

Appleton Budget Committee  
Meeting of March 15, 2023 — minutes

The fourth meeting of the Appleton Budget Committee (ABC) convened at 6:34 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 for second review of the Appleton Village School budget for 2023-'24 via the Zoom online meeting platform.

ABC members in attendance: Bob Bocko, Ed Carroll, William Fiegenger, Linda Wyler; Appleton Village School Principal Susan Stilwell, Appleton Village School Board member Elizabeth Grierson; public and others: Jared Todd, Deborah Bailey, Emily Garrigan, Zoom ID "chaz".

Chairman Bocko noted the four ABC members present constituted a quorum.

- William Fiegenger moved to approve the minutes of the March 8 meeting as drafted, Linda Wyler second; motion approved by vote of 4-0.

- ABC members agreed by consensus to proceed to Q&A format with school and school board officials in second review of AVS budget, document titled "2023-2024 AVS budget DRAFT March 15, 2023," with emphasis on changes since the ABC meeting of March 8.

- Following review and discussion of line items and budget cost centers, the budget committee took the following votes:

- Line 94, Regular Instruction: Carroll moved that ABC recommend amount of \$1,518,327, Fiegenger second; approved by 4-0 vote.

- Line 144, Special Education: Fiegenger moved that ABC recommend amount of \$866,927, Carroll second; approved by 4-0 vote.

- Line 169, Other Instruction: Fiegenger moved that ABC recommend amount of \$40,593, Wyler second; approved by 4-0 vote.

- Line 243, Student and Support Staff: Carroll moved that ABC recommend amount of \$292,263, Fiegenger second; approved by 4-0 vote.

- Line 264, System Administration: Fiegenger moved that ABC recommend amount of \$125,334, Wyler second; approved by 4-0 vote.

- Elisha Sirois joined the meeting via Zoom.

- Line 285, School Administration: Carroll moved that ABC recommend amount of \$217,800, Fiegenger second; approved by 4-0 vote.

— Line 293, Transportation: Fiegenger moved that ABC recommend amount of \$125,650, Carroll second; approved by 4-0 vote.

— Line 325, Facilities Maintenance: Carroll moved that ABC recommend amount of \$314,481, Fiegenger second; approved by 4-0 vote.

— Line 331, Debt Service: Fiegenger moved that ABC recommend amount of \$54,764, Wyler second; approved by 4-0 vote.

—Line 340, Other Expenditures: Carroll moved that ABC recommend amount of \$38,523, Fiegenger second; approved by 4-0 vote.

— Line 343, General Fund, Total Expenses: Fiegenger moved that ABC recommend amount of \$3,594,661, Wyler second; approved by 4-0 vote.

- There was discussion of estimates of accumulated, unassigned fund balance and proposal from principal and superintendent to designate \$250,000 to be used to offset local taxes

— Line 12, Unassigned Fund Balance Designated for Local Tax Offset: Bocko moved that ABC recommend amount of \$275,000, Fiegenger second; approved by 4-0 vote.

- Line 13, Total Local Revenues becomes \$2,126,076

— Line 368, Move to Capital Reserve Account: Bocko moved that ABC recommend amount of \$75,000, Carroll second; approved by 4-0 vote.

- Agenda Item 5, "Review and vote upon proposed town warrants to authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$45,000 from the Pine Grove Cemetery Reserve account for the purpose of cutting damaged, diseased, and dangerous trees from Pine Grove Cemetery," Article 2 of Warrant for Special Town Meeting of March 22.

— Carroll moved that ABC recommend approval of Article 2 of Warrant for Special Town Meeting of March 22 as proposed, Wyler second; approved by 4-0 vote.

- Agenda Item 5, "Review and vote upon proposed town warrants to authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$65,000 from the Capital Improvement Reserve account for the purpose of shingling and repairing roofs of the Appleton Town Office and the Appleton Fire Department," Article 3 of Warrant for Special Town Meeting of March 22.

— Fiegenger moved that ABC recommend approval of Article 3 of Warrant for Special Town Meeting of March 22 as proposed, Wyler second; approved by 4-0 vote.

Scheduled March 23, 6:30 p.m. ABC meeting for review of previous meetings minutes by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Carroll, Appleton Budget Committee secretary