

Budget Committee Meeting

February 16, 2023

Attendees:

Christina Hunt,BA, Edwin Brown, Assistant BA, Melanie Deysher,
Phaedra Dunn

Summary:

1. FY 24 Budget Calendar: The Governor's address will occur February 28, 2023. On 3/2, state aid figures will be released. In Montclair, with the exception of special education and transportation, our share of state aid has unfortunately remained flat for many years. By March 20, the district will adopt a tentative (not final) budget to send to the county for approval. We anticipate it will be a challenging budget season many reasons, including:

- Teacher raises
- Increased transportation costs
- Increased health care costs
- Addition of debt service as part of the budget
- Universal Prek-district financial responsibility to special education students

We will be seeking input from stakeholders on making decisions in developing a budget that reflects our values and priorities. The district's goal is to be transparent, proactive, and collaborative.

2. Comparative Reports for Club and Athletic Stipends-reviewed

3. Energy Grants updates. The district has not yet received feedback on the Renew America's Schools grant. The district submitted a concept paper and is awaiting further feedback. The Energy Class Prize submission is due February 28, there is a need basis to this

grant, so it is unlikely this application will be successful. Individual buildings continue to be encouraged to apply for Sustainable New Jersey certification and grants.

4. Review of Business Office Resolutions

Next meeting March 6, 5:30 pm