaborate with national computer literacy and go to Sentry Hill to help those with technology
- College success coordinator to help those to get a diploma
- Assist with new Mainers and partner with hotels and staff to help with language
- CAN program
- Want to raise hourly teacher pay from \$25 to \$30 an hour
- Also, Lynn Sheehan's position from .9 to 1 and \$5k in pay increase

### Volunteer Services:

- Unique year with volunteers back to school. 186 volunteers, 275 parent volunteers, 12 peer mentors from YHS
- Mentor Fund of 100k provided by a community member. They take 4% each year for scholarship.
- 2 staff members Melanie Ladd full time and Lisa Hammel ½ time. Asking for a \$7k increase

### Curriculum:

- Ellen spoke looking at Data Curriculum Literacy? They need PowerSchool special programs for 504 plans. They need PowerSchool Unified Insights for attendance and behavior. Federal funds will launch this then will need to be funded by York.
- Curriculum the same as last year but developing a K-12 uniform curriculum
- Need .5 Ed Tech for multilingual and there are 21 students but admits it's a moving target
- EESR funds end 2024 and have rules. 20% needed to be used for Covid 19 impacts. There are gaps in learning and will need to increase money spent next year

Operating budget proposed \$40,700,000.00, which is a 3.8 % increase. Enrollment down a smudge since last year.

Multimillion dollar capital expense in a few years with track and field/football. Maybe a capital reserve for this expense.

They have a 30 to 40 employee turnover creates uncertainty, gas/oil etc. Expecting tough teacher union negotiation next year as Augusta just negotiated a 5% increase. Expecting \$113k in new debt at about 4% this year.